



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

Thursday, May 28, 2026

9:00 am PT

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	General Manager of Environmental Services
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
K. Calder	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services
A. Wilson	Acting General Manager of Development & Community Sustainability
M. Crowe	Parks Planner
C. LeBlanc	Community Resilience Coordinator
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor
C. Gainham	Utility Manager
N. Hannon	Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Senior Advisor
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:

9:00 a.m. PT

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 9:05 a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

**FREEDOM OF
THE FLOOR**

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Freedom of the Floor be granted to Councillor Dumas and Director Watson.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The agenda for the May 28, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of Item 9.4 Service S240 Creston Valley Airport Financial Plan Amendment referred from May 7, 2026 CVSC meeting and the removal of Item 8.4 Creston Valley Regional Airport Contribution Agreement Update.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 7, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 DELEGATION: CRESTON DEN SOCIETY

Karen Shannon, Treasurer and other members of the Creston Den Society (CDS) presented the work that they have been doing in Creston.

The request of the CDS today is for further advocacy to the province. The CDS thanks the RDCK for supporting and increasing awareness to raise further funding for the homeless in Creston with province. The CDS feels that there is a missing gap for the general population over the age of 25 for those who suffer from substance abuse. The CDS's endeavor is to reduce the stigma over the homelessness and mental illness.

6.2 DELEGATION: CRESTON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jessica Piccinnan and Natasha Huscroft presented a request for a Community Development Grant. The need for a community co-working space in the community was identified over 10 years ago.

Creston Business Centre is merging with the new 301 Suite Coworking space. The floor space design has been developed over the last six (6) months and is on track to open on July 2nd.

7. DIRECTOR REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Creston Valley Public Library Annual General Meeting Report received for information for May 19, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.2 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON VALLEY TOURISM SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Creston Valley Tourism Society Annual General Meeting Report received for information for April 23, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.3 FOR INFORMATION: RCMP CRESTON DETACHMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE

RCMP Creston Detachment Quarterly Update received for information for May 12, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.4 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON COMMUNITY FOREST

Creston Community Forest received for information for April 20, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

7.5 FOR INFORMATION: KOOTENAY FOOD COUNCIL AGM

Kootenay Food Council AGM received for information for May 21, 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY FIRESMART RESILIENCY COMMITTEE 2026 WORKING GROUP

As per the report, this group has been active for several years through funding in part by RDCK through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Fire Smart Grant. The Committee is closely tied to BC wildfire as a member at the table of the Creston Valley Firesmart Yaqaan Nukiy. Purpose of this community is to bring funding and partners together.

8.2 FOR INFORMATION: KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY FARMS ADVISORS 2026 WORKPLAN

Kootenay & Boundary Farms Advisors 2026 Workplan received for information for April 2026 from Director Vandenberghe.

8.3 FOR INFORMATION: PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Physician Recruitment Program Update received for information for May 19, 2026 from CAO Horn.

8.4 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT UPDATE

Item removed.

8.5 DISCUSSION ITEM: MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT AND RCMP STAFFING UPDATE

Ministry of Public Safety Engagement and RCMP Staffing Update received for information for May 19, 2026 from CAO Horn.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY

Staff provided an overview of summary of work done to date, specifically:

- Arrowcreek water treatment plant
- Next steps for the Creston Valley Alternate Water Supply Initiative

Agriculture and Irrigation needs have been identified within the study. The completed modeling has shown an increasing water demand, especially for producers in Erickson. The Committee feels that the impacts on a drought impacted system are vitally important and all facets haven't been recognized yet.

Moved and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to develop a proposed next stage workplan associated with the Creston Valley Alternative Water Supply initiative, including:

- comparative business-case analysis,
- refinement of demand and infrastructure assumptions,

- governance and service delivery considerations,
- integration with watershed sustainability and drought adaptation initiatives,
- and exploration of funding opportunities

and that staff report back with proposed scope, budget, and implementation considerations.

Carried

9.2 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Important milestones are being met this month, including isotopic work.

Opportunities that exist in June 2026 to discuss the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Plan as an open working group is an important step to lead the future direction of this plan.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The Order of Business was changed to address the additional Item 9.4 Service S240 Creston Valley, with Item 9.4 considered at this time.

9.4 SERVICE S240 CRESTON VALLEY AIRPORT FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Director Jackman requests the following motion:

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the Board direct staff to amend the 2026-2030 Financial Plan for Service S240 Airport – Town of Creston, Areas B, C, Defined A to reduce Account Grants Expense and increase Account Contribution to Reserve by the following for each year – \$45,876 (2026), \$48,995 (2027), \$52,327 (2028), \$55,885 (2029) and \$59,685 (2030), AND FURTHER, that a new reserve be set up in Service S240 to retain those funds and that any expenditures from that reserve require Creston Valley Services Committee approval and a recommendation to the Board.

Defeated

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 9.3 Action Item List was considered at this time.

9.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

No further discussion on the Action Item List.

10. PUBLIC TIME

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

Students from Kootenay River Secondary School presented a petition to replace the sand on the Beach Volleyball Courts at Creston & District Community Complex. 93 signatures were collected in support of replacing the current sand on the beach volleyball court with proper volleyball grade sand.

The existing sand is coarse, abrasive and unsuitable for safe play. Replacing the sand would improve safety, increase participation, create a better recreational facility for students and community.

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:

(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 11:50 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

Arnold DeBoon, Chair

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