



Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2026
 9:00 am PDT
 Creston and District Complex – Erickson Room
 312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' PRESENT

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| 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

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| 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 |
| T. Wayling | Programming Supervisor/Community Development – Creston |
| D. Seguin | General Manager of Fire & Emergency Services |
| T. Dool | Research Analyst |
| E. Stout | Manager Building & Bylaw |
| C. LeBlanc | Community Resilience Coordinator |
| R. Baril | Meeting Coordinator |

CRESTON STAFF PRESENT

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| M. Moore | Creston Chief Administrative Officer |
| J. Riel | Creston Fire Chief |

GUESTS

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| D. Dumas | Creston Town Counselor |
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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:

+1 778 907 2071 Canada Toll Free

*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

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 February 5, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted with the addition of Item 9.5 External Committee Director Reporting as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 8, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 CRESTON VALLEY ROD AND GUN CLUB

Rod and Gun Club representatives: Beth Hurst - President, Robyn Usher - Kokanee Salmon Project Manager, Alana Higginson - Fish Director, Jessica Holden and Brody Kunze - Project Biologists, Jim Schaefer - Project Contributor along with Marc-Andre Beaucher of the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area presented the work that they have been doing to bring the kokanee salmon population back to Kootenay Lake. This project was initially funded by a BC Provincial Grant from Ministry of Tourism to address the declining number of kokanee salmon in Kootenay Lake. Freshwater Fishery Society collects eggs and incubates them and then ultimately releases back into Kootenay Lake. Lower Kootenay Band has also been very involved in this project due to their invaluable knowledge.

The spawning in Meadow Creek has been very successful with over 95% success rate for fry release. Now the project is also expanding their focus to Summit Creek area. This area is a greater challenge due to Summit Creek being re-routed in the past. Going forward the main project will shift to the Summit Creek area restoration using Remote Stream Incubators, reconnecting historic riverbed channels and restoring ecosystems. There are 2 reports being finalized re: Summit Creek Habitat Monitoring Program Report and Summit Creek Restoration Assessment Report to guide the work of the project going forward.

Another part of the project has been to introduce teaching materials and aquariums in the local schools. Columbia Basin Trust has been instrumental in funding the aquariums and chillers in the schools for educational purposes.

The Rod and Gun Club answered the Committee's questions.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 STAFF REPORT: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX QUARTERLY PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Staff gave an overview of the Creston & District Community Complex programming update. Usage is steady and increased overall from 2024.

Focused next steps will include:

- continue to monitor program offerings including ice allocation time
- offer more training certifications
- improving alignment with user groups for program cycles
- improving internal processes, updating tools and forms

The Committee would like to see the messaging board displaying all sporting events in the Creston Valley.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

7.2 STAFF REPORT: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE PROJECT & NEXT STEPS

Staff presented the Community Complex Customer Experience Project & Next Steps report to the Committee. The summary includes:

- training
- team development
- providing positive customer service experience

The base line survey is now complete. Creston survey results show how friendly, welcoming and community-orientated the recreation facility has been received.

Efforts to improve the service promise are being implemented. And there are plans to repeat the survey again in the fall of 2026 to measure these changes against the base line survey.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

7.3 STAFF REPORT: CRESTON VALLEY FIRE QUARTERLY REPORT

Chief Riel presented the Creston Valley Fire Quarterly Report to the Committee. Response time in all fire protection areas was 13 minutes this past Quarter Four (Q4).

Chief Riel answered the Committee's questions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Received for information.

8.2 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY RESERVES

The Committee has concerns with asset management for the library building and would like to run a test case on mapping out the building, confirm necessary contributions for the shared space and then take a close look at funding allocation for this service.

Staff have been establishing a baseline for RDCK owned facilities with in-depth assessments and mapping. After further discussion in the special budget meeting, staff would be better prepared to come forward with a capital investment plan for the Board.

Staff answered questions from the Committee.

8.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: PHYSIO WORKS LEASE

Moved and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board renew the lease with Creston Physio Works and More, for the commercial space at the Creston and District Community Complex for a period of five

years commencing on March 1, 2026 and ending on February 28, 2031, and that costs would be paid into Service S224 and that, the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

8.4 DISCUSSION ITEM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This item is referred to the March 5, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: DANGEROUS AND AGGRESSIVE DOG CONTROL SERVICES ESTABLISHMENT BYLAWS

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That staff be directed to make changes to Electoral Areas A, B, and C Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3067, 2025 in accordance with an on call, contracted service to be administered externally; AND FURTHER, that staff bring the bylaw to the February 2026 Open Board Meeting for consideration of third reading and proceeding to the Alternative Approval Process.

Carried

9.2 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Staff shared their progress with the producer engagement as part of the Goat River Watershed Sustainability plan project. Staff, Yaqaan Nukiy, Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors hosted a lunch and learn on January 8, 2026. The event was well attended and provided a presentation for context on watershed hydrology and water flow through the goat river watershed. Sustainability planning is being done to help support producers in the valley.

Planning has begun for the Community-to-Community (C2C) meeting that is tentatively scheduled for May 2026. Staff confirmed that the area Director's and select staff will be attending the meeting to represent RDCK. Town of Creston would like to be included in this C2C meeting due to the proximity to the Goat River.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

9.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX (CDCC) CONCESSION SERVICES AGREEMENT

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

That the Board approve the RDCK enter into a four-month concession services agreement at the Creston and District Community Complex with Rick's Iron Kettle Restaurant, commencing on February 8, 2026 and ending on June 7, 2026, and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

9.4 ACTION ITEM LIST

Items #5 & #6 have been removed from the list.

9.5 EXTERNAL COMMITTEE DIRECTOR REPORTING

Clarification for reporting to this Committee: Board appointed director positions on external Committees should be reported separately to the Board and this Committee if the Director chooses.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:45 a.m.

A member of the public gave a big thank you for creating a regional park with Goat River access. There are community concerns with traffic mitigation and road management on Goat Canyon Road, including core governance for road access and maintenance. Clear communication with Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) for the Regional Park plan going forward is key to the success of the regional park establishment for the community surrounding this area.

Staff shared the initial conversations with MOTT have begun and public will be engaged as determined to be appropriate. Other considerations such as budgets and working with different agencies are also at the top of the list.

A member of the public inquired if there will be public engagement sessions regarding the Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Control Services Establishment Bylaw, and if taxation will be reflected regardless of hiring a contractor.

Staff answered yes, there will be public engagement if the Board agrees to the alternate approval process. And additionally, there is a budget prepared in advance of spending funds and if a contractor could not be found this issue would come back to this Committee to determine what to do with the service.

11. CLOSED

11.1 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. (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:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

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(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

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 12:02 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

Arnold DeBoon, Chair