



Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Special Open Meeting Minutes

8:00 a.m. PST

9:00 a.m. MST

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Creston and District Community Complex – Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
Y. Malloff	Chief Financial Officer
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services
C. Stanley	Manager of Recreation – Creston and District Community Complex
T. Dool	Research Analyst
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

Meeting Time:

8:00 a.m. PST

9:00 a.m. MST

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92632670829?pwd=VkcPYOvOWnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.1>

Join by Phone:

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Meeting ID: 926 3267 0829

Meeting Password: 430277

In-Person Location: Creston & District Community Complex - Erickson Room
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2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda for the January 30, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted with the removal of Item 8.1 Creston Valley Wind Turbine Projects before circulation.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the January 30, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted with the removal of Item 8.1 Creston Valley Wind Turbine Projects before circulation.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 9, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 CRESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WELCOME

Wendi Lengyell, from the Creston Neighbourhood Welcome presented to the Committee a request to support the gift bags for new residents to the Creston Valley to Areas A, B and C. Creston District and Community Centre and Creston Valley Public Library are also invited to advertise in the bag. The cost of the bag is \$4.50 to a maximum of thirty bags per month being handed out. Creston Neighbourhood Welcome Program would bill Regional District for the number of bags according to the number of newcomers in each Electoral Area.

The Creston Neighbourhood Welcome Program has been very well received by members in the community.

The Committee would like to know what this would look like for the Recreation Centre and Public Library to participate in the welcome bag.

Wendi answered the Committee's questions.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 2025 SUB REGIONAL DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

The 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan has been received.

Service S107 Economic Development - Area A

The Committee reviewed the S107 Economic Development budget for Area A.

- **Staff Direction:** That staff apply for a \$10,000-15,000 for community works fund to reduce the tax burden.

Service S108 Economic Development - Area B and C

The Committee reviewed the S108 Economic Development budget for Area B and C.

- **Staff Direction:** The Committee has requested a presentation for the Physician Recruitment service and how we are succeeding in this service.

Service S193 Public Library - Creston and Areas A, B and C

The Committee reviewed the S193 Public Library budget.

ORDER OF THE AGENDA CHANGED The Order of Business was changed with Item 9.1 Creston Valley Public Library considered at this time.

9.1 CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Committee reviewed the S193 Public Library - Creston and Areas A, B and C

- **Staff Direction:** that staff reduce the amount set aside for capital reserve and consider giving the reading centers a Consumer Price Index (CPI) lift.
- **Staff Direction:** the Committee requested a reduction to the 2025 draft budget by 25%, and to describe how this reduction would impact operations of the library.

ORDER OF THE AGENDA RESUMED Item 7.1 New Business was resumed at this time.

Service S240 Airport - Creston and Areas B, C and Area C

The Committee reviewed the S240 Airport budget.

Service S191 Museum and Archives - Creston and Areas B and C and Area A

The Committee reviewed the S191 Museum and Archives budget.

Service S224 Recreation Facility - Creston and Areas B, C and Area A

The Committee reviewed the S224 Recreation Facility budget.

- **Staff Direction:** That a CPI lift increase of 3.3 percent be applied to the Service S224 for accumulated surplus.

**RECESS/
RECONVENE**

The meeting recessed at 11:28 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 11:39 a.m. (MST)

ORDER OF THE AGENDA The Order of Business was changed with Item 10 considered at this time.
CHANGED

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:39 a.m.

Residents of South Goat River area inquiring if the RDCK can give some direction to disband the Goat River Resident Association. Committee advised public to read the Dike Maintenance Act and follow the policy for dissolving an Association.

A concerned citizen inquired if the RDCK has a dog control bylaw for Areas B and C.

ORDER OF THE AGENDA Item 7.1 New Business was resumed at this time.
RESUMED

Service S152 Jaws of Life - Creston and Areas A, B and C

The Committee reviewed the S152 Jaws of Life budget.

Service S201 Regional Parks - Creston and Areas B and C

The Committee reviewed the S201 Regional Parks budget.

7.2 CRESTON VALLEY TRANSIT

The Committee reviewed the S234 budget.

- **Staff Direction:** That the Creston Valley Services Committee approve the draft 2025 Financial Plan for Creston Valley Transit Service S234.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CRESTON VALLEY WIND TURBINE PROJECTS

This Item was removed from the agenda.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.2 ACTION ITEM LIST

Item #8 – Staff have reached out to Ktunaxa Nation regarding organizing a workshop on Traditional Land Use (TUS) study.

Items #3 and #11 can be removed from the Action Item List at this time.

Item #7 – Crawford Bay cemetery did not apply for the grant. Item can be removed from the Action Item List at this time.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

Arnold DeBoon, Chair