

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Council Present:

Mayor Blair Painter, Councillors: Dave Filipuzzi, Doreen Glavin, Glen Girhiny, and Dean Ward

Council Absent:

Councillors: Vicki Kubik, and Lisa Sygutek

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer Kristin Colucci, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Brian McCulloch, Director of Finance Trent Smith, Manager of Community Services Colby Delisle, Manager of Transportation Johan van der Bank, Manager of Development & Trades Bonnie Kawasaki, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Painter called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

01-2024-10-08: Councillor Ward moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

02-2024-10-08: Councillor Glavin moved that Council approve the following Consent Agenda items as amended without debate:

3.a

Minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee of June 24, 2024

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee of June 24, 2024 as information.

3.b

Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Community Library Board of June 25, 2024

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Community Library Board of June 25, 2024 as information.

3.c

Minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee of September 9, 2024

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee of September 9, 2024 as information.

3.d

Minutes of the Municipal Historic Resources Advisory Committee of September 9, 2024

THAT Council accept the Municipal Historic Resources Advisory Committee of September 9, 2024 as information.

3.e

Heritage Crowsnest Letter to Council Regarding a Request from the Crowsnest Pride Society of September 10, 2024

THAT Council accept the Heritage Crowsnest Letter to Council Regarding a Request from the Crowsnest Pride Society of September 10, 2024 as information and consider the request.

3.f

Crowsnest Pass Allied Arts Association - Sale to Alberta Transportation of September 13, 2024

THAT Council accept the Crowsnest Pass Allied Arts Association - Sale to Alberta Transportation of September 13, 2024 as information.

3.g

Invitation for Remembrance Day Services of September 13, 2024

THAT Council accept the Invitation for Remembrance Day Services of September 13, 2024 as information and choose services to attend.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

03-2024-10-08: Councillor Girhiny moved to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 17, 2024 as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DELEGATIONS

Jackie Seely, Municipal Relations, Southern Alberta, STARS - Annual STARS Update

Jackie Seely, Municipal Relations, Southern Alberta, STARS was in attendance to provide the annual update for STARS including calls in our community and throughout the Province in addition to an update on their annual fundraising efforts. Mayor Painter presented Jackie with the Municipality's annual contribution.

Crowsnest Cruisers Update - Pauline Desjardins of Peaks to Pines Residents Association

Pauline Desjardins, Secretary and Rina Beech, Treasurer of the Peaks to Pines Residents Association were in attendance to present Council with an update on the Crowsnest Cruisers project and to discuss funding potential for 2026 and beyond.

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

Bylaw 1201, 2024 - Municipal Reserve closure and removal of Municipal Reserve designation on a portion of Lot 1MR, Block 3, Plan 8311587 - First Reading

04-2024-10-08: Councillor Filipuzzi moved first reading of Bylaw 1201, 2024 - Municipal Reserve closure and removal of Municipal Reserve designation on a portion of Lot 1MR, Block 3, Plan 8311587.

Carried

UTAR/NUTAR Clarification and Transcripts

05-2024-10-08: Councillor Ward moved to defer the UTAR/NUTAR clarification and transcripts to the meeting of October 22, 2024.

Carried

Regional District of East Kootenay/SW Alberta Elected Officials Meeting - October 23rd in Fernie, BC

06-2024-10-08: Councillor Ward moved that all of Council who are available will attend the Regional District of East Kootenay/SW Alberta Elected Officials Meeting on October 23rd in Fernie, BC.

Carried

Option Pay Credit Card Program Update and Expansion

07-2024-10-08: Councillor Ward moved that Council approve expanding the Option Pay Credit Card Program to include all types of Municipal transactions. Carried

Fruit-Bearing Trees on Municipal Lands

08-2024-10-08: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council authorize the Community Services and Enforcement Departments to address fruit-bearing trees within the Municipality that are identified as "issue trees".

09-2024-10-08: Mayor Painter moved that an amendment be approved to Councillor Filipuzzi's motion to insert the words "on municipal property" after identified as "issue trees". Carried

08-2024-10-08 (as amended): that Council authorize the Community Services and Enforcement Departments to address fruit-bearing trees within the Municipality that are identified as "issue trees" on municipal property.

Carried

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- Councillor Ward
 - Attended the AM Convention
 - Attended presentation by three CAO's who talked about Councillor Inquiries and how that relates to the Procedure Bylaw
 - Attended a session on Social Media, the consensus in the room was that most councils faced issues caused by social media and that we are not unique in that respect
 - Concerns were raised with respect to the Province's announced investment in education and building new schools and the resulting strain that will place on the construction industry
- Councillor Girhiny
 - o Attended the Heritage Awards in Edmonton as the Municipal representative
 - Excellent ceremony
 - Kudos to the Crowsnest Pass Historical Society and Fred Bradley for his years of work in our community
- Councillor Glavin
 - Attended the Nature Conservancy of Canada tour along with Councillors Ward and Girhiny
 - Viewed two project sites, in particular Leitch Collieries where a restoration on a hillside was being undertaken in conjunction with students from the high school
- Councillor Filipuzzi
 - Attended the Festival on the Field at Horace Allen School

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- Noted the volunteer work in raising money for the project and that he felt the grant approved by Council was well worth the investment
- Mayor Painter
 - Attended the AM Convention
 - Attended the Mayors and Reeves meeting
 - Noted that we should be receiving a letter from Minister McIver regarding the impact of the carbon tax on municipalities
 - University of Lethbridge will be hosting a presentation meeting next month on the new medical program that will be offered there
 - Approached by the MD of Pincher Creek and the Town of Pincher Creek
 - Concerns were raised about stray and unwanted animals being redirected east to the Pincher Creek Humane Society

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Bob Franzen
 - Concerned about the bears in southeast Blairmore, noticed that people are putting garbage out on weekends
 - Suggested that the community consider bear proof bins in the community

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION

Procedure Bylaw Discussion – Councillor Ward

- 10-2024-10-08: Councillor Ward moved that the only items added to an agenda will be of an emergent nature and no resolution or motions will be made on any issue raised at a council meeting without the benefit of Administrative advice moving forward. Rescinded
- 11-2024-10-08: Councillor Ward moved to direct Administration to draft a change to the Procedure Bylaw to put in a mechanism to prevent any new item raised at a Council meeting to then have a motion voted on within the same Council meeting. Carried

IN CAMERA

- 12-2024-10-08: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council go In Camera for the purpose of discussion of the following confidential matters under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and to take a short recess at 2:44 pm:
 - Economic Interests of the Public Body Golf Course Water Rate FOIP Act Section 25

Carried

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Reconvene

Mayor Painter convened the In Camera meeting at 2:54 pm. Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer in attendance to provide advice to Council.

13-2024-10-08: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council come out of In Camera at 3:31 pm.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

14-2024-10-08: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 pm.

Carried

Blair Painter Mayor

Patrick Thomas

Chief Administrative Officer