

**TOWN OF CRESTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 13, 2008**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town of Creston Council Chambers, 238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Snopek  
Councillors Graham, Lavender, Mueller, Vondracek, Wilson  
James Thackray, Town Manager  
Albert Frootman, Director of Development Services  
Bev Caldwell, Executive Assistant

**ABSENT:** Councillor Folkman

**MEDIA:** Lorne Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

**GALLERY:** Pastor Harry Haberstock, Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Director Verna Mayers-McKenzie, RDCK Area A  
Director John Kettle, RDCK Area B  
Director Tom Mann, RDCK Area C  
C/Supt. Robert Morrison, RCMP, "E" Division  
S/Sgt. Sandro Colasacco, RCMP, "E" Division  
Cpl. Darren Perpelitz, RCMP, Creston Detachment  
Mark Johnston, Consultant  
Wally Penner, Columbia Basin Trust  
Marlene McGunigle, Creston  
Betty Armitage, Creston  
Anita Wellspring, Creston  
Beth Terriff, Creston  
Julie Ewashen, Creston  
Virginia Beck, Erickson

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

93-08  
**RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** Moved by Councillor Vondracek, seconded by Councillor Graham THAT Council move into Committee of the Whole at 4:02 p.m. to discuss proposed options for a Regional Police Services Model for the Creston Valley area. CARRIED

► **REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES MODEL** Mayor Snopek welcomed members of the RCMP and Consultant Mark Johnston to the meeting.

S/Sgt. Colasacco presented a report prepared by the Service Delivery and Development Section of the Pacific Region Operations Strategy Branch of the R.C.M.P., which outlines a number of draft proposed service delivery options that would enhance police services in the Creston region. The report notes that the proposed options will not involve any substantial changes to the present detachment structure, but will only examine service delivery as additional resources are added to the detachment strength. In summary, in response to the wishes of the elected officials of the Town of Creston and the Regional District of Central Kootenay, three enhanced service delivery models were proposed, with the following objectives:

1. Develop a regional policing model that would equalize police services across the region regardless of future policing contracts.
2. Enhance the current police service delivery model by increasing the detachment strength.
3. Formulate a tax funding arrangement that will fairly share the costs of a regional police force between the Town of Creston and the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

With respect to demographic changes that occur in the region, C/Supt. Morrison stated that a review is conducted every six months of areas that demonstrate massive growth, required resources are projected from those reviews.

Cpl. Perpelitz stated that the average staffing on rotation through the Creston Detachment is based on 10 members, aside from unexpected injuries, illness, etc. On-call coverage between 5:00 and 7:00 a.m. is not due to staff shortages, that is the delivery model for this area.

Mr. Mark Johnston, the consultant retained by the Town and Regional District to assist in identifying options and proposals for best practices in providing police services for the area, provided a power point presentation on the proposed steps to develop a Creston and Area Regional Police Services Model. The options for delivery of police services to be considered are:

1. Continue under existing Provincial Service Contract.
2. Establish Regional Police Board and Regional Police Force.
3. Establish Regional Police Board and contract with RCMP.
4. Establish Regional Police Board and contract general services with the RCMP and specialized services with RCMP or other agencies.

Director Verna Mayers-McKenzie left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Snopek thanked Mr. Johnston, C/Supt. Morrison, S/Sgt. Colasacco, Cpl. Perpelitz and the Regional District Directors for attending the meeting and echoed the consensus of Council and the Regional District Directors that this review move forward with the objective of providing enhanced police services in the area, at a reasonable cost.

Directors Kettle and Mann, members of the RCMP and Mr. Johnston left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

94-08  
**MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Vondracek 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) and (e).  
CARRIED

**RECONVENE**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

95-08  
**AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Mueller THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2008, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Harry Haberstock, Redeemer Lutheran Church, delivered the invocation.

96-08  
**MOVE TO PUBLIC MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Vondracek, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT Council recess to a Public Meeting for the Columbia Basin Trust / Community Initiative Program, at 7:05 p.m.  
CARRIED

**PUBLIC MEETING RE COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST / COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PROGRAM**

Mayor Snopek called the Public Meeting to order for the Columbia Basin Trust / Community Initiative Program at 7:05 p.m. and proceeded to explain the application process for the year 2008. The Mayor reported that thirty applications were received, for a total funding request of \$81,584.20, and advised that the Town of Creston's funding allotment for 2008 is \$57,255.

Ms. Marlene McGunigal, representing the Creston Five Pin Bowling Association requested to speak. Ms. McGunigal explained the purpose of their application and advised that funding assistance from the Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiative Program would allow representation from the Creston area, at the Interior Five Pin Bowling Championships in Penticton. If the Creston area dropped out of this tournament, they will not be allowed back in unless there is a vacancy, which does not happen often. Fourteen members of the Team travel to Penticton at an estimated cost of \$325 per person. There are no equalization strategies (subsidies) to assist participants from far away centers. Ms. McGunigal also stated that consideration to advising the applicants by letter of when their applications would be considered by Council or the respective Regional District Director, as many applicants do not receive the newspaper or realize they are to check the Regional District website for meeting details.

Mayor Snopek thanked Ms. McGunigal for her presentation and closed the Public Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

<p><b>RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING</b> 97-08</p>	<p>The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.</p>
<p><b>MINUTES</b> ▶ REGULAR APRIL 29/08</p>	<p>Moved by Councillor Mueller, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 29, 2008, be adopted. CARRIED</p>
<p>98-08 ▶ PUBLIC HRG April 29/08</p>	<p>Moved by Councillor Mueller, seconded by Councillor Graham THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing held April 29, 2008, be adopted. CARRIED</p>
<p>99-08 ▶ COMMITTEE MTG. MAY 5/08</p>	<p>Moved by Councillor Vondracek, seconded by Councillor Wilson THAT the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 5, 2008, be received. CARRIED</p>
<p><b>COUNCIL COMMITTEE</b> 100-08 ▶ MAY 5/08 RECOMMENDATIONS ▶ 2008 CITATION FOR CITIZENSHIP AWARDS</p>	<p>Moved by Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Vondracek THAT Council Committee Recommendations No. 1 to 19, from the May 5, 2008 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting, with the exception of Recommendation No. 18, be adopted as follows:</p>
<p>▶ BIZ PAL INITIATIVE</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:</b> THAT Ltr #457 from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, regarding nominations for the 2008 Citation for Citizenship Awards, be received.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:</b> THAT Ltr #459 from the Ministry of Small Business &amp; Revenue, inviting participation in the BizPal initiative, an online tool to help business clients and business client service providers to identify the permits and licences that may be needed from all levels of government to conduct activities in a specific location, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT this information be forwarded to the Creston Valley Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce for follow up and action.</p>
<p>▶ CP SPIRIT OF 150 RAIL TOUR</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:</b> THAT Ltr #463 from the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, regarding the CP Spirit of 150 Rail Tour, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council and staff begin preparations for welcoming the CP Spirit of 150 Rail Tour on their visit to Creston on June 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>▶ ICS 200 TRAINING</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 4:</b> THAT Ltr #464 from Emergency Management BC, regarding approval of the Town's application to the Provincial Emergency Program for ICS 200 Training for staff responsible for EOC functions, be received.</p>
<p>▶ BUILDING PERMIT REPORT (MARCH 2008)</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:</b> THAT Ltr #468 from the Director of Development Services, regarding the Building Permit Report for March 2008, be received.</p>
<p>▶ RQST DONATION RE CANCER SOCIETY HOT DOG FUNDRAISER</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:</b> THAT Ltr #471 from Betty Martin, regarding a donation to offset loss of hot dog sales for the Cancer Society, as a result of construction of Phase I of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Ms. Martin be commended for her volunteer efforts and offer Council's regrets for any inconvenience and suggest that Ms. Martin could set up her hot dog stand in another location on Canyon Street until construction is completed.</p>
<p>▶ CARBON TAX</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 7:</b> THAT Ltr #472 from the Union of BC Municipalities, regarding a response from Finance Minister Carol Taylor on the Carbon Tax, be received.</p>
<p>▶ SMOKE-FREE PREMISES POLICY</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 8:</b> THAT Ltr #473 from Interior Health, advising that as of May 31, 2008, Interior Health will implement the Smoke Free Environment Policy, which does not permit smoking in Interior Health owned buildings or on property grounds, be received.</p>

- ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS MEETING **RECOMMENDATION NO. 9:**  
THAT Ltr #481 from the Union of BC Municipalities, regarding a meeting for Electoral Area Directors in Richmond, June 12, 2008, be received.
- RQST FOR EXEMPTION RE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW **RECOMMENDATION NO. 10:**  
THAT Ltr #483 from the Director of Development Services, regarding a request for exemption of the Section 6.1 of the Animal Control Bylaw, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Ms. Ruza Uremovic of 1222 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, be temporarily exempted from Section 6.1 of Animal Control Bylaw No. 1406 (total number of dogs permitted on any parcel of land), so that she may keep a total of three dogs at 1222 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, until July 31, 2008.
- CV STANDARD OF RESPONSE COVERAGE STUDY **RECOMMENDATION NO. 11:**  
THAT Ltr #487 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, regarding the Creston Valley Standard of Response Coverage Study, be received.
- HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS **RECOMMENDATION NO. 12:**  
THAT Ltr #490 from the City of Burnaby, requesting endorsement of a resolution with respect to enhanced monitoring and reporting procedures to assure the public and key stakeholders that the contractual standards for highway maintenance are being met, be received.
- ENCROACHMENT (ROAD R/W 10<sup>TH</sup> AVE. N.) **RECOMMENDATION NO. 13:**  
THAT Ltr #492 from the Director of Development Services, regarding a request to encroach onto Town road right-of-way, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council approves the Town entering into an Encroachment Agreement with Gordon and Carol Viher and Elmer and Katherine Mohninger, for the construction and ongoing maintenance of a residential sanitary sewer service line located adjacent to and running within the road right-of-way of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, for approximately 125 metres, as per the Drawing attached, which forms a part of these minutes as Appendix 'I'.
- CRESTON SATURDAY MARKET TEMPOR-ARY USE OF TOWN PROPERTY **RECOMMENDATION NO. 14:**  
THAT Ltr #493 from the Director of Development Services, regarding a Temporary Use of Premises agreement for the Creston Saturday Market, be received; THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Town Manager to execute a License for Temporary Use of Premises Agreement between the Town and the Creston Rotary Club, for temporary use of Town property located on the South side of Millennium Park, for a Creston Saturday Market for the term June 1 to September 30, 2008.
- TILMA NEGOTIATIONS **RECOMMENDATION NO. 15:**  
THAT Ltr #494 from the Union of BC Municipalities, regarding negotiations on the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA), be received.
- FERAL CAT CONTROL **RECOMMENDATION NO. 16:**  
THAT Ltr #495 from the Director of Development Services, regarding feral cat control, be referred to Committee of the Whole for further review and Council support of recommendation on Option #3 with penalty amendment.
- BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE – BLDG. BYLAW 1394 **RECOMMENDATION NO. 17:**  
THAT Ltr #496 from the Director of Development Services, regarding amendments to the Building Permit Fee Schedule, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT staff is authorized to prepare an amended Schedule 'A' – Schedule of Fees to Building Bylaw No. 1394, for Council's consideration.
- APPRECIATION TO CAPITAL WORKS COORDINATOR RE PHASE 1 DOWNTOWN REVITE **RECOMMENDATION NO. 19:**  
THAT the Mayor relay Council's appreciation to the Capital Works Coordinator, Joanne Peters, for providing Council with a schedule of completion for Phase I of the Downtown Redevelopment.

CARRIED

<p>101-08 ▶ CBT COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Moved by Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Wilson          THAT Recommendation No. 18 from the May 5, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting, be approved as amended:          THAT Ltr #403 from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, regarding applications for funding from the Town's portion of Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiatives Program, be received; AND FURTHER, THAT Council recommends to the Regional District of Central Kootenay, that the 2008 apportionment of Columbia Basin Trust, Community Initiatives Program funds be allocated as follows:</p>																																																																
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► **MAYOR SNOPEK** Mayor Snopek reported on his attendance at the College of the Rockies meeting and the sod turning for upgrades to the Creston & District Community Complex.

103-08  
► **RECEIVE REPORTS** Moved by Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Mueller THAT the verbal Reports of Representatives, be received. **CARRIED**

**GIVING OF NOTICES**

1. COTW – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month (May 20-Tues., June 2, 16)
2. COUNCIL – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month (May 13, 27, June 10, 24)
3. May 16 – 19 – Blossom Festival
4. May 31 – June 1 – Goatstyle Bike Jam (Opening Ceremonies)
5. June 7 – Relay For Life
6. June 13 – CP Spirit of 150 RAIL TOUR (Millennium Park)
7. June 21, 22, 23 – Spirit of BC Celebration
8. July 1 – Canada Day

**QUESTION PERIOD** There were no questions from the Media or Gallery.

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104-08  
**ADJOURNMENT** Moved by Councillor Graham THAT the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2008, be adjourned at 7:28 p.m. **CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED  
CORRECT:**

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Joe Snopek  
Mayor

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Bev Caldwell  
Executive Assistant