

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN OF CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238 – 10TH AVENUE NORTH ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.

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

STAFF Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services
Jared Riel, Fire Chief
Ferd Schmidt, Director of Infrastructure Services
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer

MEDIA Jensen Shields, JuiceFM

GALLERY Allan Clement, Resident
Jonilei Cardona, TC Energy
Preston Seier, TC Energy
Dallas Magrum, Resident
Amber Riel, Resident
Dawson Riel, Resident
Lesley McLeod, Creston Fire & Rescue
James McLeod, Creston Fire & Rescue
Johanna deLaive, Creston Fire & Rescue
Henk deLaive, Creston Fire & Rescue
Randall Fabbro, Creston Fire & Rescue
Ron Young, Creston Fire & Rescue
Ted Yarema, Creston Fire & Rescue
Bryan Storey, Creston Fire & Rescue
Hannah Bailey, Creston Fire & Rescue
Rory Gillis, Creston Fire & Rescue
Ryan Ciwko, Creston Fire & Rescue
Mike Juszczynski, Creston Fire & Rescue
Steven Sugrim, Creston Fire & Rescue
Joel Comer, Staff
Aspen Comer, Creston
Megan Ray, Staff
Cheryl Mickelson, Staff

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

AGENDA

316-19 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor DeBoon
THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

317-19 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Tzakis
THAT the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 17, 2019, be received and the following recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT the Asset Management presentation by the Manager of Engineering be received as information; AND FURTHER, THAT staff bring forward a Draft Asset Management Policy for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

THAT the verbal report by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services regarding the proposed 2020 Budget schedule, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

318-19

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor DeBoon

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 22nd, 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Mayor Toyota performed a 'Collar Pinning Ceremony' for newly appointed Fire Chief, Jared Riel. Mayor Toyota explained the significance of the collar pins and that they marked the symbolic transfer of command of the men and women within the fire department. Fire Chief Riel was also presented with his official badge and shoulder epaulettes for the position of Fire Chief.

Mayor Toyota proceeded to issue the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Jared Riel.

Chief Riel expressed his appreciation to members of Council, staff and in particular to the volunteer members of the Creston Fire & Rescue service for their volunteerism and dedication to the fire service.

INTRODUCTION OF WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM PERSONNEL

Fire Chief Riel introduced the new members of the Creston Fire & Rescue Work Experience Program (WEP) for 2019/2020, the members are:

Hannah Bailey from Waterdown, ON;
Rory Gillis from Antigonish, NS;
Ryan Ciwko from Winnipeg, MB;
Mike Juszczynski from London, ON, and
Steven Sugrim from Mississauga, ON.

Council welcomed the WEP members and Mayor Toyota presented each member with a Town pin.

DELEGATION – TransCanada Energy

Mayor Toyota welcomed Mr. Preston Seier and Ms. Jonilei Cardona of TC Energy, to the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Mr. Seier and Ms. Cardona are with Public Affairs – Canada West of TC Energy. They advised that Foothills Pipelines (BC) Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada PipeLines Limited, an affiliate of TC Energy Corporation (TC Energy), which is proposing to construct, own and operate the Foothills Zone 8 West Path Delivery 2022 Project (Project). The purpose of the Project is to meet the growing needs of their shippers to provide safe, reliable access to North American markets. The Project is made up of two sections, the first section is the proposed BC Mainline Loop 2 Crowsnest Section, to be located approximately 15 km SE of the District Municipality of Sparwood. The second section is the proposed BC Mainline Loop 2 Yahk Section, to be located approximately 25 km East of the Town of Creston.

Ms. Seier and Ms. Cardona advised the purpose of their meeting with Council is to engage stakeholders during the life of the Project, and the Town of Creston is considered to be a stakeholder as it is the closest commercial hub to the Yahk Section of the Project. The Town of Creston would be impacted through an injection of up to 1,000 additional workers per year in the area throughout the construction period (proposed end date of October 2023). There is an opportunity for the hiring of local residents and a local Job Fair is planned for the future.

Mr. Seier responded to a question regarding potential contributions to the community, stating that the financial 'number' has not been solidified as yet, but TC Energy would consider proposals from the Town of Creston as the Project proceeds.

Mr. Seier and Ms. Cardona responded to a question regarding environmental impacts, stating that they will have specific inspectors overseeing construction to ensure environmental specifications are met.

Mayor Toyota thanked the delegates for their presentation, Mr. Seier and Ms. Cardona left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

TC Energy Presentation

- 319-19 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Tzakis
THAT the presentation by TC Energy regarding a proposal to construct the Foothills Zone 8 West Path Delivery 2022 Project, be received.
- MOTION CARRIED

Proclamation – Adoption Awareness Month

- 320-19 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor DeBoon
THAT the request from the Minister of Children and Family Development, for the Town of Creston to proclaim November as 'Adoption Awareness Month', be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to issue a Proclamation for the Town of Creston to reflect the month of November 2019 as 'Adoption Awareness Month'.
- MOTION CARRIED

Kuskanook Harbour Society re: Letter of Support

- 321-19 Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Tzakis
THAT the request from the Kuskanook Harbour Society for a letter of support to upgrade the pit toilet located at Kuskanook Harbour, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is authorized to submit a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, expressing the Town of Creston's support for the upgrade to the pit toilet located at the Rest Area in Kuskanook.
- MOTION CARRIED

Appointment of Corporate Officer

- 322-19 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor DeBoon
THAT the Request for Decision from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the appointment of a Corporate Officer, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Bev Caldwell be appointed as Corporate Officer for the Town of Creston, effective November 12, 2019, until such time as a new permanent Corporate Officer is appointed.
- MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Toyota and the Chief Administrative Officer proceeded to issue the Oath of Office to Bev Caldwell for the position of Corporate Officer for the Town of Creston.

Columbia Basin Trust Environmental Grant

- 323-19 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT the Request for Decision from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the Columbia Basin Trust Environmental Grant – Fall 2019 Submission, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to submit an application to the Columbia Basin Trust, under the Fall 2019 Environmental Grant Program, in the amount of \$75,000 for the engagement of a contractor to develop an open reservoir restoration project design for the Town of Creston Crawford Hill Reservoir site.

MOTION CARRIED

UBCM Grant – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

- 324-19 Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the Request for Decision from the Fire Chief, regarding a Union of BC Municipalities Grant under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to submit an application for \$20,000 funding under the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments, for the construction of live fire training props at the Creston Valley Firefighter Training Facility.

MOTION CARRIED

RDCK re: Proposed Solid Waste Tipping Fee Increase

- 325-19 Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT the Request for Decision from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, regarding a proposed solid waste tipping fee increase by the Regional District of Central Kootenay, be received; THAT staff is directed to send a letter to the Regional District of Central Kootenay stating Council's opposition to the late notification of a proposed solid waste tipping fee increase for 2020, as the Town of Creston's utility rates have already been established for the 2020 utility billing cycle; AND FURTHER, THAT Council requests the Regional District of Central Kootenay to consider placing any required increase in 2020 for East Waste's service tax requisition or deferring the proposed increase until 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Discussion was held regarding a proposed Special Committee of the Whole meeting for the purpose of 2020 budget presentations. The original proposal was for the meeting to be held on November 19, 2019, but following further discussion, it was decided that a Special Committee of the Whole meeting would be called for Friday, November 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. to receive 2020 budget presentations from staff. The appropriate Notice will be issued by staff. No resolution required.

Reschedule November 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting

- 326-19 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for November 19, 2019 be cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor DeBoon reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Day Service.

Councillor Comer reported on her attendance at the Creston Fire & Rescue Halloween Safety Stop.

Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Day Service and a luncheon meeting held at Casey's.

Councillor Tzakis reported on her attendance at the Remembrance Day Service and a Housing Committee meeting.

Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at Kootenay East Regional Hospital District, Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association and Winterfest meetings; at the Remembrance Day Service; and at the Creston Fire & Rescue Halloween Safety Stop.

Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at the Remembrance Day Service; Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association, Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce and Climate Change meetings; and a Creston Museum Volunteer event.

Mayor Toyota reported on his attendance at the following meetings and/or events:

- Regional District (tri-regionals) Conference Call;
- Yaqaan Nukiy Cenotaph;
- Luncheon meeting at Casey's;
- Creston Valley Thunder Cats Family Lunch; and
- Remembrance Day Service.

Reports from Staff

The Fire Chief provided his monthly update for October 2019 with respect to the Creston Fire & Rescue Service.

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services reported out on the upcoming Utility billing process, the Citizen Budget Survey currently being conducted and the Grand Opening of the Creston Valley Youth Centre on November 21, 2019.

327-19

Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the verbal reports of Council and staff be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GIVING OF NOTICES

- SPECIAL COTW – November 22, 2019
- COTW – November 26 and December 10, 2019
- COUNCIL – November 26 and December 17, 2019
- CP HOLIDAY TRAIN – December 12, 2019
- SANTA CLAUS PARADE – December 14, 2019
- TOWN HALL CLOSED – December 24-27, 2019

QUESTION PERIOD

J. Shields asked if a recycling program is being incorporated into the Town's solid waste collection program.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that recycling is not an option at the present time, but the proposal is being discussed for the future. With respect to the transition of solid waste (garbage) fees from taxation to utility billing, this shift will ensure a fairer method of payment by those who receive that service and eliminate subsidization of the service by some property owners (a more user-pay system).

D. Magrum extended an invitation to Council to attend the 'Rat Chat' information meeting that will be taking place at the Creston Public Library on November 21, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING

328-19

Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Wilson
THAT by authority of the *Community Charter*, this meeting is closed from the public and/or news media, pursuant to Sub-Section 90(1)(c), as of 5:17 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

RECONVENE

The Regular Council Meeting of November 12, 2019 reconvened at 5:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

329-19

Moved by Councillor DeBoon
THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Ron Toyota

Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer