

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN OF  
CRESTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 238 – 10<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH ON TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.**

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

**STAFF** Mike Moore, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ross Beddoes, Director of Community Services  
Steffan Klassen, Director of Finance & Corporate Services  
Jared Riel, Fire Chief  
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant  
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer

**MEDIA** Brian Lawrence, Creston Valley Advance  
Jensen Shields, Juice FM

**GALLERY** Dallas Magrum, Resident  
Allan Clement, Resident

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

**AGENDA**

1-20 Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be adopted  
as amended with the addition under Bylaws, Item b) Fees and Charges Amendment  
Bylaw No. 1908, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading). MOTION CARRIED

**MINUTES**

2-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing held October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, be adopted.  
MOTION CARRIED

3-20 Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, be  
adopted. MOTION CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

- None at this time.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Discretionary Grant Request re P.A.R.T.Y. Program**

4-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor DeBoon  
THAT the request from Kootenay Employment Services for a Discretionary Grant to  
assist with expenses relating to the establishment of a Prevent Alcohol & Risk-Related  
Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program in the Creston Valley, be received with no  
further action required as the request has been withdrawn by Kootenay Employment  
Services. MOTION CARRIED

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual BC Natural Resources Forum**

5-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the invitation from the BC Natural Resources Forum, to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George, January 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be  
received. MOTION CARRIED

**Community Wildfire Protection Plan Final Report**

- 6-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities, advising that the Final report for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant project for the Town of Creston has been submitted, and therefore the final payment of grant funds will be released to the Town, be received. MOTION CARRIED

**Sponsorship Request re Harvey Sayles Fishing Derby**

- 7-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the invitation from the Creston Valley Shrine Club #35 to sponsor the Harvey Sayles Fishing Derby, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves a Bronze sponsorship in the amount of \$100 in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvey Sayles Fishing Derby on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with funds being allocated from Council's advertising budget. MOTION CARRIED

**2020 CBT-CIP Funding Process for Town of Creston**

- 8-20 Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Tzakis  
THAT the memorandum from the Corporate Officer regarding the 2020 Columbia Basin Trust – Community Initiatives & Affected Areas Program (CIP/AAP) funding application process and schedule for the Town of Creston, be received. MOTION CARRIED

**WildSafeBC 2019 Annual Report**

- 9-20 Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor DeBoon  
THAT the 2019 Annual Report submitted by WildSafeBC, be received. MOTION CARRIED

**Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1908, 2020**

- 10-20 Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1908, 2020 regarding a commission fee for Funeral Homes, when acting as an agent for the Town with respect to the sale of a Cemetery Plot, a Columbarium Niche or a Memorial Plaque within Town owned cemeteries, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council consider three readings to Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1908, 2020 at the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**Residential Information Meeting re Crawford Hill Reservoir Site**

- 11-20 Moved by Councillor Comer, seconded by Councillor Wilson  
THAT the verbal report by the Chief Administrative Officer, providing an update on the scheduled Information Meeting with property owners / residents of Crawford Hill with respect to public access opportunities for the Crawford Hill reservoir site, to be held on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Erickson Room at the Creston & District Community Complex, be received. MOTION CARRIED

**BYLAWS****Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1908, 2020**

- 12-20 Moved by Councillor DeBoon, seconded by Councillor Elford  
THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1908, 2020, be read a first time by title, a second time by content. MOTION CARRIED
- 13-20 Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1908, 2020, be read a third time. MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business at this time.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor DeBoon reported on his attendance at the ARES HoHoHo Assembly and a Creston Valley Regional Airport Society meeting.

Councillor Elford reported on his attendance at a T.A.P.S. luncheon and sing-a-long, a Regional District of Central Kootenay EAP meeting, and a Creston Community Forest meeting.

Councillor Tzakis reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Network meeting.

Councillor Unruh reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting.

Councillor Wilson reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Blossom Festival meeting, a Creston Concert Society meeting and a Creston Valley Arts Council Wine & Cheese event.

14-20

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

MOTION CARRIED

**GIVING OF NOTICES**

- COTW – January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- SPECIAL COTW – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (budget)
- COUNCIL – January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- SPECIAL COUNCIL – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Budget Bylaw)

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Mr. Jensen Shields asked if the Crawford Hill reservoir site information meeting was open to the public. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the meeting was open to the public but the main purpose of the meeting was to obtain input from the residents/property owners in the area on proposed uses for the former reservoir site and for the Town to advise of the potential liability risks if no improvements were made to the site.

**RECESS AND MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING**

15-20

Moved by Councillor Unruh, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT the Regular Council Meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be recessed at 4:30 p.m. and by authority of the *Community Charter*, Council move to Closed Meeting with this meeting being closed from the public and/or news media pursuant to Sub-Section 90(1)(a) personnel issues, (b) nomination of individual for award, (c) labour relations, (e) land issues, (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and Sub-Section 90(2)(c) Ombudsperson investigation.

MOTION CARRIED

**RECONVENE**

The Regular Council Meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 reconvened at 5:18 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING**

16-20

Moved by Councillor Elford, seconded by Councillor Comer  
THAT Resolution No. 6-20 from the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Closed Council Meeting, be reported at the Regular Council Meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as follows:

THAT the draft Press Release with respect to land for the new Fire Hall, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the immediate publication of the Press Release dated January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and titled 'Town of Creston Finalizes Land Purchase for New Fire Hall', to the public and media.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

17-20

Moved by Councillor Unruh  
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Mayor Ron Toyota

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Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer