



Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ABSENT

Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C
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STAFF PRESENT

T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
K. Calder	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services
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:

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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 July 23, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The July 2, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRAWFORD BAY CEMETERY

Terry Fiddick presented to the Committee the work that is being done at the Crawford Bay Cemetery. The focus of the Crawford Bay Cemetery Board has been to cover insurance, maintenance and water costs.

Extensive renovation plans were made about 10 years ago. Terry applied for grants at that time; however no grants were allocated for the Crawford Bay Cemetery so those plans have been abandoned.

The Committee has requested financial records for the 2027 budget season.

6.2 DISCUSSION ITEM: ALL SAINTS ANGELICAN CEMETERY

Trudy Huscroft presented to the Committee the work that is being done at the Lister All Saints Anglican Cemetery. The focus of the Board has been major projects, maintenance and water costs. This year, several large dangerous trees had to be removed impacting their budget significantly. The cost to clean up this work has been

higher than anticipated. The work was necessary to complete due to the state of the trees in the cemetery. They have an ongoing fencing project as well as beautification with the installation of new trees and shrubs.

The largest cost that the All Saints Board has in their budget is water costs, followed by lawn maintenance. Representatives have had the conversation with RDCK staff about ways to navigate the water costs with the suggestion of a seasonal disconnect/reconnect – which is too expensive to have it make sense.

They do have a perpetual care fund for the cemetery. They haven't explored building a memorial wall due to the costs involved.

The Committee has requested financial records for the 2027 budget season.

6.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: GRAY CREEK CEMETERY

Robert Schweiger presented to the Committee the work that is being done at the Gray Creek Cemetery. Gray Creek Cemetery is 100 years old this year.

The Gray Creek Cemetery uses their grant money to cover costs such as maintenance, and lawn care (this used to be done by volunteers). With the grant money received in 2026 they invested in advertising costs for the memorial wall. They are also actively expanding into wooded areas, with the removal of dangerous trees, looking to do more in the future to create more burial space.

The Committee has requested financial records for the 2027 budget season.

6.4 DISCUSSION ITEM: BOSWELL & DISTRICT FARMERS INSTITUTE

Dave Blair presented to the Committee the work that is being done by the Boswell Farmers Institute. Since 1921, this has been a volunteer board of directors and 100 members. With the decline of agriculture over the past years, they are now maintaining the: Cemetery, the Boswell boat launch and Mackie Park.

The Boswell Farmers Institute has had significant costs for carrying out the maintenance and removal on the trees located in the cemetery that have reached the end of their life and need to be removed for safety concerns.

Cemetery is 1 acre in size, was donated to the Boswell Farmers' Institute. There has been no charge for plots to families in the area. A slight shift has been noted in the decrease in burials and increase in cremations. Boswell Farmers' Institute are exploring investing in a columbarium system as they project to only have 16 more burial sites before the site is full. However, there are high costs associated with a columnar system.

Positive feedback re: memorial wall, something they have explored doing yet.

The Committee has requested financial records for the 2027 budget season.

6.5 DISCUSSION ITEM: LISTER COMMUNITY CEMETERY

Ken Sommerfeld presented to the Committee the work that is being done by the Lister Community Cemetery. Their highest expense is the water costs, followed by maintenance work.

The major projects this past year: realignment of markers, and leveling of plot sites.

The only revenue for the Lister Community Cemetery is plot sales. Lister Cemetery Board has a tiered system for rates, with rates for residents being cheaper.

Ken encouraged the area directors to visit all cemetery sites in Area A, B, C and Town of Creston before grant funding decisions are made.

The Committee suggested requesting a new classification for cemeteries in the next round of water billing according to the Fees and Bylaws for Water Service or to explore the option of a metered water system.

The Committee has requested financial records for the 2027 budget season.

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:19 a.m.

There were no questions from the public or media.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

Arnold DeBoon, Chair