



**Regional District of Central Kootenay**  
**CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Open Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 5, 2026  
8:00 a.m. PST  
9:00 a.m. 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**

U. Wolf                                      Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Y. Malloff                                  General Manager Finance, Information Technology and Procurement  
T. Davison                                 General Manager of Community Services  
C. Stanley                                 Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management  
S. Sudan                                    General Manager of Community Sustainability and Development Services  
J. Bradley                                 Project Manager  
C. Hopkyns                                Corporate Administration Coordinator  
C. LeBlanc                                 Community Resilience Coordinator  
R. Baril                                     Meeting Coordinator

**CRESTON STAFF PRESENT**

M. Moore                                 Creston Chief Administrative Officer

**GUESTS**

Director A. Watson                      RDCK Board Chair/Electoral Area D  
D. Dumas                                 Creston Town Counselor



**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=VkcPYOv0WnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.1>

**Join by Phone:**

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\*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 9:01 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 March 5, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted with the inclusion of Item 8.4 Rental Policy and Item 9.2 Further Budget Considerations as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The February 12, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

**6. DELEGATE**

**6.1 DELEGATION: CRESTON NEW HORIZONS SENIORS SOCIETY**

Creston's New Horizons Senior Society (CNHSS) presented their request for a longer-term rental agreement, with special consideration to keep the rental rate low in order so that they can continue to provide affordable activities for their 400 members. CNHSS fills a gap for seniors that are active and healthy within the Creston Valley.

The Committee suggested a minimum number of hours be available to the Society for each month and recommended that the Society review existing RDCK rental policies and contracts.

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **7.1 PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT**

M. Moore, Creston CAO gave a brief history of the physician recruitment work being done in the valley.

The Committee commented that focusing on bringing more locums to the Valley to cover off in times of need is smart business practice. However, they would like to scrutinize the efforts by Interior Health to eliminate any duplication of efforts to bring new medical professionals to Creston Valley. The Committee would also like to highlight the work being done by community champions and suggest a greater involvement could lead to further recruitment success.

**Direction to Staff:** That strategic planning to develop an understanding for the relationship between physicians and the province for Physician Recruitment is to proceed for 2026.

### **7.2 DIRECTORS REPORT: CRESTON VALLEY TOURISM SOCIETY**

The International Selkirk Loop (ISL) program has been brought to the Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee to further communications to keep the ISL program running in consideration of having a broad economic impact throughout the district.

The Committee discussed the clarification needed in the attachment "Unlocking (Goat River) Stewardship Area":

- the author of the document should be noted
- this document was created outside of RDCK
- the Traditional Land Use (TUS) document is property of Ktunaxa Nation

### **7.3 DIRECTOR REPORT: CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

This report establishes a basis of information for the Creston Valley Public Library going forward.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IN THE CRESTON VALLEY**

The Committee discussed the "Scope of Work" in Attachment A - Expression of Interest be open to allow for partial or all services to be delivered.

Moved and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

THAT staff be directed to issue an Expression of Interest to identify external service provider(s) for economic development activities in the Creston Valley based upon the proposed level of service for economic development outlined in the committee report dated March 5, 2026, AND FURTHER, that after the evaluation of the submissions, staff return to the Creston Valley Services Committee for consideration.

**Carried**

## **8.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DRAFT 2026-2030 FINANCIAL PLANS**

**Direction to Staff:** That staff investigate how would a stabilization reserve could be adopted for Service S108 Economic Development – Creston and Areas B and C; and itemizing all the beneficiaries that are recipients of Service S108. Staff will add directions to the CVSC Action Item List.

## **8.3 SPECIAL EVENTS DISCUSSION**

Staff provided an overview to the Committee regarding the Sponsorship Policy that has been adopted by the Board, providing clear guidance regarding adopting sponsorship in and around public facilities and maintains that Sponsorship practices are done in a fair and equitable way.

**RECESS/  
RECONVENE**

The meeting recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

## **8.4 RENTAL POLICY**

The Committee discussed the cancellation of the OneBC event held at the Ramada. The Directors were not involved in the cancellation of this event, which was cancelled due to safety concerns. However, the event was held in a different location and was a peaceful meeting.

**Direction to Staff:** That staff bring back recommendations to the April 2, 2026 CVSC meeting that align with RDCK rental policy for Creston New Horizons Senior Society to continue to utilize the RotaCrest Hall for their events.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **9.1 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

Communication received from the province will be included in the Board meeting agenda.

Community to Community process is proceeding with planning for the learning sessions leading up to the May working session. The learning sessions are intended to build a shared understanding ahead of the working session, which will focus on developing a shared agreement.

## 9.2 FURTHER BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

### Service S240 Airport – Creston and Areas B, C and Area A

- **Direction to Staff:** to develop an RDCK reserve for this service.

### Service S129 Fire Protection Areas A and C (Wynndel, Lakeview)

- **Direction to Staff:** the amount that is being held by Creston for “alternate water supply” be moved back to RDCK and held in a reserve account for Service S129.

## ORDER OF THE AGENDA CHANGED

The Order of Business was changed with Item 10. Public Time considered at this time.

## 10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 12:11 p.m.

Member of the public inquired re: Economic Development discussion and specific details of the request for proposal, specifically community consultation process and organizations feel left out of the conversation.

- The staff report attached to the March 5, 2026 agenda is the information available to the public.
- The funding for Economic Development now is an operating surplus.

## ORDER OF THE AGENDA RESUMED

Item 9.3 Action Item List was considered at this time.

## 9.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

- Item 2 - Dangerous Dog Bylaw on Action Item List until this item has been brought to a vote.
- Item 3 - Contribution Agreement with School District 8 to be kept on the Action Item List
- Item 4 - Traditional Use Study will stay on the Action Item List at this time until further clarification is obtained. The Committee is still requesting a greater knowledge of the Yaqaan Nukiy owned study.

Addition to Action Item List: Organize meetings with Cemetery representatives for all 6 sites to discuss how the service works and how RDCK can better understand the needs for each site.

**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;

**Carried**

**11.2 Recess of Open Meeting**

Moved and seconded,  
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 12:38 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

**Carried**

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,  
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

**Carried**