

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CRESTON HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2019 IN THE TOWN OF CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238 - 10TH AVENUE NORTH AT 4:04 P.M.

- PRESENT** Acting Mayor Jim Elford
Councillor Jen Comer
Councillor Arnold DeBoon
Councillor Ellen Tzakis
Councillor Karen Unruh
Councillor Joanna Wilson
- STAFF** Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
Ross Beddoes, Director of Community Services
Jared Riel, Fire Chief
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Joel Comer, Municipal Services Coordinator
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer
- REGRETS** Mayor Ron Toyota
- GALLERY** Dallas Magrum, Resident
Jensen Shields, Juice FM
Cassandra Viers, Resident
Pat Doyle, Resident
- CALL TO ORDER** Acting Mayor Elford called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
- AGENDA** Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the agenda for the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting of December 10th, 2019, be adopted. **MOTION CARRIED**
- BUSINESS ITEMS** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**
▶ **RODENT & VERMIN REGULATIONS** THAT the Council Direction Request from the Director of Community Services, regarding rodent and vermin regulations, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is directed to draft an amendment to Property Maintenance Bylaw No. 1813, 2015, outlining property owners/occupiers' responsibilities with respect to the abatement of pests and vermin in the Town of Creston, for Council's consideration.
- ▶ **BACKYARD HENS** **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**
THAT the Council Direction Request from the Director of Community Services, regarding backyard hens, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to conduct a public consultation process to gather the public's views on the regulated keeping of backyard hens within the Town of Creston, and to prepare a report to Council with the results of the public consultation process, for consideration at an upcoming Council meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD A member of the Gallery expressed concern that with the presence of chickens there may be an increase in the rat population.

Mr. Shields asked why the Regional District of Central Kootenay is not held more accountable for implementing programs to address the rat infestation in the areas surrounding Creston. The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the governance model for a Regional District is legislated differently than for municipalities. Regional Districts must create a 'service' and then fund the 'service' through specific taxation, this causes some challenges for Regional Districts.

A concern was expressed that chickens could create an offensive odour issue for neighbouring properties. A member of the Gallery stated that currently there are some chickens within Town boundaries and offensive odours do not seem to be an issue.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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

Acting Mayor Jim Elford

Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer