



Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 1, 2025

9:00 am PDT

Creston and District Complex – Erickson Room

312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMITTEE 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
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services
C. Stanley	Manager of Recreation – Creston and District Community Complex
S. Sudan	General Manager of Development and Community Sustainability
T. Wayling	Programming Supervisor/Community Development – Creston
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor
N. Wight	Planner Manager
R. Gaba	Planner
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

CRESTON STAFF PRESENT

M. Moore	Creston Chief Administrative Officer
D. Dumas	Creston Town Counselor
J. Riel	Creston Fire Chief

GUEST DIRECTOR

Director A. Watson	RDCK Board Chair/Electoral Area D
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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:

9:00 PDT

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: 312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

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

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

The agenda for the May 1, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The April 3, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

ORDER OF THE AGENDA CHANGED

The Order of Business was changed due to miscommunication with the delegation, Fields Forward Society, with Item 7.1 Staff Reports considered at this time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY FIRE QUARTER 1 REPORT

Jared Riel, Creston Fire Chief, presented the First Quarter Operation Report. Staffing levels for quarter one, overall strength is 77 percent. Yesterday, there was a grass fire just off Nicks Island Road. This fire has been contained, with a good response from fire services. Hydro poles, and fence sustained damage. Highway 3 was closed for a couple hours.

Creston Valley Fire Service Master Plan first draft will be available June 2025. Once the Master Plan has been finalized Chief Riel will present to the Committee.

Chief Riel answered the Committee's questions.

7.2 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX

Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, gave an overview on the Quarterly Programming Update for Creston and District Community Complex. An increase in general admission has been recorded over this quarter compared to last year. Public skate and Glow Skate have been well attended. Two new group instructors have been hired to fill in gaps for group activities.

Tia answered the Committee's questions.

7.3 FOR INFORMATION: SUB REGIONAL BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

Staff has now separated sub-regional items for Areas A, B, and C from the Board Quarterly Report for the Committee to review.

Noted: The lease agreement with the Creston Valley Public Library has been completed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON CAMPAIGN

Brenda Brucker, Secretary for the Creston Community Auditorium Society clarified information regarding the "Keeping the Lights On campaign" the Auditorium Society is running. The Auditorium Society has a goal of raising \$118,000 to upgrade the lighting system in the Auditorium, they have raised \$90,000 towards this campaign.

The Auditorium Society is having issues receiving grant money because they are the third party using the Auditorium. Also to note: the School District would own the new lighting system asset.

The Committee has requested that the Auditorium Society provide their financial records and a breakdown of the budget for the campaign.

Direction to Staff: that staff would enter a conversation with School District No. 8 regarding their policy or contribution model for the Auditorium Society and to provide their Capital Asset Management Plan for the Auditorium.

Direction to Staff: that staff confirm the “Keeping the Lights on Campaign” can be considered for the Community Works Fund or other funding sources.

Brenda answered the Committee’s questions.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: SUB-REGIONAL OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Director Vandenberghe requested a sub-regional conversation re: updating the Official Community Plan (OCP) to streamline and simplify the Area OCP’s. Uniformity is needed that will meet the *Local Government Act* and are aligned with the *Community Charter*.

This item will be added to the June CVSC agenda to allow the Committee to review specifics within each area OCP.

9.2 ACTION ITEM LIST

#1 –The Committee would ask that financial information was consistently provided in August so that the time can be taken for releasing grants, and to firmly establish service contracts with organizations.

#3 – Requesting business case/feasibility study from organizations applying for funding.

#4 - Continue conversation re: Kootenay River Secondary School auditorium contribution agreement. This item was discussed earlier in the agenda under Item 8.1.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:45 a.m.

Canada Day recommendations were brought forward from the Festival Committee. This item will be added to the June CVSC meeting.

ORDER OF AGENDA Item 6.1 Delegation: Fields Forward Society was considered at this time.
RESUMED

6. DELEGATE

6.1 DELEGATION: FIELDS FORWARD SOCIETY

The Fields Forward Society was unavailable to present due to miscommunication. The delegation will be moved to the June 5, 2025 CVSC meeting.

11. CLOSED**11.1 Meeting Closed to the Public**

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

In the opinion of the Board - and, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter – the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting;

AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

Carried

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 10:48 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved by

Arnold DeBoon, Chair