

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CRESTON HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 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 Jim Elford
Councillor Joanna Wilson

STAFF Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Ross Beddoes, Director of Community Services
Ferd Schmidt, Director of Infrastructure Services
Colin Farynowski, Manager of Engineering
Jared Riel, Acting Fire Chief
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant

REGRETS Councillor Ellen Tzakis
Councillor Karen Unruh

MEDIA Jensen Shields, JuiceFM

GALLERY Dallas Magrum, Resident

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

AGENDA Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the agenda be adopted to include the addition of Business Item f) Draft Solid Waste Management Regulations Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATION
►RDCK
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

C. Johnson, RDCK Emergency Program Manager was in attendance to present information regarding the RDCK Regional Emergency Program noting the following:

- That the Emergency Programs are legislated both Federally and Provincially;
- That the four (4) pillars of Emergency Management are Mitigation & Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery;
- That the current Regional Emergency Program has 4.05 staff comprised of two Emergency Program Coordinators, one Wildfire Mitigation Supervisor, one Emergency Program Manager and one Emergency Program Administrative Assistant;
- That the Regional Emergency Program has realized significant achievements in the areas of mitigation, preparedness, response & recovery since 2018, and;
- That a strong framework is in place for recurrent training now, and to the end of 2020.

Discussion was held regarding the funding for the Regional Emergency Program Staff and C. Johnson advised that salaries for the core group are funded by taxation and that the programs and contract positions are funded through various grants received.

C. Johnson noted that open communication between the Regional District of Central Kootenay and the Town of Creston is imperative and that the Regional Emergency Program strives to develop an organizational culture and risk-based land use planning.

Council thanked C. Johnson for his presentation.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

THAT the presentation from C. Johnson regarding the RDCK Regional Emergency Program be received as information.

C. Johnson left at 4:32 p.m.

BUSINESS

► 2020 COUNCIL & COTW MEETING SCHEDULE

RECOMMENDATION 2:

THAT Council directs staff to bring the Proposed 2020 Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule forward to a future meeting for Council approval.

► FORTISBC ADVANCED GAS METERS PROJ. UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION 3:

THAT the letter from FortisBC regarding the Advanced Gas meters project be received as information.

► CRAWFORD HILL RESERVOIR PARK

RECOMMENDATION 4:

THAT Council directs staff to continue to investigate the required actions, partnerships and funding required for developing the former Crawford Hill reservoir lands into a public park; AND FURTHER, THAT Council directs staff to bring the aforementioned opportunity back to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting in January 2020 for further review and direction.

► MRDT APPLICATION & LETTER OF SUPPORT

RECOMMENDATION 5:

THAT Council supports the Creston Valley-Kootenay Lake Tourism application to become the designated recipient of the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) to be collected within the Town of Creston and RDCK Electoral Areas B and C; AND FURTHER, THAT a letter be provided to Creston Valley-Kootenay Lake Tourism indicating the Town of Creston's support for the implementation of the sales tax within the defined Municipal and Regional District Tax boundary.

► SOLIDS DEWATERING FACILITY – TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS EVAL.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

THAT Council directs staff to proceed with design and construction as recommended in the Technology Options Evaluation (recommended option – 'Geomembrane Tubes') and prepare the 2020 Budget to reflect the increased Solids Dewatering Facility project cost of \$878,850 of which the Town of Creston will provide 35% funding and the Columbia Brewery will provide 65% funding.

► DRAFT SOLID WASTE MGMT. REGULATIONS BYLAW

RECOMMENDATION 7:

THAT Council directs staff to proceed with the development of Bylaw 1900, 2019 being the Solid Waste Management Regulations Bylaw to be brought forward to a future Council meeting for consideration.

QUESTION PERIOD J. Shields requested clarification regarding the MRDT, specifically where the money collected for the tax will go and how it will be distributed.

M. Moore advised that one of the conditions of the MRDT is that must supplement current tourism initiatives, and cannot replace current tourism initiatives, thereby increasing tourism opportunities. The application is due by the end of 2019 for Provincial approval of the application in Spring of 2020.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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

Mayor Ron Toyota

Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer