

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN OF
CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238 – 10TH AVENUE NORTH ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 26th, 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
Ross Beddoes, Director of Community Services
Jared Riel, Fire Chief
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer

MEDIA Jenneil Peters, Creston Valley Advance

GALLERY Rosie Wijenberg, WildSafeBC
Vern Gorham, Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce
Cameron Goforth, Resident
Allan Clement, Resident

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

AGENDA

330-19 Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the Agenda be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

331-19 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Unruh
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 12th, 2019, be
adopted. MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATION – CV Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Toyota welcomed Mr. Vern Gorham, Manager of the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, to the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Mr. Gorham thanked Council for the opportunity to make this presentation on behalf of the Creston-Kootenay Lake Gran Fondo Steering Committee. Mr. Gorham advised that the 2019 Gran Fondo event was the first in the Creston Valley and was a huge success. Mr. Gorham reminded Council of the purposes of the event, those being:

1. Bring high end tourists to the Valley and extending the tourist season into September.
2. Showcase the local business and agricultural communities.
3. Increase commerce in the Valley during a season that typically sees a significant drop-off from the summer.
4. Generate revenue for the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Rotary Club (partner in the Gran Fondo), in helping both organizations fulfill their respective mandates.

Mr. Gorham extended an invitation to Council to participate in the 2020 Creston-Kootenay Lake Gran Fondo event, by becoming a Platinum Sponsor for \$5,000 (in 2019 the Town was a Gold Sponsor for \$2,500). Mr. Gorham stated that there will be increased advertising benefits to the Town for the Platinum sponsorship. Mayor Toyota advised Mr. Gorham that sponsorship funding would be considered during the 2020 budget process and a final decision would not be made until the completion of the Town's Five-Year Financial Plan (end of February 2020). Councillor Unruh suggested that Mr. Gorham consider submitting an application for funding under the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Program opportunity, which will be accepting applications in the New Year.

Mayor Toyota thanked Mr. Gorham for his presentation, Mr. Gorham left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

DELEGATION – WildSafeBC

Mayor Toyota welcomed Ms. Rosie Wijenberg, Community Coordinator, Selkirk-Purcells WildSafeBC, to the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Ms. Wijenberg stated that WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions. The goal of WildSafeBC is to keep wildlife wild and communities safe. Ms. Wijenberg identified the area in which she has been working over the past year, which included the Town of Creston. With the funding that the Town provides for the Program, she has been able to spend in excess of 200 hours within the Town conducting public education by door to door visitations; a garbage tagging initiative (residential garbage that is put out for collection the night before collection day instead the day of collection); visiting on three occasions to Adam Robertson Elementary School, providing education under the WildSafeBC Rangers Youth Program; and more.

Councillor DeBoon (a former Conservation Officer) expressed his support of the WildSafeBC program, stating that WildSafeBC has provided good service to the community through education and is much appreciated by the Conservation service personnel. Councillor DeBoon advised that unpicked fruit was always a major problem as being a wildlife attractant.

Ms. D. Magrum asked if electric fencing was a viable method of bear control. Ms. Wijenberg stated that electric fencing, when done right, is very effective for bear control and that there is funding assistance available to install this fencing.

Councillor Comer asked what the Town can do with respect to the rat problem. Ms. Wijenberg advised that the Town can provide information to the public through brochures, notices, etc. on ways the residents can help control the problem, i.e. open garbage is an issue.

Mayor Toyota thanked Ms. Wijenberg for her presentation.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS**2020 Creston-Kootenay Lake Gran Fondo**

- 332-19 Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor Unruh
 THAT the presentation by the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, regarding the 2020 Creston-Kootenay Lake Gran Fondo event and request for sponsorship from the Town of Creston, be received. MOTION CARRIED

WildSafeBC

- 333-19 Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor Wilson
 THAT the presentation by WildSafeBC, reporting out on the status of the 2019 WildSafeBC activities within the Creston Valley area, and specifically within the Town of Creston, be received. MOTION CARRIED

Columbia River Treaty Review

- 334-19 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer
 THAT the invitation from the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee, seeking comments on the draft recommendations to the Federal and Provincial Governments with respect to a review of the Columbia River Treaty, be received. MOTION CARRIED

City of Victoria – Request for Support of Resolutions

- 335-19 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor DeBoon
 THAT the request from the City of Victoria, seeking support of resolutions with respect to Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives and Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention, be received. MOTION CARRIED

Discretionary Grant Applications

- 336-19 Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the requests for Discretionary Grant funding from the Creston Ministerial Association (for the 2019 Food Hamper Program), the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Girls Volleyball Team and the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball Team, be received; THAT Council authorizes a donation of \$1,000.00 from Council's Discretionary Grant budget to the Creston Ministerial Association towards the 2019 Christmas Hamper Program; \$1,000.00 from Council's Discretionary Grant budget to the Creston Gleaners Food Bank; \$500.00 to the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Girls Volleyball Team, to assist with travel expenses to attend the Provincial Championships in Vernon, BC, with \$250.00 being allocated from Council's Discretionary budget and \$250.00 being allocated from the Mayor's Contingency budget; and \$500.00 to the Prince Charles Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball Team, to assist with travel expenses to attend the Provincial Championships in Langley, BC, with funds to be allocated from the Mayor's Contingency budget. MOTION CARRIED

UBCM Grant – Regional FireSmart Program

- 337-19 Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Comer
THAT the Request for Decision from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding a funding opportunity under the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Grant program, be received; THAT Council authorizes the Regional District of Central Kootenay to submit an application on behalf of the Town of Creston, in the amount of \$25,000.00, to the Union of BC Municipalities under the Community Resiliency Investment Grant program, with respect to the Regional FireSmart Program; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the Regional District of Central Kootenay receiving and managing any funds received from the Union of BC Municipalities with respect to the application for funding under the Community Resiliency Investment Grant for the Regional FireSmart Program, on behalf of the Town of Creston. MOTION CARRIED

APPOINT BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- 338-19 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor DeBoon
THAT the Request for Decision from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the appointment of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, be received; THAT under the Police Act of British Columbia, Part 36, Council appoints Lisa Folvik, Public Safety Compliance Officer, as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Town of Creston and is provided the authority to enforce all municipal bylaws enacted by the Town of Creston. MOTION CARRIED

New Business

No new business at this time.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor DeBoon reported on his attendance at Creston Valley Regional Airport Society and Regional District of Central Kootenay Resource Recovery meetings.

Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at a Coffee Talk session, a meeting with Canfor with respect to a timber supply area, and the Grand Opening of the Creston Valley Youth Centre.

Councillor Tzakis reported on her attendance at the 7th Siding Festival of Film event and the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.

Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at a Winterfest / Santa Parade meeting.

Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a 7th Siding Festival of Film event, the Creston Library Board and Creston Valley Arts Council meetings.

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

- Regional District of Central Kootenay meetings;
- Coffee Talk session;
- Canfor meeting with respect to a timber supply area;
- 7th Siding Festival of Film event;
- Columbia Basin Trust (grain elevators) meeting;
- Rat Chat meeting;
- Keep of Prisoners meeting with Provincial representatives; and
- Grand Opening of the Creston Valley Youth Centre.

339-19 Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor DeBoon
THAT the verbal reports of Council be received as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GIVING OF NOTICES

- SPECIAL COTW – December 3, 2019
- COTW – December 10, 2019
- COUNCIL – December 10 (Special) and 17, 2019
- CP HOLIDAY TRAIN – December 12, 2019
- SANTA CLAUS PARADE – December 14, 2019
- TOWN HALL CLOSED – December 24-27, 2019

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of the Gallery.

MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING

340-19 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)(b) and (c), as of 5:02 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

RECONVENE

The Regular Council Meeting of November 26, 2019 reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

341-19 Moved by Councillor DeBoon
THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Ron Toyota

Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer