

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CRESTON HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019 IN THE TOWN OF CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238 - 10TH AVENUE NORTH AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT Mayor Ron Toyota
Councillor Jen Comer
Councillor Arnold DeBoon
Councillor Ellen Tzakis
Councillor Karen Unruh
Councillor Joanna Wilson

STAFF Michael Moore, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Ross Beddoes, Director of Municipal Services
Jared Riel, Acting Fire Chief
Stacey Hadley, Corporate Officer
Joel Comer, Municipal Services Coordinator
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant

REGRETS Councillor Jim Elford

GALLERY David White, WildSafeBC
Dallas Magrum, Resident
Don Cherkas, Resident

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Toyota called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT the agenda be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATION

► WILDSAFEBC

Mayor Toyota welcomed D. White to the meeting on behalf of WildSafeBC to provide an update regarding current WildSafeBC programs and initiatives.

D. White provided an update with respect to the Junior Ranger Program and noted the following activities:

- Ongoing Brochure Distribution
- Door to Door Campaigns
- Attendance at Market and Events
- Bear Spray Training
- Garbage Tagging

D. White advised that during 2015 – 2016 there were approximately 50 bear complaints which was higher than average, likely as a result of draught; and that in Creston fruit accounted for at least 43 percent of bear complaints in the Creston Valley in 2018.

D. White also advised that poorly managed composts and lawns, overwatered grass, junk piles, fruit trees, gardens, bird feeders and access to shelter act as attractants to rats and skunks.

In closing, D. White noted that the WildSafeBC Programs have helped raise awareness and decrease issues with respect to human/wildlife conflict.

Mayor Toyota thanked D. White for his delegation.

► COUNCIL
DISCRETIONARY
GRANT POLICY
REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION 1:

THAT staff bring forward the amended Council Discretionary Grant Policy, being Policy Number GOV-001-031 to a future Council Meeting for review and adoption.

► PROPOSED
CLEAN AIR BYLAW
REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION 2:

THAT staff draft a Clean Air Bylaw with respect to smoking and/or vaping tobacco and cannabis in public spaces and bring forward to a future meeting for discussion.

J. Comer, Municipal Services Coordinator, left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

► DRAFT 2019
BUDGET REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION 3:

THAT the draft 2019 Budget Review be accepted as information; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is directed to bring forward the draft 2019 – 2023 Five Year Financial Plan and 2019 recommended Budget to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for review and discussion.

QUESTION PERIOD

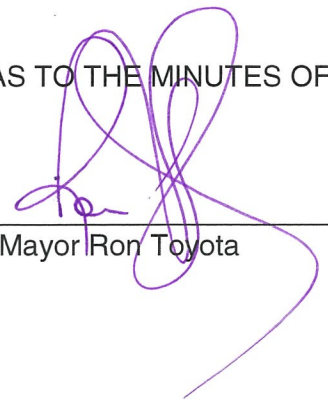
D. Cherkas requested clarification with respect to the relationship between the tax rate and property assessments.

The Director of Financial & Corporate Services advised that the increase to property assessments cause mill rates to decrease, and that the increase in property assessment values will not increase property taxes.

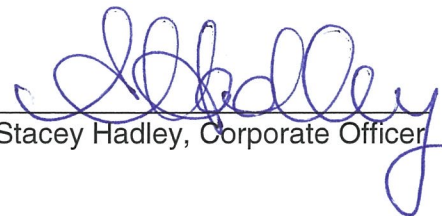
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

AS TO THE MINUTES OF THIS REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:



Mayor Ron Toyota



Stacey Hadley, Corporate Officer