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

Thursday, September 3, 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

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
T. Wayling	Regional Programming Manager/Community Development
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor
N. Hannon	Acting Emergency Program Manager
C. Gainham	Utility Services Manager
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

GUESTS

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:
9:00 a.m.

Join by Video:
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92632670829?pwd=VkcPYOv0WnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.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
Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 September 3, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted with the following:

- inclusion of Item 6.1 Delegate: Creston Old Timer Recreational Hockey Association;
- Item 6.2 Delegate: Kootenay Holds Climbing & Wellness Society;
- Item 7.3 For information: Erickson Water Metering Public Engagement Follow-up
- Item 9.2 For Information: Cemetery Funding Areas A, B, C; and
- removal of Item 6.2 For Information: Creston & District Community Complex Liquor License

before circulation.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES
The August 6, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATION

6.1 DELEGATE: CRESTON OLD TIMER RECREATIONAL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Wayne Murphy, of the Seniors Hockey group, differentiated between the Old Timers group that are 35 and older and the Seniors Hockey group that are 55 and older. The Seniors have made two (2) requests to the Creston & District Community Complex staff, that their Monday and Thursday ice time be moved to 10:00 a.m. to accommodate members traveling from the east shore area during the winter months. In addition, some of the members of the Seniors Hockey group are under the 55-age minimum to obtain the number of players that are required to make the practices worthwhile. Additionally, the delegation is requesting improved communication with staff and increased transparency with the ice schedule.

Wayne answered the Committee's questions.

The Committee recommended that the delegation connect with staff directly, and to utilize the time set aside in the current schedule as "Vintage Hockey" as their understanding with staff had been previously; with the intention to improve future scheduling opportunities.

6.2 DELEGATE: KOOTENAY HOLDS CLIMBING AND WELLNESS SOCIETY

Kristina Schrage, Board member of Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society, made a request to the Committee for permission to collaborate with staff for their application to the Active Communities Grant to ensure that eligibility, governance, budget, risk management and reporting requirements can be properly addressed. The grant is due on September 18, 2026.

The Committee recommended staff follow up with the delegation.

Kristina answered the Committee's questions.

Direction to Staff: That staff would further explore this opportunity with Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society, look at the implications, cost and cost recovery and make a recommendation to the Board.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON EDUCATION CENTRE LEASE

Staff provided an update on current requests for the Creston Education Centre. The Committee supports staff doing a feasibility study for the Creston Education Centre and options available.

7.2 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX LIQUOR LICENSE

Item removed.

7.3 FOR INFORMATION: ERICKSON WATER METERING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOLLOW-UP

Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager, provided a brief overview re: Erickson water bylaw service and RDCK responsibilities to supply water to each property in Erickson within the limitations of the water system itself to match the expected demand as permitted by the bylaw.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CEMETERY FUNDING

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That item 9.2 For Information: Cemetery Funding Areas A, B and C be moved to be discussed concurrently with the Item 8.1 Discussion Item: Cemetery Funding.

Carried

The Committee discussed the fees and rates table looking at making appropriate changes to reflect the limited use that the Lister Cemetery's utilize water during the 2027 budget season. All options should be examined to determine best path forward. The Committee spoke of appreciation for all cemetery's groups maintaining their facilities at a relatively low cost.

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

That the Board direct staff to maintain the historical allocations that were provided to the Areas A, B and C cemeteries, and that payment to the cemeteries is issued subject to the appropriate financial information.

Carried

8.2 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, gave a verbal update of the Creston Valley Flood Management Working Group. Future plans include hiring a consultant to design and maintain the high hazard areas of the diking system in the Creston Valley. The Emergency Management Team is interested in continuing to facilitate, to understand the issues and concerns around managing the diking in the Creston Valley.

Nora answered the Committee's questions.

8.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY JUNIOR HOCKEY SOCIETY AGREEMENT

Staff gave a brief overview of the negotiations with Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society.

RECESS/ RECONVENE The meeting recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

FREEDOM OF THE FLOOR Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Counselor Dumas have freedom of the floor.

Carried

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Staff gave a brief overview of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Plan and the following events coming up:

- September 27, 2026, Goat River Watershed celebration event at Creston & District Community Complex (details at: engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed)
- September 9, 2026, Goat River Watershed working group workshop
- September 22, 2026, Goat River Watershed Board member workshop
- October 7, 2026, Goat River Watershed working group workshop

The Committee voiced the main objective is transparency for the public during this process.

9.2 FOR INFORMATION: CEMETERY FUNDING AREAS A, B AND C

This item was discussed under 8.1 Discussion Item: Cemetery Funding.

9.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

Item #4 - Economic Action Partnership

- Report will be coming to the October 2026 CVSC meeting of Service S107 Economic Development Area A and Service S108 Economic Development – Creston and Areas B and C.
- Expression of Interest advertisement will be going out in September 2026.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:32 a.m.

There were no questions or comments from the public or media.

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, ALTERNTAE 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 11:34 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: That the November 5, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting has been cancelled due to the 2026 General Local Election.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

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Arnold DeBoon, Chair