



Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:00 am PST

9:00 am MST

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
Y. Malloff	General Manager Finance, Information Technology and Procurement
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor
C. LeBlanc	Community Resilience Coordinator
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

CRESTON STAFF PRESENT

M. Moore	Creston Chief Administrative Officer
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GUESTS

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:

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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*6 to unmute or mute

*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 926 3267 0829

Meeting Password: 430277

In-Person Location: 312 19 Avenue North Creston, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Stuart Horn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

3. ELECTION OF THE CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE (CVSC) CHAIR

CAO Horn announced the nominations submitted for Director DeBoon.

The CAO called for nominations a second and third time.

No further nominations.

Director DeBoon was declared the Chair for the Creston Valley Services Committee for 2026 by acclamation.

4. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair DeBoon thanked the Committee for this nomination.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF THE CVSC MEETING

6. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the January 8, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

**FREEDOM
OF THE FLOOR**

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Freedom of the Floor be granted to Theresa Fresco.

Carried

8. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The REVISED December 4, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 STAFF REPORT: REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION FUNDING: GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN - PHASES 3 & 4 ENGAGEMENT

Staff presented a request to apply for funding to the Real Estate Foundation Funding, in anticipation of continuing work of phases 3 & 4. The request for funding is a fair representation of the work involved in phases 3 & 4 and subsequent budget.

Theresa Fresco gave a brief introduction of her work as Director of Indigenous Partnerships and Initiatives with the Fraser Basin Council (FBC). FBC aims to bring people together to advance sustainability solutions and practices. FBC places emphasis on climate change, community resilience and watershed health, which they have adopted as part of their province wide mandate.

The Committee has voiced their desire for the Council-to-Council discussions to take place as soon as possible.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That staff are to compile all information on different funding sources available for this project. Staff to provide funding and funder options referred to on 4.1 in the attached report and report back to CVSC.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board authorize staff to apply for the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) grant in support of funding portions of Phases 3 & 4 of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Planning; AND FURTHER, that if successful the grant funding be allocated to Community Sustainable Living Service S105; AND FURTHER, that if successful, the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saara Itkonen, Creston Valley Public Library Director presented the 2026 draft budget. The library board is waiting for RDCK to give a letter in support of the Columbia Basin Trust grant to improve accessibility within the Creston Valley Public Library. They are planning some significant upgrades to the building for accessibility as they aim to be accessible to all community members.

The library is also organizing a fundraising drive to help raise funds for them to re-open on Fridays.

The Committee discussed the similarities and differences between Castlegar and Creston Public Libraries. The main difference is that Creston is an isolated town or "closed system" with the closest services offered being 60-90 minutes away. Whereas in Castlegar is more of an "open system" with the closest services offered being just 20 minutes away. Creston offers more services to the public because of the remoteness of the town.

The Committee voiced concerns surrounding the 2026 draft budget adequately portraying the necessary reserves for the library. The Committee has also requested an itemized list of all the library services offered to the public.

10.2 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

This report was received for information.

10.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES USE OF ROTACREST HALL

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a three-year agreement with Valley Community Services for non-exclusive use of the lower floor of the Rotacrest Hall, to deliver therapeutic activation programming for seniors, commencing on February 1, 2026 and ending on January 31, 2029, and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be

authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

10.4 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX CONCESSION AGREEMENT

In February staff will be bringing a recommendation to the Committee. Staff are vetting the services of operators to deliver food services to the community.

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1 ACTION ITEM LIST

Item #2 – Dangerous Dog Bylaw - This discussion is postponed to February.

Item #5 – Kootenay Employment Services contact – To be removed from the list for February 2026.

Item #6 – Library capital reserves - To be removed from the list for February 2026.

12. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:00 a.m.

A member of the public came forward with concerns regarding the public library budget.

13. CLOSED

13.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

In the opinion of the Committee - 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 (2)

(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations

(i) between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government, or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government, or both, and a third party,

(ii) between the municipality and another local government or between another local government and a third party, or

(iii) between the municipality and a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity, or between a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity and a third party;

Carried

13.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 11:07 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. MST.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

Arnold DeBoon, Chair