

TOWN OF CRESTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 4:00 PM
Council Chambers, 238-10th Avenue North, Creston, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Arnold DeBoon
Councillor Keith Baldwin
Councillor Monique Arès
Councillor Denise Dumas
Councillor Carolyn Hawton
Councillor Megan Holland

REGRETS: Councillor Norm Eisler

STAFF: Mike Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
Kirsten Dunbar, Corporate Officer
Marsha Neufeld, Executive Assistant, Human Resources

GALLERY: Jessica Piccinin, CV Chamber, Allan Clement

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 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 nu?kiy within the Ktunaxa Nations.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #: 375-24

Moved by Councillor Arès
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT Council ADOPTS the Regular Council Agenda of August 27, 2024, as amended with the addition of a Community Development Grant Application from Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association. MOTION CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2024

Resolution #: 376-24

Moved by Councillor Arès
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT Council ADOPTS the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 13, 2024. MOTION CARRIED

5. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- The Mayor reported on his attendance at a Joint Resource Recovery Meeting, a Regional District of Central Kootenay Board Meeting, and a Chamber of Commerce Meeting regarding a permanent shelter.
- Councillor Baldwin reported on his attendance at a Kootenay East Regional Hospital District Meeting and a Creston Community Forest Meeting.

Resolution #: 377-24

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Holland

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- a. Motion to Convene Committee of the Whole Meeting

Resolution #: 378-24

Moved by Councillor Arès
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

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

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Delegations

1. Empoweredlives Kootenay Women in Business, Lynn Hiscoe, regarding the Kootenay Women in Business Summit

Lynne Hiscoe, CEO of emPoweredlives, was welcomed to the Regular Council meeting at 4:03 pm.

L. Hiscoe introduced Kootenay Women in Business Summit, taking place Thursday and Friday September 19-20, 2024, which is specifically designed for female entrepreneurs, creatives and women in business. She noted the conference showcases a series of speakers and highlights popular tourism locations within the Creston Valley. L. Hiscoe requested Council sponsorship of the event.

Council thanked her for her presentation noting her request would be considered at the next Council Meeting and she left the meeting at 4:20 pm.

- c. Committee of the Whole Business

1. Empoweredlives Kootenay Women in Business, Lynn Hiscoe, regarding the Kootenay Women in Business Summit

RECOMMENDATION NO 1:

THAT the Committee of the Whole RECEIVES the delegation from Empoweredlives Kootenay Women in Business, Lynn Hiscoe.

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

Resolution #: 379-24

Moved by Councillor Arès
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT the Committee of the Whole RESOLVES to rise.

MOTION CARRIED

7. DIVISION REPORTS

- a. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

1. Request for Decision from the Corporate Officer regarding appointments to the Public Art Working Committee

Resolution #: 380-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Council APPOINTS Karl Lansing, Reuben Burns, Maggie Leal Valais, Lisa Benschop and Beth Salwell to the Public Art Working Committee;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council APPROVES an amendment to the Public Art Working Committee to revise the number of members from the Arts Community from three to four seats.

MOTION CARRIED

b. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

1. **Information Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services regarding the draft 2025 Budget Schedule**

Resolution #: 381-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT the report titled Draft 2025 Budget Schedule dated August 27, 2024 from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, be received for information. MOTION CARRIED

c. INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

d. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

e. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Nil.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Resolution #: 382-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Council ADOPTS the following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole held on August 13, 2024 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

THAT the Committee of the Whole RECEIVES the report from the Corporate Officer regarding Generative Artificial Intelligence Use Policy; AND FURTHER, THAT Council ADOPT the Generative Artificial Intelligence Use Policy (GOV-002-060).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

THAT Council DIRECT Staff to proceed with Public Notification for Development Variance Permit 24-05;

AND, FURTHER THAT, Council DIRECT Staff to present all public comments received and a draft Development Variance Permit allowing up to 4 fascia signs on the primary building located at 401 Helen Street, for Council consideration of approval at an upcoming Council Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Action Recommended

1. **RCMP Creston Detachment, request for a \$500 sponsorship of a silent auction item (Boston Bruins Bobby Orr Jersey) for Cops for Kids**

Resolution #: 383-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Holland

THAT Council AUTHORIZES the sponsorship request from the RCMP Creston Detachment for Cops in the amount of \$500 to be allocated from Council's 2024 Advertising Budget. MOTION CARRIED

2. Creston Valley Rotary Club, request for a \$750 sponsorship request for Drive Fore Rotary Fundraiser

Resolution #: 384-24

Moved by Councillor Dumas
Seconded by Councillor Arès

THAT Council AUTHORIZES the sponsorship request from Creston Valley Rotary Club in the amount of \$750.00 to be allocated from Council's 2024 Advertising Budget. MOTION CARRIED

3. Creston Valley Thundercats, request for \$1000 sponsorship for the Creston Valley Thundercats

Resolution #: 385-24

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

THAT Council AUTHORIZES annual advertising in the Creston Valley Thundercats Rink Board for a total of \$1000 to be allocated from Council's 2024 Advertising Budget. MOTION CARRIED

4. Creston Lions Club, regarding Proclamation of Creston Lions Club Day in honor of Lions Club 85th Anniversary October 24, 2024

Resolution #: 386-24

Moved by Councillor Hawton
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT the Mayor is AUTHORIZED to proclaim October 24, 2024 Creston Lions Club Day in honor of the Creston Lions Club's 85th Anniversary. MOTION CARRIED

5. Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association, Community Development Grant Application for 100 Years of Ice Sports in the Creston Valley

Resolution #: 387-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT Council APPROVES the Regional District of Central Kootenay Community Development Grant Application from Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association for the installation of a permanent exhibit in the Creston and District Community Complex in the amount of \$10,000. MOTION CARRIED

b. Receive for Information

1. BC Summer Games, regarding the 2024 BC Summer Games Participant Medal Count

Resolution #: 388-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT the correspondence from BC Summer Games, BE RECEIVED. MOTION CARRIED

10. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of the gallery.

11. RECESS AND MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING

Resolution #: 389-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Dumas

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of August 27, 2024 be recessed at 4:41 pm and by the authority of the *Community Charter*, Council move to a Closed Council Meeting with this meeting be closed from the public and/or news media pursuant to section (90)(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or other improvements.

MOTION CARRIED

12. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 5:41 pm.

13. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETING

Resolution #: 390-24

Moved by Councillor Dumas
Seconded by Councillor Hawton

THAT the report titled “Purchase of 121 Northwest Boulevard” dated August 13, 2024, from the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information;

THAT the purchase of 121 Northwest Boulevard, legally described as LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 525 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN NEP87969 EXCEPT PLAN EPP37611, for \$450,000 be approved;

AND FURTHER, THAT Staff prepare an amendment for the 2024-2028 Financial Plan which includes the capital purchase of 121 Northwest Boulevard, operational revenue and expenses for the remainder of 2024 and if required, the capital expenditure for repair or replacing the roof and presented to Council for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #: 391-24

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

THAT the Regular Council Meeting of August 27, 2024, be adjourned at 5:41 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Arnold DeBoon
Mayor

Kirsten Dunbar
Corporate Officer