



**TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 4:00 PM

Council Chambers, 238-10th Avenue North, Creston, BC

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. TRADITIONAL TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Recommended Motion:

THAT Council ADOPTS the Regular Council Agenda of August 26, 2025.

- 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2025.

Recommended Motion:

THAT Council ADOPTS the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 12, 2025.

- 5. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Recommended Motion:

THAT the verbal and written reports of Council, BE RECEIVED.

- 6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- a. Motion to Convene Committee of the Whole Meeting
Nil
 - b. Delegations
None
 - c. Committee of the Whole Business
Nil
 - d. Resolution to Rise from the Committee of the Whole
Nil

- 7. DIVISION REPORTS**

a. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

Nil

b. CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

c. FINANCE

Nil

d. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil

e. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037 for 1620 Hood Road

Recommended Motion:

THAT Council RECEIVES the August 26, 2025, Council Report titled “Legislative Considerations – OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 – 1620 Hood Road”, from the Director of Community Services for Information;

AND THAT Council CONSIDERS the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 in conjunction with the Town of Creston 2025-2029 Financial Plan and the Regional District of Central Kootenay Resource Recovery Plan pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act, and deem those plans to be consistent with the Bylaw;

AND THAT Council RECEIVE the agency referral feedback as outlined in the attached Council Report;

AND FURTHER THAT Council REFERS Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, for consideration at the Public Hearing on September 2, 2025.

f. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Nil

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a. Recommendations for adoption from the August 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, as follows:

Recommended Motion:

THAT Recommendation Nos 1 and 2 from the August 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole, be ADOPTED, as follows:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT the Committee of the Whole RECEIVES the delegation from Jessica Piccinin, Executive Director, Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, regarding a request for Council to sponsor an information/conversation session with members of the Chamber of Commerce;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council APPROVES a grant in the amount of \$300 to the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, to sponsor a joint Council/Chamber of Commerce information/conversation session, with funds being allocated from Council's advertising budget.

RECOMMENDATION NO., 2:

THAT Council RECEIVES the Council Direction Request dated August 12, 2025 from the Manager of Engineering, and the report titled "Collis Lift Station Capacity Increase Assessment", prepared by Associated Engineering and dated March 2025;

THAT Council DIRECTS Staff to apply under the Strategic Priorities Fund - Capital Infrastructure Stream, administered by UBCM, for grant funding to replace the Collis Lift Station with a 1,600m gravity main, in the amount of \$1,650,000 (Capital Cost + Engineering);

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include a 2026 budget sheet that considers the replacement of the Collis Lift Station with a 1,600m gravity main, based on 100% of net eligible project costs being covered under a successful Strategic Priorities Fund grant application for consideration during the 2026 budget process.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Action Recommended

1. Invitation from the Official Opposition to meet with Council at the 2025 UBCM Convention.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the invitation from members of the Official Opposition, to meet with Council at the 2025 UBCM Convention, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT

2. WaCanId Bike Ride, advising the Ride will be coming through Creston on September 11, 2025.

Recommended Motion:

THAT correspondence from WaCanId, advising that their Ride will be travelling through Creston on September 11, 2025, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT

3. Request for Proclamation to declare the week of September 15 to 21, 2025 as 'Coaches Week' in Creston.

Recommended Motion:

THAT correspondence from PacificSport Columbia Basin, requesting a Proclamation for Coaches Week in Creston, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is AUTHORIZED to issue a Proclamation, declaring the week of September 15 to 21, 2025 as 'Coaches Week' in Creston.

4. Request from the CV Thunder Cats to sponsor their Annual Golf Tournament.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the request from the Creston Valley Thunder Cats for Council to sponsor their Annual Golf Tournament, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT

5. Request for a letter of support for the Trails for Creston Valley Society's Community Gaming Grant application.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the request from the Trails for Creston Valley Society for a letter of support of its Community Gaming Grant application, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT the Mayor is AUTHORIZED to write the Trails for Creston Valley Society, advising of Council's support of their application for a Community Gaming Grant to support their ongoing program of trail maintenance and refurbishment in the Creston Valley.

6. Correspondence from Greg Snider, regarding community-wide speed reduction.

Recommended Motion:

THAT correspondence from Mr. Greg Snider, requesting Council to consider a community-wide speed reduction program in the Creston area, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT

7. Correspondence from Art Lashbrook, regarding speed limits in Creston.

Recommended Motion:

THAT correspondence from Mr. Art Lashbrook, regarding speed limits within the Town of Creston, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT

b. Receive for Information

1. Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report - October 1 - Dec. 31, 2024.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report for the period October 1 to December 31, 2024, BE RECEIVED.

2. Press Release regarding Situation Table funding for the Town of Creston.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Press Release from the Province of British Columbia, advising that the Province is supporting the Town of Creston with a \$50,000 grant to assist with implementation of a Situation Table, BE RECEIVED.

3. City of Campbell River regarding their resolution to UBCM on Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-making.

Recommended Motion:

THAT correspondence from the City of Campbell River, seeking support of their resolution to the 2025 UBCM Convention, with respect to 'Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making', BE RECEIVED.

4. Village of Lions Bay, seeking support of its resolution to UBCM regarding Emergency Water Treatment Plants.

Recommended Motion:

THAT correspondence from the Village of Lions Bay, seeking support and endorsement of its resolution to the 2025 UBCM Convention, regarding 'Emergency Water Treatment Plants', BE RECEIVED.

5. Correspondence from the U15 Creston Attack Hockey team, expressing appreciation to Council for a Discretionary Grant.

Recommended Motion:

THAT correspondence from the U15 Creston Attack hockey team, expressing appreciation to Council for providing a Discretionary Grant to assist with expenses to send the team to Kitimat, BC to represent Creston in the Provincial Hockey Championships, BE RECEIVED.

6. Route map for 2025 Terry Fox Run.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the map showing the route for the 2025 Terry Fox Run, to be held on Sunday, September 14, 2025 in Creston, BE RECEIVED.

10. **ACTING MAYORS SCHEDULE**

- Jan: Councillor Holland
- Feb: Councillor Arès
- March: Councillor Baldwin
- April: Councillor Dumas
- May: Councillor Eisler
- June: Councillor Hawton
- July: Councillor Holland
- August: Councillor Arès
- September: Councillor Baldwin
- October: Councillor Dumas
- November: Councillor Eisler
- December: Councillor Hawton

11. **QUESTION PERIOD**

12. **RECESS AND MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING**

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of August 26, 2025, BE RECESSED at TIME and by the authority of the *Community Charter*, Council move to a Closed Council Meeting with this meeting being closed from the public and/or news media pursuant to 90(1)(a), personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a position as an employee of the Town of Creston.

Council will not be reconvening in Open.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of August 26, 2025 be adjourned at TIME.

TOWN OF CRESTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 4:00 PM
Council Chambers, 238-10th Avenue North, Creston, BC

- PRESENT:

Councillor Monique Arès, Acting Mayor
Councillor Norm Eisler
Councillor Keith Baldwin
Councillor Denise Dumas
Councillor Carolyn Hawton
Councillor Megan Holland
- REGRETS:

Mayor Arnold DeBoon
- STAFF:

Mike Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant
Joel Comer, Director of Community Services
- GALLERY:

Allan Clement
Jessica Piccinin

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. TRADITIONAL TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Regular Council Meeting was held on the unceded traditional territory of the yaqan nuʔkiy within the Ktunaxa Nations.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #: 281-25

Moved by Councillor Eisler
Seconded by Councillor Holland

THAT Council ADOPTS the Regular Council Agenda of August 12, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2025

Resolution #: 282-25

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Council ADOPTS the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 22, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

5. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- In his absence, Acting Mayor Ares reported on Mayor DeBoon's attendance at a meeting with the Province of British Columbia Policing & Security Branch.
- Acting Mayor Ares reported on her attendance at a Creston Valley Housing Corporation meeting.
- Councillor Baldwin reported on his attendance at a Creston Community Forest meeting.
- Councillor Dumas reported on her attendance at Arrow Creek Water Commission and Creston Valley Housing Corporation meetings, and a Coffee Talk session.

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- Councillor Hawton reported on her attendance at Council's Coffee Talk session.

Resolution #: 283-25

Moved by Councillor Dumas

Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT the verbal and written reports of Council, BE RECEIVED.

MOTION CARRIED

- a. RDCK Board Highlights - July 2025

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- a. Motion to Convene Committee of the Whole Meeting

Resolution #: 284-25

Moved by Councillor Eisler

Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

THAT Council now RESOLVES itself into a Committee of the Whole.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Delegations

1. **Jessica Piccinin, Executive Director, Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce**

Acting Mayor Ares welcomed Jessica Piccinin, Executive Director for the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, to the meeting. Ms. Piccinin advised that the Chamber of Commerce is looking to make a deeper connection in the community and would like to invite Council members to meet with the members of the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce for an information sharing/conversation session in the near future and is requesting Council to approve a sponsorship grant to assist with expenses related to that session.

Acting Mayor Ares thanked Ms. Piccinin for her presentation.

- c. Committee of the Whole Business

1. **Delegation from Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, regarding sponsorship of a joint information/conversation session.**

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT the Committee of the Whole RECEIVES the delegation from Jessica Piccinin, Executive Director, Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, regarding a request for Council to sponsor an information/conversation session with members of the Chamber of Commerce; AND FURTHER, THAT Council APPROVES a grant in the amount of \$300 to the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, to sponsor a joint Council/Chamber of Commerce information/conversation session, with funds being allocated from Council's advertising budget.

2. **Council Direction Request from the Manager of Engineering, regarding the Collis Street Lift Station - Capacity Assessment Report and Grant Application**

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

THAT Council RECEIVES the Council Direction Request dated August 12, 2025 from the Manager of Engineering, and the report titled "Collis Lift Station Capacity Increase Assessment", prepared by Associated Engineering and dated March 2025;

THAT Council DIRECTS Staff to apply under the Strategic Priorities Fund - Capital Infrastructure Stream, administered by UBCM, for grant funding to replace the Collis Lift Station with a 1,600m gravity main, in the amount of \$1,650,000 (Capital Cost + Engineering);

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AND FURTHER THAT Council DIRECTS staff to include a 2026 budget sheet that considers the replacement of the Collis Lift Station with a 1,600m gravity main, based on 100% of net eligible project costs being covered under a successful Strategic Priorities Fund grant application for consideration during the 2026 budget process.

- d. Resolution to Rise from the Committee of the Whole

Resolution #: 285-25

Moved by Councillor Dumas
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Council RISES from Committee of the Whole.

MOTION CARRIED

7. DIVISION REPORTS

- a. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

1. Council Action List

Resolution #: 286-25

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

THAT the Council Action List dated August 7, 2025, BE RECEIVED.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

- c. FINANCE

1. Request from the Creston Valley Rotary Club, requesting sponsorship of the Bill Pfeifer Memorial Drive For Rotary

Resolution #: 287-25

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Holland

THAT the request from the Creston Valley Rotary Club, requesting sponsorship of the 28th Annual Bill Pfeifer Memorial Drive Fore Rotary, BE RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT Council APPROVES sponsorship of the 28th Annual Bill Pfeifer Memorial Drive Fore Rotary, in the amount of \$750, with funds being allocated from the Council Advertising budget.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Request from the Creston Valley Thunder Cats for sponsorship.

Resolution #: 288-25

Moved by Councillor Dumas
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT the request from the Creston Valley Thunder Cats seeking sponsorship of their 2025/26 hockey season, be RECEIVED; AND FURTHER, THAT Council APPROVES the purchase of advertising for the 2025/26 Creston Valley Thunder Cats hockey season, in the amount of \$1,100, with the funds being allocated from Council's advertising budget.

MOTION CARRIED

- d. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil

- e. COMMUNITY SERVICES

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1. **Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, regarding Rezoning, Official Community Plan and Development Variance Permit Applications - 1620 Hood Road.**

Resolution #: 289-25

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Holland

THAT Council RECEIVES the Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services, dated August 12, 2025, regarding the proposed development of a fitness studio, wellness centre and outdoor spa at 1620 Hood Road;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council APPROVES public consultation and referrals as outlined in the report dated August 12, 2025 by the Director of Community Services, with respect to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2038, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #: 290-25

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 be read a first time by title and a second time by content.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #: 291-25

Moved by Councillor Eisler
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2038, 2025 be read a first time by title and a second time by content.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services regarding Residential Rental Tax Exemption Bylaw Amendment.**

Resolution #: 292-25

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Council RECEIVES the Request for Decision by the Director of Community Services regarding Residential Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2039, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

Amendment:

Resolution #: 293-25

Moved by Councillor Eisler
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT Residential Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2039, 2025 BE READ a first time by title and a second time by content.

MOTION CARRIED

Amendment:

Resolution #: 294-25

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Holland

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THAT Residential Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2039, 2025,
BE READ a third time by title.

MOTION CARRIED

**3. Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services
regarding Cemetery Regulations and Operations Amendment Bylaw.**

Resolution #: 295-25

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Council RECEIVES the report titled “Cemetery Regulations and Operations Amendment Bylaw”, from the Director of Community Services, dated August 12, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

Amendment:

Resolution #: 296-25

Moved by Councillor Holland
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT Cemetery Regulations and Operations Amendment Bylaw No. 2025, 2025, be ADOPTED.

MOTION CARRIED

**4. Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services
regarding PAWC Muralist Selection.**

Resolution #: 297-25

Moved by Councillor Eisler
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT Council RECEIVES the August 12, 2025, Request for Decision, titled “Public Art Working Committee - Muralist Selection” for information;

THAT Council AUTHORIZES Staff to award the 2025 Creston Mural Project muralist contract to Golden Butter Murals;

AND FURTHER THAT Council AUTHORIZES Staff, in coordination with the Public Art Working Committee, to identify and award the 2025 Creston Mural Project muralist contract to an alternative muralist if necessary.

MOTION CARRIED

**5. Request for Decision from the Director of Community Services
regarding Park Booking Event Sponsorship.**

Resolution #: 298-25

Moved by Councillor Holland
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

THAT Council RECEIVES the August 12, 2025, Request for Decision, titled “Park Booking Event Sponsorship” for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council AUTHORIZES sponsorship of the Creston Concert Society to host a concert in Millennium Park on August 13, 2025, in the amount of \$100, to be allocated from the Council Advertising Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Provincial funding for Situation Table in Creston

Resolution #: 299-25

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Moved by Councillor Dumas
Seconded by Councillor Eisler

THAT correspondence dated August 6, 2025 from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, approving funding to the Town of Creston in the amount of \$50,000.00 to establish a Situation Table in Creston, BE RECEIVED.

MOTION CARRIED

- f. PROTECTIVE SERVICES
Nil

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- a. Recommendations for adoption from the July 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, as follows:

Resolution #: 300-25

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

THAT Recommendation Nos. 1 to 4 from the July 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole, be ADOPTED, as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 1:

THAT Council direct staff to complete a Development Cost Charge Bylaw using a scaled implementation approach across all land uses. Rates for single family equivalent (SFR) units, are outlined below:

Time Period	Municipal Assist Factor (MAF)	SFR DCC Rate
Year 1–2	50%	\$2,584
Year 3–4	25%	\$6,666
Year 5–6	10%	\$9,116
Year 7–15	1%	\$10,603
This phased approach assumes a 15-year planning horizon and an average of 30% of project costs funded through external grants.		

RECOMMENDATION 2:

THAT Council DIRECTS Staff to prepare an updated Residential Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw for Council consideration of 1st and 2nd readings at an upcoming regular Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

THAT the report titled, “Employee Offboarding Policy” dated July 4, 2025, from the Director of Corporate Services, BE RECEIVED for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council DIRECT staff to present the Employee Offboarding Policy to Council for adoption at an upcoming Regular Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

THAT Council DIRECTS staff to draft a 'Council Offboarding Policy' for review at an upcoming Regular Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Action Recommended

Nil

- b. Receive for Information

1. Correspondence regarding a homeless shelter

Resolution #: 301-25

Moved by Councillor Dumas
Seconded by Councillor Eisler

THAT correspondence from Darlene Jeffery, Ken Jordan and Marj Truscott, all with respect to a homeless shelter, BE RECEIVED.

MOTION CARRIED

2. CV Tennis Club expressing appreciation for a 2025 ReDi Grant

Resolution #: 302-25

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Holland

THAT correspondence from the Creston Valley Tennis Club, extending appreciation to Council for a 2025 ReDi Grant, BE RECEIVED.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ACTING MAYORS SCHEDULE**11. REPORT TO REGULAR MEETING**

Resolution #: 303-25

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT the following resolution from the Closed Council Meeting of June 24, 2025, be reported to the Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2025:

Closed Resolution #: 84-25

THAT Council REFERS the Homelessness Community Action Grants administered through SparcBC to staff to evaluate eligibility criteria and staff capacity to apply and provide grant administration.

MOTION CARRIED

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Jessica Piccinin asked if the mural artist chosen for the mural painting on the former ambulance building was local. Ms. Piccinin was advised that the artist was from Toronto and that the local artists that submitted proposals for the mural project could not complete the mural within the time frame allocated for the project.

13. RECESS AND MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING

Resolution #: 304-25

Moved by Councillor Dumas
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2025, BE RECESSED at 4:43 p.m. and by the authority of the *Community Charter*, Council move to a Closed Council Meeting with this meeting being closed from the public and/or news media pursuant to 90(1)(a).

Council will not be reconvening in Open.

MOTION CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

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Resolution #: 305-25

Moved by Councillor Holland

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2025 be adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Monique Arès

Acting Mayor

Bev Caldwell

Corporate Officer

REQUEST FOR DECISION

DATE: August 26, 2025

TOPIC: Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037 for 1620 Hood Road

PROPOSAL: Legislated Considerations

PROPOSED BY: Joel Comer, Director of Community Services

DIVISION: Community Services

SECTION 1: SUMMARY

Consideration of the Bylaw, following 1st reading and prior to a Public Hearing, in conjunction with the *Town of Creston 2025-2029 Financial Plan* and the *Regional District of Central Kootenay Resource Recovery Plan* is required pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act*.

Staff Recommendation:

THAT Council RECEIVES the August 26, 2025, Council Report titled “Legislative Considerations – OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 – 1620 Hood Road”, from the Director of Community Services for Information;

AND THAT Council CONSIDERS the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 in conjunction with the Town of Creston 2025-2029 Financial Plan and the Regional District of Central Kootenay Resource Recovery Plan pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act, and deem those plans to be consistent with the Bylaw;

AND THAT Council RECEIVE the agency referral feedback as outlined in the attached Council Report;

AND FURTHER THAT Council REFERS Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, for consideration at the Public Hearing on September 2, 2025.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND

On August 12, 2025, Council gave 1st and 2nd Readings to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, to amend the land use designation for 1620 Hood Road from Rural Residential to Commercial General.

Further background information regarding public consultation, legislative requirements, and agency referral submissions can be found in the Council Report dated August 12, 2025.

SECTION 3: ISSUE ANALYSIS / DISCUSSION

Agency Referrals

1. Ministry of Transportation and Transit – referral submitted June 23, 2025.
 - i. Positive referral received.
 - ii. Highway Access Permit required, following zoning bylaw adoption.
 - o Applicant notified.
2. School District 8 Kootenay Lake – referral submitted July 21, 2025.
 - i. Agency given until August 21, 2025, to provide feedback.
 - ii. No feedback received. Assume agency's interests are unaffected.

2025-2029 Financial Plan

Staff do not anticipate that the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, will have impact to the 2025-2029 Financial Plan. At this time, a rezoning of the property is proposed to allow for commercial uses, including indoor recreation, personal services, retail services, and food-primary services. Potential impacts to the 2025-2029 Financial Plan will be presented to Council when and as required.

2021 RDCK Resource Recovery Plan (Solid Waste Management Plan)

Solid waste management for the Town of Creston is provided under Service 186 – Refuse Disposal – East Sub-region of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). The current RDCK landfill site for the East Sub-region is located several kilometers South of Creston in the community of Lister. The RDCK also operates a recycling facility in Town on Helen Street. The RDCK has developed and adopted a Regional Resource Recovery Plan (Solid Waste Management Plan) for the entire region, which anticipates growth and changes in waste generation over the next 10 years. Specific policies related to waste management which affect the Town of Creston are contained within that Plan, (and other agreements) which can be found here: [2025-02-07-RR-Plan.pdf](#)

Staff do not anticipate that the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, will have impact to solid waste management as described in the 2021 RDCK Resource Recovery Plan.

Environmental Considerations

Commercial development at 1620 Hood Road.

Social Considerations

Changing the land use designation to Commercial General would expand possible uses of the property to include diverse commercial uses such as personal services, indoor recreation, and retail services.

Commercial development within a rural residential area.

Economic Considerations

Changing the land use designation of the property to Commercial General provides opportunity for diverse commercial uses on the subject property within the Town of Creston.

SECTION 4: ORGANIZATION IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Considerations (Policies and/or Bylaws)

Local Government Act s. 457 -477 (Official Community Plan consultation and adoption procedures).

Strategic Focus

Economic Health.

Reconciliation Considerations

None identified.

Communication Considerations

Community to be notified of Public Hearing via newspaper advertising and website notification. Property owners and tenants within 60m of the site will be notified by mail and hand-delivery. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, will be made available to the public for comment at Town Hall. Staff are available to address questions and comments received prior to the Public Hearing.

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Included in Financial Plan:

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Financial Plan Amendment Required:

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Next Budget Cycle

Commercial tax revenue.

SECTION 6: OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES

Option 1:

Council considers the OCP in conjunction with the Regional Resource Recovery Plan and the 5-year Financial Plan, deem those plans to be consistent with Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, and receive the agency referral feedback.

- Compliance with the *Local Government Act*

Option 2:

Council considers the OCP in conjunction with the Regional Resource Recovery Plan and the 5-year Financial Plan, deem those plans to be inconsistent with the amendment bylaw.

- If proposed amendment is perceived to be inconsistent with the plans above, the proposed amendment cannot proceed without further review.
- Staff do not anticipate that Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, will have impact to solid waste management as described in the 2021 RDCK Resource Recovery Plan or the 2025-2029 Financial Plan.

Option 3:

Council refers to staff for additional information.

SECTION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council passes the following resolution(s):

THAT Council RECEIVES the August 26, 2025, Council Report titled "Legislative Considerations – OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 – 1620 Hood Road", from the Director of Community Services for Information;

AND THAT Council CONSIDERS the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025 in conjunction with the Town of Creston 2025-2029 Financial Plan and the Regional District of Central Kootenay Resource Recovery Plan pursuant to Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act, and deem those plans to be consistent with the Bylaw;

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AND FURTHER THAT Council REFERS Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025, for consideration at the Public Hearing on September 2, 2025.

SECTION 8: SUBMITTED AND REVIEW

This report is respectfully submitted by:

Joel Comer, Director of Community Services

I concur with Staff recommendation to Council.

Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer

PowerPoint: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Attachments

Appendix A – DRAFT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025

References

Financial Plan: [Budget2025.pdf](#)

Resource Recovery Plan: [2025-02-07-RR-Plan.pdf](#)

TOWN OF CRESTON**BYLAW NO. 2037**

A bylaw to amend Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1854, 2017.

WHEREAS Council has enacted an Official Community Plan Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and in the public interest to amend Official Community Plan Bylaw 1854, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Creston, in open meeting assembled, acts as follows:

Part 1 Citation

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as “Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2037, 2025”.

Part 2 Severability

- 2.1 If a portion of this Bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

Part 3 Amendments

- 3.1 Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations, of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1854, 2017, is amended by changing the designation of:

Lot 2, District Lot 9554, Kootenay District, Plan NEP84806 (PID: 027-265-889) **(1620 Hood Road)**

from "Rural Residential (RR)" to "Commercial General (CG)", as shown on Schedule “A”, which is attached to and forms a part of this Bylaw.

Part 4 Effective Date

- 4.1 This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon adoption.
- 4.2 CONSULTATION, in accordance with sections 475-476 of the *Local Government Act*, including Council's consideration of opportunities for consultation with one or more of the persons, organizations and authorities, and referrals sent the 23rd day of June 2025, and 21st day of July 2025, confirmed the 3rd day of July, 2025, and ____ day of _____, 2025, respectively.
- 4.3 CONSIDERATION, in accordance with section 477 of the *Local Government Act*, by the Municipal council in conjunction with (i) its financial plan, and (ii) applicable waste management plan(s) under Part 3 [Municipal Waste Management] of the *Environmental Management Act*, confirmed the ____ day of _____, 2025.

READ A FIRST TIME by content and SECOND TIME by title this ____ day of _____, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING was held this ____ day of _____, 2025.

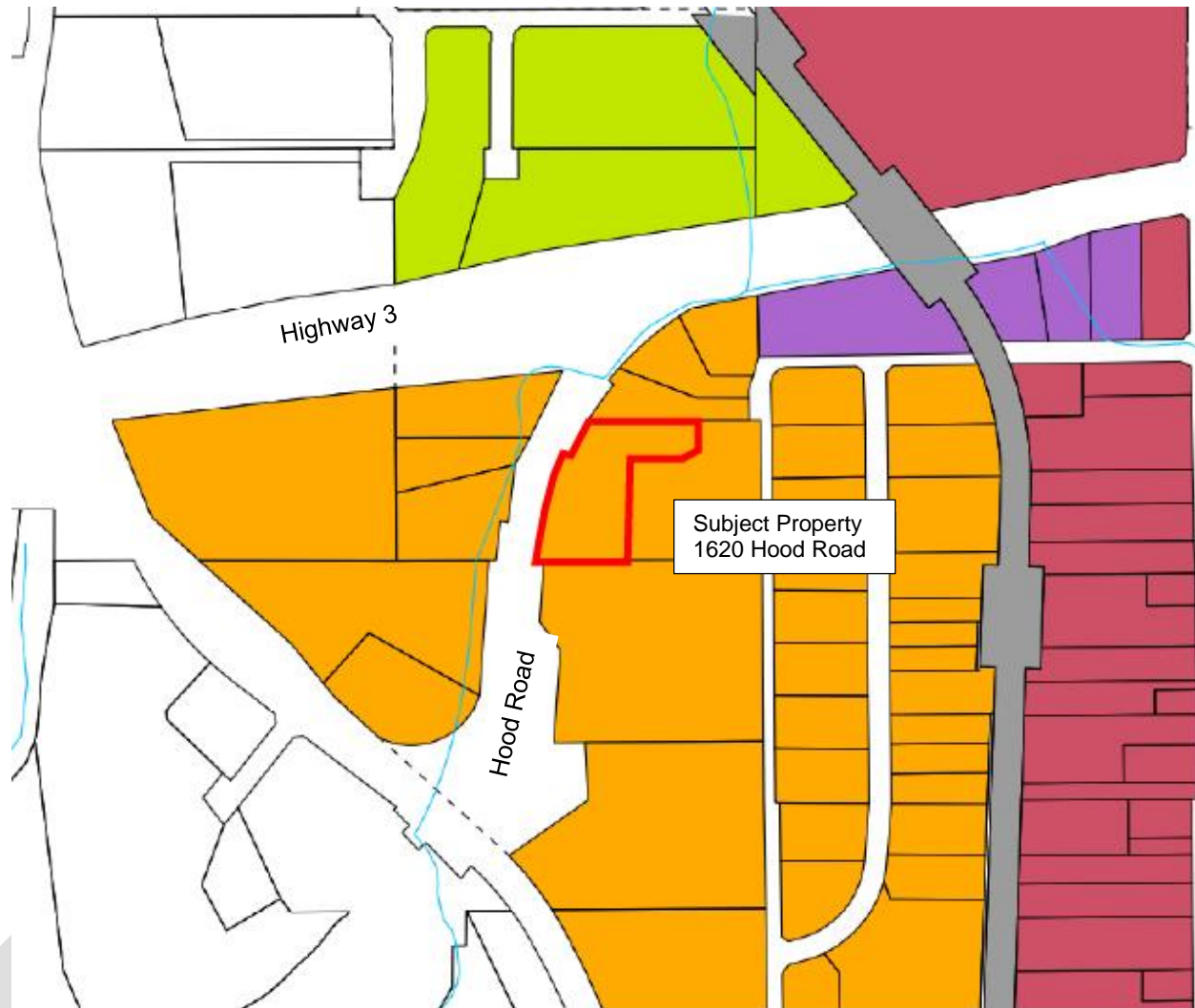
READ A THIRD TIME by title this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Arnold DeBoon, Mayor

Bev Caldwell, Interim Corporate Officer

**SCHEDULE "A" – LAND USE DESIGNATIONS
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 1854, 2017**



LEGAL: Lot 2, District Lot 9554, Kootenay District, Plan NEP84806 (PID: 027-265-889)

CIVIC: 1620 Hood Road

FROM: "Rural Residential (RR)"

TO: "Commercial General (CG)"



FW: 2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities

From ToC Info <info@creston.ca>

Date Fri 8/8/2025 2:57 PM

To Bev Caldwell <Bev.Caldwell@creston.ca>; Marsha Neufeld <Marsha.Neufeld@creston.ca>

From: Conservative Caucus <Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: August 8, 2025 1:36 PM

To: ToC Info <info@creston.ca>

Subject: 2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities

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8 August 2025

Mayor DeBoon &
Council
238 - 10th Avenue North
Creston, BC
V0B 1G0

Dear Mayor DeBoon and Council,

Re: 2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities

With the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Victoria fast approaching, the Members of the Official Opposition would like to cordially invite you to meet during the Convention. As the Official Opposition, we respect deeply the critical role Local Governments play in strengthening our communities throughout British Columbia and remain dedicated to robustly representing your interests in Victoria and throughout the province. As the Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs, I am committed to understanding the specific opportunities and challenges your community faces.

I am pleased to share the following engagement opportunities arranged by the Official Opposition for you throughout the UBCM Convention:

Fdr. a one-on-one meeting with me or any of our Opposition Critics at the UBCM Convention, please contact Hannah Driedger at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca or via telephone at 250-387-3507.

Odr Caucus is hosting three roundtable discussions on the topics noted below in the Penwell Room at the Chateau Hotel on September 23rd and 25th.
If you are interested in attending, please take a moment to let us know at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca

Topic	Critic(s)	Date & Time
Crime	Elenore Sturko Bryan Tepper Steve Kooner Tony Luck	Tuesday, September 23 rd 1:30-2:30 pm
Health	Anna Kindy Brennan Day Claire Rattée Tony Luck	Tuesday, September 23 rd 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Housing	Linda Hepner Kristina Loewen Tony Luck	Thursday, September 25 th 4:30-5:30 pm

Oa. Thursday, September 25th, the Leader of the Official Opposition will be giving an address at the Victoria Convention Centre at 11:10 am.

Local governments often serve as the primary interface for our shared constituents, adeptly addressing their needs. Your capacity to respond effectively during crises and maintain consistent, high-quality daily services is fundamental to the well-being of British Columbians. Your commitment to enhancing your communities is commendable, and as the Official Opposition we are dedicated to ensuring government accountability and advocating for the provincial resources necessary to support your delivery of essential services.

In keeping with the 2025 UBCM Convention theme of *Charting the Course*, I hope each of you will take the time to connect with Official Opposition MLAs during the UBCM Convention so we can speak directly, discuss the shifting challenges our communities face and act collaboratively on solutions.

Sincerely,


TONY LUCK, MLA
OFFICIAL OPPOSITION CRITIC FOR MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.



Re: WaCanID Bike Ride

From WACANID <wacanidride@gmail.com>
 Date Tue 8/12/2025 10:20 AM
 To Bev Caldwell <Bev.Caldwell@creston.ca>

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Hi Bev,

Thank you for asking for more information about the bicycle ride through Creston. Our riders will be in Creston on Thursday, September 11 - Friday, September 12. Below are some additional details:

- Thursday, September 11
 - Bicyclists will begin their ride at 8:00 AM in Nelson and will make their way to Creston later that morning and afternoon.
 - For details about the day's ride, please see: <https://www.wacanid.org/day-4/>
 - For details about the route, please see: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41372521>
 - Bicyclists will spend the evening in the Creston locations listed here: <https://www.wacanid.org/map-faq/wacanid-accomodations/>
- Friday, September 12
 - Bicyclists will begin departing Creston at 8:00 AM as they ride toward Sandpoint, ID
 - For details about the day's ride, please see: <https://www.wacanid.org/day-5/>
 - For details about the route, please see: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51748551>

Please let me know if you have any other questions. We appreciate your support!

Donna Molvik
 WaCanId

On Jul 22, 2025, at 9:22 AM, Bev Caldwell <Bev.Caldwell@creston.ca> wrote:

Thank you Amanda. We hope the weather will cooperate with your planned bicycle tour through Washington, Canada and Idaho in September. Do you plan in stopping for long in Creston, BC on your way through?

Please let me know a little more of your schedule and time line plans for this part of your journey.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Bev Caldwell
 Interim Corporate Officer
 Town of Creston

From: WaCanId Donna Molvik <wacanidride@gmail.com>
Sent: July 18, 2025 1:58 PM
To: ToC Info <info@creston.ca>
Subject: WaCanID Bike Ride

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Hello,

I hope all is well with you! I am reaching out on behalf of the WaCanID ride team! The WaCanId is an annual Rotarian supported, bicycle tour taking cyclists on paved roads encircling the Selkirk Mountains of Washington, Canada and Idaho.

This year the ride runs from September 8th to 13th, and I am emailing to let you know that it will come through Creston on September 11th to September 12th. The ride currently has 42 riders registered.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to check out our website (<https://www.wacanid.org/>), reach out to this email, or call (509) 671-3194!

Thank you,
Amanda

Bev Caldwell

From: ToC Info
Sent: July 18, 2025 3:49 PM
To: Marsha Neufeld; Kirsten Dunbar; Bev Caldwell
Subject: FW: WaCanID Bike Ride

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Thank you,
Amanda

Bev Caldwell

From: ToC Info
Sent: August 13, 2025 4:29 PM
To: Bev Caldwell
Subject: FW: Support for Coaches Week Sept 2025 in Creston – Proclamation Request

From: PacificSport Columbia Basin <columbiabasin@pacificsport.com>
Sent: August 13, 2025 4:15 PM
To: Arnold DeBoon <Arnold.DeBoon@creston.ca>; ToC Info <info@creston.ca>
Cc: James Brotherhood <jbrotherhood@pacificsport.com>
Subject: Support for Coaches Week Sept 2025 in Creston – Proclamation Request

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Dear Mayor DeBoon

On behalf of PacificSport Columbia Basin, I am writing to you today to request that you issue an official public proclamation recognizing National Coaches Week from September 15th to 21st, 2025 in our community.

National Coaches Week will put a spotlight on coaches and give this, largely volunteer, integral part of Canadian sport a thanks. National Coaches Week encourages Canadians to say thanks and to celebrate the tremendous positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities.

60% of children and youth in Creston participate in sport programs at least weekly, much higher than the provincial average of 53%. This means that in your city, a higher proportion of people are also stepping up to coach and support the multi-faceted development of the youth in your community, leading to a safer, healthier and more connected community. Please help recognize these citizens with a public proclamation of National Coaches Week, and utilizing community assets say a public thank-you.

More information on **National Coaches Week** is available at www.coach.ca/nationalcoachesweek.

For your convenience, a sample proclamation is included at the end of this email that can be adapted to suit your office's style and format. If approved, we would appreciate it if your office could arrange a photo opportunity with the proclamation so we can share this recognition with the community.

Mayor DeBoon, thank you in advance for your consideration and support for Columbia Basin coaches.

I look forward to following up with your office in the next few days.

Sincerely,

James Brotherhood
Executive Director

PacificSport Columbia Basin
www.pacificsportcolumbiabasin.com
jbrotherhood@pacificsport.com

2025 MAYORAL Proclamation Sample - Coaches Week September 15-21st, 2025

WHEREAS: From September 15th to 21st, 2025, communities across Canada will join together to recognize National Coaches Week; and

WHEREAS: The goal of the week is to celebrate the tremendous positive impact coaches have on sport participants and their communities; and

WHEREAS: During the week, thousands of coaches will receive a #ThanksCoach message and be invited to participate in various celebratory events including free online clinics and virtual workshops; and

WHEREAS: Coaches will receive recognition for the time they devote to ensuring Canadians live active healthy lifestyles; and

THEREFORE, I, Mayor DeBoon, Mayor of Creston, do hereby proclaim September 15th to 21st, 2025 as "Coaches Week" in Creston and urge all civic, social and fraternal organizations and business establishments to give this campaign the greatest possible support.

Signature:

Name:

Title:

City Seal:



CRESTON VALLEY THUNDER CATS GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

To Our Valued Sponsors and Donors,

We are proud to announce our **Annual Creston Valley Thunder Cats Golf Tournament** – the cornerstone event that powers everything we do as a **Junior A Tier 2 Hockey Club**. This isn't just another tournament, it's the foundation to the success of our season. This event wouldn't be possible without our sponsors, donors or community partners support, which we are deeply grateful for! The event is taking place on **Saturday, August 30th** at the **Creston Golf Club** – marking our 16th year!

◆ Why Your Support Matters

Our players train hard, represent our community with pride, and develop life skill that go far beyond the rink! But it all depends on the support of people like you. The fund raised through this event helps cover:

- Ice time and equipment
- Travel expenses
- Player development programs
- Team operations and facilities



How You Can Help

- **Major Sponsor - \$400.00** (or more and we will advertise your business at the entrance of the golf club).
- **Hole Sponsor - \$250.00** (we will post your business advertising at one of the 18 holes on the Creston Golf course).
- **Prize Donations** (raffle items, gift cards or service – donate a set of 4 prizes of equal value; these prizes will be awarded to winning teams or for raffle items. We will highlight your generous donation at the award presentation dinner).
- **Golf Teams/Participation** (register a team and enjoy a full day of golf and fun – cost to register is **\$85.00** for members with paid green fees, and **\$95.00** for non-members/members who have not paid green fees. Enter as an individual or as a team (maximum 4 players per team) Enrolling for the tournament must be done through the Creston Golf Club (telephone 250-428-5515 or 1-888-928-2582. Deadline is **August 15, 2025**).
- **Cash Contributions** (these donations will be used for special prizes and to help cover the costs associated with the golf tournament).

As a supporter, your name, or business will be featured in:

- Event signage
- Social Media
- Team communications
- Website
- On-course recognition and shout outs.



This Is More Than a Game

This tournament isn't just a day of golf – it's what make our entire season possible. Without your support, our ability to compete, grow, and represent our community would be at serious risk. Let's "Rally the Valley" and build something great – together.

To get involved, please contact.

- Golf-tournament@crestonvalleythundercats.com
- Telephone 236-800-4273.

Thank you for believing in our players, organization and purpose. We can't wait to see you on the course!

Sincerely,

The Creston Valley Thunder Cats Board.



Bev Caldwell

From: Petra Flaa
Sent: August 18, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Bev Caldwell
Subject: Fwd: Letter of Support
Attachments: 20250818_103745.jpg

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Hi,
 I understand Kirsten is on mat leave and you are filling in. Sorry for the confusion.
 Thanks,
 Petra Flaa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Petra Flaa**
Date: Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 11:04 AM
Subject: Letter of Support
To: <kirsten.dunbar@creston.ca>, Arnold DeBoon <arnold.deboon@creston.ca>
Cc: Mechelle Ipsen

Hi,
 I was hoping I could get another letter of support for a gaming grant application. The application is due August 31 and I realize I am late in requesting it. I have attached the photograph of your letter from last year (we did not get funding from this application) and I have some suggested changes to the wording below. The funding is given out to organizations who provide local programs. We feel our ongoing endeavours plus this year's Bear Fair qualify us to be providing a program.

Thanks for your consideration and help,
 Petra Flaa

Changes to the first 2 paragraphs:

The Town of Creston is pleased to extend its support for the Trails for Creston Valley Society's (TCVS) application to the Community Gaming Grant to support their ongoing program of trail maintenance and refurbishment. The current initiative is to fix some safety problems with a local trail and develop signage for a local area trail network very close to the town of Creston. The TCVS has been working since 2014 to provide access to trails that are supported by RSCTBC, safe for all levels of visitors, and provide educational opportunities in the form of interpretive signage and informational programs.

Additionally, this funding request includes an important element to reestablish an interpretive trail originally established in the 1990s. This trail, along with another that traces part of the historical Dewdney Trail, are vital parts of our local heritage and outdoor offerings. Updating the signage for these trails will enhance educational opportunities and highlight their historical significance, improving both accessibility and the educational experience of our trail systems.



TOWN OF CRESTON

PO Box 1339, 238-10th Avenue North, Creston, BC V0B 1G0

Phone: 250-428-2214 Fax: 250-428-9164

email: info@creston.ca



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

File:

August 26, 2025

Trails for Creston Valley Society
PO Box 32
Creston, BC V0B 1G0

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Support for the Trails for Creston Valley Society Application to Community Gaming Grant

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Our community benefits significantly from the TCVS's dedication to developing and maintaining trails, which enriches the recreational opportunities available and promotes an active lifestyle among our residents and visitors throughout the seasons. For this reason, it is with enthusiasm that we support TCVS's efforts to secure the necessary funding for these projects. The Town is confident that these enhancements will contribute positively to our community's outdoor engagement and historical appreciation.

Sincerely,

Arnold DeBoon
Mayor

/bjc

Bev Caldwell

From: Arnold DeBoon
Sent: August 14, 2025 10:10 AM
To: Bev Caldwell
Cc: Mike Moore
Subject: Fw: Life-long Kimberley resident requests community-wide speed reduction - Kimberley Bulletin

Correspondence for our next agenda please.

From: Greg Snider <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 12:57 AM
To: Arnold DeBoon <Arnold.DeBoon@creston.ca>
Subject: Life-long Kimberley resident requests community-wide speed reduction - Kimberley Bulletin

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Good day Arnold,

Please read the link below. In my opinion, this makes a lot of sense for Creston too...I think it would garner widespread support from citizens.

My wife and I walk a lot all around town and when I see for example a loaded ore truck at speed limit in the downtown core, there is no way that vehicle can react and stop for an emergency. In congested times, traffic tends to adhere more to reasonable speeds but emptier streets not so much, especially coming down the hill past DQ and if the traffic light is green at Petrocan coming into the downtown core.

In addition there could be more stringent enforcement of existing speed limits. Bordering Centennial Park for example where we live, the signs are small and inconspicuous. But this alone is not the problem. Commuters use this route, 8 and 9 Aves S to transit from downtown to Erickson and especially heading south on 8th Ave S, when some cars turn onto 8th, I personally witness it almost daily, enough cars to note "flooring it" to as close to Erickson as they can and still stop at the sign. Your traffic guys put up a device to detect speed yet did nothing to rectify this(in speedbumps). The decision not to do anything as a deterrent was made because it was not deemed "necessary". My wife and I, along with other neighbors disagreed with their decision then and still do now as only a few egregious speeders can injure or kill in a heavily used park area like Centennial.

And to make matters more tenuous there is no sidewalk bordering some streets bordering the park! After reading this article by a concerned Kimberley resident(re his community), it prompted me to reach out on this matter in respect to Creston.

Finally, Erickson is posted at 50 kmph, yet I'll bet some cars do 80 at times. And seldom do you see law enforcement doing speed checks here. I have even been passed by another car recently while doing the speed limit myself. Please don't take my comments just as a gripe, but rather I intend this to be as for the benefit of the safety of others including pedestrians, park users or cyclists.

Regards, Greg Snider, [REDACTED]

Life-long Kimberley resident requests community-wide speed reduction - Kimberley Bulletin
<https://share.google/JhuqYkhwyJrvGRaW7>

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

Life-long Kimberley resident requests community-wide speed reduction

Leonard Jacques wants to see Kimberley's speed limits reduced on all streets except the highway.

[Paul Rodgers](#) Aug 12, 2025 12:46 PM



The Speedwatch Program in Kimberley. One Kimberley resident is hoping to see the city's speed limits reduced. Bulletin file.

Life-long Kimberley resident Leonard Jacques presented to Kimberley City Council at their meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, proposing a community-wide speed reduction.

"As a resident of Kimberley going back to the mid-50s and growing up in Marysville in a much slower time, I still recall a time when it felt like a much safer place to move about the community," Jacques said. "Parents were much more at ease, allowing their children out in the community to live a life that we all look for.

"Yes the world has changed in so many ways, over those many years. Our population is much larger now than it was back then, but that's not to say that we're not a smarter society. We are, though, capable of making better decisions that affect us all in our day-to-day."

He added that although there have been numerous advancements in road safety, such as airbags and seat belts, many drivers are "getting complacent" and "in a hurry to get from here to there," citing speeding, using cell phones and a lack of care at stop signs, intersections and crosswalks as examples.

Jacques, who for several years has been involved in the Speed Watch Program, said he's noticed that when out in the community with the radar equipment there are individuals who only slow down when they see their speed on the monitor and it appears the attendee is writing something down about them, adding there's been others who maintain speed and wave, "as if to snub [them]."

That said, he added the majority of the community's motorists "play by the rules" and follow posted speed limits.

Jacques said he met with Ingrid Brakop, Road Safety and Community Coordinator with ICBC, through whom he was able to garner much of the information in his presentation.

This included the fatality rates for vehicle-pedestrian collisions at different speeds.

Jacques said if someone is struck by a vehicle the survivability rates rise from 20 per cent at 50 kilometres per hour to 90 per cent at 30 kilometres per hour.

"I personally am all about the 90 per cent," he said, adding for every one kilometre rise in the speed there is typically a three per cent rise in injuries in an accident. "Not something any of us want to hear about or, heaven forbid, be a part of, but studies have all taken place for only one reason and is that is that they have happened and they will happen again."

Another reason he cited is that Kimberley is "a community of outdoorsy people," and he feels that in order to maintain that, the streets need to be available to residents and visitors.

He hopes to see Kimberley's speed limits, with the exception of the highway, be changed to 40 kilometres per hour said the Kimberley RCMP has told him they would help enforce those limits. He also said Kimberley would be far from the first to implement this, citing Fernie and Sparwood in our local area, as well as places like Saanich, Courtenay and Squamish, plus 25 neighbourhoods in Vancouver. Calgary, Edmonton, Leduc and other Alberta towns have also implemented that limit in residential neighbourhoods.

He listed the high cost of adding signage, driver frustration, drivers ignoring the new limits and difficulty in enforcement as arguments against the change.

Councillor Jason McBain asked Jacques to clarify if he is hoping to see speed limits reduced on only residential streets, or arterial streets such as Rotary and Knighton as well.

Jacques said his goal would be to see all streets' speeds reduced except the highway, which the municipality doesn't control.

Councillor Sue Cairns said she has found the recent levels of traffic in Kimberley "shocking" and that a lower speed limit, especially in residential neighbourhoods, has a lot of benefits and said she'd be in support of a 30-kilometre zone in residential areas and the downtown core.

Councillor Diana Fox said she would also support seeing the limit dropped to 30 and would like to see Kimberley's streets safer, adding sometimes it can be "really scary just trying to cross the streets."

"I don't see anything controversial about it, a lot of municipalities are doing it," Fox said.

Mayor Don McCormick added that coincidentally the Streets and Traffic Bylaw is currently open for review, which is where consideration for this would fall.

"What we can do is refer this back to staff to have this added to that analysis," he said.

Bev Caldwell

From: Arnold DeBoon
Sent: August 14, 2025 10:11 AM
To: Bev Caldwell
Cc: Mike Moore
Subject: Fw: Speed limits in Creston

Also correspondence for the next agenda please.

From: Art Lashbrook [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 7:17 AM
To: Arnold DeBoon <Arnold.DeBoon@creston.ca>
Cc: Greg Snider [REDACTED]
Subject: Speed limits in Creston

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Hi Arnie,

Having read the article from the Kimberley resident regarding speed limits within his town, I'd like to add my two cents worth as well.

Since moving to Creston in 2008, we have witnessed a huge increase in motor vehicle traffic. One of the biggest concerns is seeing the increase of trucks and cars on Northwest boulevard. It terrifies us to even think about riding our bikes on that street. Especially when the risk of being smacked by a 100,000 pound logging truck. It was only a few weeks ago that scenario unfolded just at the eastern edge of town where a load of logs crushed a truck and passersby didn't even know there was a truck pinned under the logs. One can only imagine that scenario unfolding in town due to an emergency stop or swerve by a truck to avoid hitting someone. Don't take my word for it. Set up a camera on Erickson back road or Northwest Boulevard and watch for yourself the amount of massive truckloads that roll through town. Just a few weeks ago, I tried to turn onto Northwest Blvd from Payne street and it was around 3:30 pm. The amount of continuous traffic flow was so heavy that I waited nearly 10 minutes before I was able to make the left turn. One solution for this single problem would be to install a stop light at the A&W intersection. At least that would be a significant help to reducing continuous traffic flow on NW Blvd. I've heard from numerous people that must use Payne street on a daily basis, that in order to turn south onto NW Blvd, they will actually turn north first and then make a U turn at the Seven 11 store.

Overall, the greatest threat to safety of pedestrians and cyclists in town are the movement of huge trucks. The longer this goes unchecked, the closer Creston is to having a major accident resulting in serious damages or even death. The liability fallout of such an occurrence against the town would be monumental. As you know, that translates to a tax hike on every person in Creston.

Perhaps consider posting a request for feedback from people for ideas or solutions to fix these problems now before it's too late.

Sincerely

Art Lashbrook



OMBUDSPERSON BRITISH COLUMBIA

The *Ombudsperson Act* requires that investigations be conducted in private. Ombudsperson investigation documents are not available through the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and may be subject to rules preventing their use in court and tribunal proceedings. **Please contact the Office of the Ombudsperson before disclosing this document, or any responses, to any third parties.**

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AUG 11 2025

TOWN OF CRESTON

June 30, 2025

Mayor Arnold DeBoon

Town of Creston
PO BOX 1339
CRESTON BC V0B 1G0

Dear Mayor Arnold DeBoon:

Re: Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report: October 1 - December 31, 2024

This package of documents details the complaint files the Office of the Ombudsperson closed for Town of Creston between October 1 and December 31, 2024. Though no action is required on your part, we hope that you will find this information useful and share it within your organization.

These reports provide information about the complaint files we closed regarding your organization within the last quarter, including both files we investigated and files we closed without investigation. Files currently open with the office are not included in these reports.

If you would like further information about the complaints our office received about your organization, or you have identified inaccuracies in the data, please contact our office's Policy, Research and Continuous Improvement team. They can provide further details upon request and can be reached at PRCI@bcombudsperson.ca or by phone at 250-953-4171.

Enclosed you will find detailed reports containing the following:

- A one-page report listing the number of files closed and the category under which they were closed. The categories we use to close files are based on the sections of the *Ombudsperson Act*, which gives the Ombudsperson the authority to investigate complaints from the public regarding authorities under our jurisdiction. A more detailed description of our closing categories is available on our website at: <https://bcombudsperson.ca/assets/media/QR-Glossary.pdf>.
- If applicable: Copies of closing summaries written about the complaint files we investigated. These summaries provide an overview of the complaint received, our investigation and the outcome. Our office produces closing summaries for investigated files only, and not for enquiries or those complaints we chose not to investigate.

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- If applicable: A summary of the topics identified in the complaint files closed during the quarter. We track general complaint topics for all complaints we receive, and when applicable, we include authority-specific and/or sector-specific topics for your organization and/or sector. Our office tracks the topics of complaints we investigate and those we close without investigation, but not for enquiries. Because complaints to our office are confidential, we do not share complaint topic information if we received too few complaints to preserve the complainants' anonymity.

If you wish to update your organization's contact information, please contact us by email at info@bcombudsperson.ca.

To learn more about educational opportunities on administrative fairness provided by our office, or if you wish to consult with our office to enhance fairness within your organization's policies or procedures, our Public Authority Consultation and Training (PACT) Team can assist you. Please contact them by email at consult@bcombudsperson.ca or by phone at 250-508-2950.

Yours sincerely,



Jay Chalke
Ombudsperson
Province of British Columbia

Enclosures



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Quarterly Report for 1 October - 31 December, 2024
Town of Creston

Type of complaint closure for Authority: Town of Creston	# closed
Enquiries – Many people who contact us are not calling to make a complaint, but are seeking information or advice. These contacts are classified as <i>Enquiries</i> to distinguish them from <i>Complaints</i> , which are requests that our office conduct an investigation.	0
Complaints with No Investigation – Our office does not investigate every complaint it receives. First, we determine whether we have authority to investigate the complaint under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> . We also have discretion to decline to investigate for other reasons specified in the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> .	0
Early Resolution Investigations – Early Resolution investigations provide an expedited process for dealing with complaints when it appears that an opportunity exists for the authority to take immediate action to resolve the issue. Typical issues that are addressed through Early Resolution include timeliness, communication, and opportunities for internal review.	0
Complaint Investigations – When we investigate a complaint we may conclude with a determination that a complaint is not substantiated, or with a negotiated settlement of the complaint, or with public findings and recommendations. We may also exercise discretion to cease investigation for a number of other reasons specified in the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> .	1
<i>Reason for closing an Investigation</i>	
Pre-empted by existing statutory right of appeal, objection or review.	0
Investigation ceased with no formal findings under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> .	
More than one year between event and complaint	0
Insufficient personal interest	0
Available remedy	0
Frivolous/vexatious/trivial matter	0

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Can consider without further investigation	0
No benefit to complainant or person aggrieved	0
Complaint abandoned	0
Complaint withdrawn	0
Complaint settled in consultation with the authority – When an investigation leads us to conclude that action is required to resolve the complaint, we try to achieve that resolution by obtaining the voluntary agreement of the authority to settle the complaint. This allows matters to be resolved fairly for the complainant and authority without requiring a formal finding of maladministration.	1
Complaint substantiated with formal findings under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> .	0
Complaint not substantiated under the <i>Ombudsperson Act</i> .	0
Ombudsperson Initiated Investigations – The Ombudsperson has the authority to initiate investigations independently from our process for responding to complaints from the public. These investigations may be ceased at the discretion of the Ombudsperson or concluded with formal findings and recommendations.	0



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Investigations Closed from 1 October - 31 December, 2024
Town of Creston

The *Ombudsperson Act* requires that investigations be conducted in private. Ombudsperson investigation documents are not available through the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and may be subject to rules preventing their use in court and tribunal proceedings. **Please contact the Office of the Ombudsperson before disclosing this document, or any responses, to any third parties.**

Closing Summary Index

Closing summaries are provided for all investigated files closed in each quarter. Identifying information is removed from the closing summary itself to allow for broader distribution within your organization for quality improvement purposes without disclosing personal information. The table below provides an index of these investigated files and lists the file number, closing date and authority contact involved. Files closed under our Early Resolution Program are also identified. This identifying information is provided separately to assist you in following up on individual files with involved staff as needed.

File Number	Authority	Authority Contact	ER file
24-000983 / 001	Town of Creston	Michael Moore	

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Investigations Closed from 1 October - 31 December, 2024
Town of Creston

Closing Summary

Authority:	Town of Creston
File Number:	24-000983 / 001
Closing Date:	19-Nov-2024
Closing Status:	<i>Complaint settled under s. 14 (s. 13(i))</i>
General Complaint Topics:	Administrative Error, Disagreement with Decision or Outcome, Process or Procedure
Authority-specific Complaint Topics:	All Local Government / Bylaw Enforcement, Fees/Charges (incl. Taxes)
Closing Summary:	<p>A Property Owner living out-of-province complained to our office that they had received an invoice from the Town for maintenance reportedly carried out on the Property Owner's vacant lot in the Town (the "Property"). However, the before and after photographs accompanying the invoice were of a different lot owned by somebody else.</p> <p>The Property Owner reportedly asked an agent to follow-up with the Town to clarify the misunderstanding, and did not hear anything further. The Property Owner therefore believed the invoice to have been cancelled. However, upon contacting the Town in relation to a different matter many months later, the Property Owner was told that the invoice was still outstanding and that he was required to pay it.</p> <p>The Property Owner paid the invoice in order to avoid negative impacts to their taxes and/or credit score, and then contacted our office to allege that the Town had improperly invoiced him for work that was not carried out on his property.</p>

Upon investigating, we were concerned that the Town's administration of its Property Maintenance Bylaw may have been unfair to the Property Owner.



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The Town advised us that they had received a bylaw complaint about the Property not being maintained. The Town sent the Property Owner a warning letter pursuant to its Property Maintenance Bylaw stipulating that the Property was to be maintained within fourteen business days, failing which the Town could complete the work at the Owner's expense and charge them an extra 20% administration fee pursuant to section 17 of the Community Charter.

The Property Owner did not respond to the warning letter, so the Town hired a contractor (the "Contractor") to bring the Property into compliance. The Contractor was expected to provide the Town with the start and end times of the job and before and after colour pictures of the property. The Town's records showed that the Contractor reported the work as completed and provided the Town with the two pictures of the incorrect lot that were eventually sent to the Property Owner along with the Invoice.

The Town realized that the wrong lot had been serviced a few days later. At that time, the Town contacted the Contractor and reached an agreement for them to service the correct Property for the same cost. The Town did not have a satisfactory explanation as to why they proceeded in this manner.

We were concerned that this was an administrative misstep on the part of the Town that unfairly prejudiced the Property Owner, since the total fee was calculated on an hourly basis. It seemed unfair for the Town to charge them the original amount, calculated based on work done on the wrong lot, instead of simply calculating the correct cost at the correct hourly rate. If a municipality undertakes work on a person's property pursuant to section 17 of the Community Charter, it is reasonable for the person to expect a detailed explanation of how the cost was reached with specific reference to the work that was completed. In the Property Owner's case, not only were they not provided any evidence that the work was actually completed, but the cost was explicitly calculated based on work done on a different property.

We therefore thought the Property Owner's concerns were valid, and that the Town's decision to invoice you \$1506.00 based on work done on the wrong lot did not appear to be based on the provisions of the Town's Property Maintenance Bylaw or the



Community Charter, and appeared to have been arbitrary, unreasonable, and ultimately unfair in the circumstances.

We were also somewhat concerned by the email correspondence between the Property Owner and the Town. Specifically, in a number of emails a Town employee mistakenly referred the Property Owner to the “bylaw notice” mechanism described in the Property Maintenance Bylaw, and to a “bylaw dispute form” that they reportedly sent the Owner. However, the Property Owner was never sent a bylaw notice or bylaw dispute form; rather than proceeding via bylaw notice, the Town had instead proceeded via direct enforcement under section 17 of the Community Charter.

On that basis we were concerned that there may be an ongoing misunderstanding on the part of Town staff about the bylaw enforcement schemes described in the Property Maintenance Bylaw. Administrative decision-makers and staff are expected to have a comprehensive understanding of the legislation, bylaws, and/or policies they are tasked with administering.

In response to these concerns, the Town agreed to take the following actions:

Immediately paying the Property Owner, on an ex gratia basis, a one-time lump sum of \$1,373.68;

2. Immediately sending the Property Owner a letter apologizing for the administrative errors that occurred, namely the absence of before and after photos of his property and not having the property properly quoted out.

3. Providing additional training to Town bylaw staff on the differences between the two enforcement mechanisms described in the Town’s Property Maintenance Bylaw No. 1813, 2015.

The sum of \$1373.68 was reached by subtracting the Property Owner’s alleged typical rate of \$157.00 for clearing the Property from the total \$1531.18 that they originally paid to the Town.

Given that the Town had agreed to take steps to remedy our fairness concerns, we ended our investigation and closed the file.



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Complaints Closed from 1 October - 31 December, 2024
Town of Creston

The tables below summarize the complaint topics we are tracking for your sector and/or authority and the number of times this topic was identified in the files (investigated and non-investigated complaints) that were closed in the most recent quarter.

If you would like more information on the types of complaints we receive, please contact our Public Authority Consultation and Training Team: email us at consult@bcombudsperson.ca or call us at 250-508-2950.

Sector-Specific Complaint Topics – All Local Government

Business Licensing	6	4%
Bylaw Enforcement	46	28%
Council Member Conduct (incl. Conflict of Interest)	21	13%
Fees/Charges (incl. Taxes)	16	10%
Official Community Plan/Zoning/Development	26	16%
Open Meetings	4	2%
Other	30	19%
Response to Damages Claim	6	4%
Services (incl. Garbage, Sewer, Water)	7	4%

General Complaint Topics – All Local Government

Accessibility	4	1%
Administrative Error	11	4%
Communication	48	18%
Delay	19	7%
Disagreement with Decision or Outcome	74	27%
Discrimination	3	1%
Employment or Labour Relations	4	1%

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Other	8	3%
Process or Procedure	58	21%
Review or Appeal Process	7	3%
Treatment by Staff	37	14%

Collaborative, upfront approach to public safety will benefit people in Creston

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/32672>

AUG. 15, 2025
SITUATION TABLE
PRESS RELEASE

People in Creston will be better served by a collaborative approach to complex social challenges that will deliver faster access to services for people at risk through the establishment of a situation table.

Situation tables gather front-line workers from the public safety, health and social service sectors to identify high-risk individuals and rapidly connect them to services and support they need, before they experience a negative or traumatic event.

“Situation tables ensure that people remain at the centre of our work in building and promoting safer, stronger communities,” said Nina Krieger, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “By combining the expertise of front-line workers, situation tables enhance our capacity to respond to emerging public-safety challenges, keeping people safe by swiftly connecting individuals to essential services when they need them.”

The Province currently has 37 situation tables operating in communities throughout B.C. The Creston table is expected to complete its training and onboarding in the coming months. The partners will meet weekly to address issues pertaining to their community, such as mental health and addictions, homelessness, poverty and survival crime.

“Situation tables are a valuable resource for communities by proactively facilitating supports for vulnerable people by helping to address their needs before a crisis occurs,” said Brittny Anderson, MLA for Kootenay Central. “As we’ve seen in other communities, situation tables have led to many positive outcomes, enhancing the safety and well-being of its residents, and I’m grateful to see this initiative come to Creston.” The model provides a structured, collaborative approach to managing complex or urgent circumstances by bringing together key groups and using systematic processes to reduce risk and develop action plans to respond more effectively and efficiently to the needs of each individual. Furthermore, data analysis helps policymakers assess gaps and risks in their local communities.

The tables are considered a best practice for improving community safety and well-being by enabling community front-line workers to:

- proactively identify risks through real-time information sharing;
- reduce long-term demand on emergency and police resources;
- leverage and co-ordinate existing community assets and relationships between health supports, victim services and culturally safe support and services;
- plan and deliver collaborative interventions before an incident occurs; and
- reduce increased risk in people’s lives.

The Province is supporting the Town of Creston with a \$50,000 grant to assist with implementation. Since 2018, more than \$3.4 million has been provided in grants to B.C. regions and communities to facilitate local situation tables, intervention circles and other related initiatives. There are 51 funded situation tables and intervention circles in B.C. Thirty-eight of those are operational and another 13 are under implementation.

Situation tables are advancing the Province’s work of building safe, healthy communities for everyone. The tables build on the programs and services the Province has undertaken or implemented to strengthen enforcement to break the cycle of violence and crime, and to strengthen services to keep communities safe and healthy.

Quote:**Arnold DeBoon, mayor of Creston –**

“We are deeply grateful for the grant funding that has been provided by the Collaborative Public Safety Programs with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to establish a situation table in Creston. This support allows our local front-line service agencies to come together, receive specialized training and respond quickly to community-safety challenges. By working collaboratively, a situation table will allow us to quickly connect our most vulnerable residents to the right resources early, with the goal of mitigating further harm and victimization before situations escalate.”

Learn More:

For more information about situation tables, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/collaborative-public-safety-program/situation-tables>

For more information about ways the Province is making communities safer for everyone, visit: <https://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/safer-communities/>

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The B.C. Public Service acknowledges the territories of First Nations around B.C. and is grateful to carry out our work on these lands. We acknowledge the rights, interests, priorities, and concerns of all Indigenous Peoples - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit - respecting and acknowledging their distinct cultures, histories, rights, laws, and governments.



Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making

WHEREAS rural and resource-based communities continue to be a significant economic driver in both rural and urban areas across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS communities throughout British Columbia are experiencing job losses and heightened economic challenges arising from trade uncertainties, and provincial legislation and policies that disproportionately affect resource industries such as forestry, mining, energy, and aquaculture;

AND WHEREAS these communities are integral to the provincial economy, contributing substantially to British Columbia's GDP, employment, and export revenues, while sustaining the economic vitality of urban centres through interconnected supply chains, workforce migration, and complementary industries;

AND WHEREAS current provincial decision-making processes frequently lack adequate representation and consultation with rural and resource-based communities, leading to policies that may inadvertently jeopardize the sustainability, cohesiveness and resilience of these regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to formally recognize the critical economic contributions of rural and resource-based communities and to ensure their meaningful inclusion in the development of legislation, regulations, and economic strategies that impact resource industries by:

- Prioritizing economically viable access to resources;
- Supporting innovation within each sector to foster sustainable growth and enhance competitiveness;
- Actively engaging with each resource sector and its stakeholders to comprehensively understand their unique challenges and opportunities; and
- Take decisive action to amend policies and legislation based on the unique challenges and opportunities identified
- Removing restrictive legislation on resource sector industries.



UBCM Member Municipalities
Via Email

August 8, 2025

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

**Re: Request for Support and Endorsement – UBCM Resolution on Emergency Water
Treatment Plants**

On behalf of the Council of the Village of Lions Bay, we are seeking your support and endorsement for an important resolution that will be presented at the upcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. This resolution advocates for provincial investment in emergency portable water treatment plants to safeguard the drinking water of small communities facing wildfire-related contamination.

Background

Communities adjacent to forests, that rely on a watershed for drinking water, such as Lions Bay are particularly vulnerable to the increasing frequency and severity of wildfires. These fires introduce ash, sediment, and other pollutants into watersheds, often rendering drinking water sources unsafe for extended periods. Unfortunately, the infrastructure required to address such contamination—advanced filtration and treatment systems—is prohibitively expensive for small municipalities to construct and maintain. As a result, small communities affected by wildfires may face prolonged disruptions to their water supply, posing serious public health and sustainability risks.

To mitigate this growing threat, the Village of Lions Bay is calling on the Province of British Columbia to acquire and maintain one to three skid-mounted, 500,000-gallon-per-day (GPD) portable potable water treatment plants. These units would be held in reserve and deployed as needed to communities experiencing significant water contamination following a wildfire or other disasters. This proactive measure would provide critical emergency response capacity and ensure that small communities are not left struggling to restore safe drinking water in the wake of a crisis.

UBCM Resolution

The following resolution will be presented at UBCM, and we respectfully request your Council's support and endorsement:



WHEREAS forested-watershed communities face increasing risks of wildfire-related contamination of their drinking water sources due to the increasing impacts associated with climate change, with wildfires introducing ash, sediment, and other pollutants that can render water supplies unusable for extended periods;

AND WHEREAS the cost of advanced water treatment infrastructure required to address such contamination far exceeds the financial capacity of small communities, leaving them vulnerable to prolonged water supply disruptions that pose significant public health and community sustainability risks:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) request that the Province of British Columbia acquire and maintain one to three skid-mounted, 500,000-gallon-per-day (GPD) portable water treatment plants to be held in reserve for emergency deployment to communities experiencing significant wildfire-related water contamination, ensuring rapid response and long-term water security for vulnerable communities.

Request for Support

We kindly ask your municipality to consider endorsing this resolution and lending your voice to this urgent issue. Your formal support will strengthen our collective advocacy efforts and help demonstrate to the Province the widespread need for proactive emergency water treatment solutions in British Columbia.

If your Council passes a resolution of endorsement, please notify us at office@lionsbay.ca so we can include your municipality in our advocacy efforts leading up to the UBCM Convention.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your support in ensuring that small communities across B.C. have the resources necessary to maintain safe drinking water in the face of growing wildfire risks.

Sincerely,
Councillor Neville Abbott, Infrastructure Committee Chair,
On behalf of Village of Lions Bay Council
council@lionsbay.ca
(604) 921-9333

Chelsey Grunewald

Date

Town Of Creston
Council
Town Hall
238 10th Ave N
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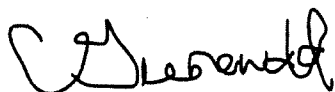
Dear Town Of Creston:

Thank you from the U15 Creston Valley Attack team. The grant that we received from the Town of Creston went towards paying for 15 players hotel fees in Kitimat BC, where we were representing Creston in the U15 Hockey Provincials.

I have attached our Hotel fees for our U15 team. I have also attached some of the pictures from our trip back in March.

We truly appreciate the discretionary grant that was provided to our team, if there is anything else that is required for the final project please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Grunewald', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chelsey Grunewald Manager of U15 Creston Attack

The **2025 Terry Fox Run** takes place on Sunday, September 14th, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

