



Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Council Present:

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

Council Absent:

Vicki Kubik

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Kristin Colucci, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brian McCulloch, Director of Finance
Sally Turner, Manager of Finance
Jeremy Wickson, Director of Development, Engineering & Operations
Laken McKee, Recording Secretary
Bonnie Kawasaki, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions:

Councillor Inquiries and Notice of Motion

- a. Notice of Motion - Request for information wage comparisons for CAO's, remuneration rates for Councils - Councillor Ward

01-2025-01-21: Councillor Glavin moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

02-2025-01-21: Councillor Girhiny moved that Council approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented without debate:

3.a

Crowsnest Cando - Request for a Letter of Support of January 7, 2025

THAT Council accept the Crowsnest Cando - Request for a Letter of Support of January 7, 2025 as information and to provide a letter of support from the Municipality .

3.b

Brandy Fehr, Community Futures - Request for a Letter of Support of December 16, 2024

THAT Council accept the accept Brandy Fehr's request for a Letter of Support for a Grant Application for Business Excellence Training as information and to provide a letter of support from the Municipality.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

03-2025-01-21: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 14, 2025 as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DELEGATIONS

None

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

Bylaw 1207, 2024 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redesignation of Block A, Plan 2411511 and Block B, Plan 2411512, containing ±0.053 ha (0.13 acres) within two certificates of title, from no zoning (former road) to Residential – R-1 - First Reading

04-2025-01-21: Councillor Ward moved first reading of Bylaw 1207, 2024 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redesignation of Block A, Plan 2411511 and Block B, Plan 2411512, containing ±0.053 ha (0.13 acres) within two certificates of title, from no zoning (former road) to Residential – R-1.

Carried

Service Areas Update

05-2025-01-21: Councillor Glavin moved to accept the Service Areas Update as information.
Carried

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention Attendees

06-2025-01-21: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council appoint Mayor Painter, Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer and Councillors Ward and Filipuzzi to attend the RMA Convention in Edmonton from March 17-19, 2025.
Carried

Category 3 Grant Request for CNP-W Coal Reunion 125th Anniversary of Coal Mining

07-2025-01-21: Councillor Ward moved that Council approves the Category 3 grant request in the amount of \$1000.00 for the CNP-W Coal Reunion 125th Anniversary.
Carried

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- Mayor Painter
 - Attended the Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association meeting
 - Updates from the Premier
 - Glen Motz, MLA for Medicine Hat, Cardston, Warner
 - Discussed the harm reduction bill
 - Presentation from Sustain Technologies, Waste Initiative Project
 - They are looking to put a facility in the south which would have a 90% reduction in trash.
 - They are looking for other municipalities to commit to using the facility
 - Presentation from the County of Newell regarding turning that area into a hydrogen hub
 - Testing a conversion of diesel trucks to utilize hydrogen when in idle mode, based on the outcome they will look at building a plant and refill station and hopefully expand throughout Alberta

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Councillor Ward

Councillor Ward gave Notice of Motion that he will be requesting a report from Administration outlining a comparison of compensation for Councillors, a comparison of compensation for CAO's and a comparison of Millrate Information once available.

IN CAMERA

08-2025-01-21: Councillor Sygutek 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 1:33 pm:

- a. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Land Sales Application - FOIP Act Section 25
- b. Economic Interests of the Public Body - Land Sales Application - FOIP Act Section 25
- c. Personal Privacy - Committee Member Resignation - FOIP Act Section 17

Carried

Reconvene

Mayor Painter convened the In Camera meeting at 1:39 pm. Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer in attendance to provide advice to Council.

09-2025-01-21: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council come out of In Camera at 2:17 pm.

Carried

10-2025-01-21: Councillor Girhiny moved that Council counter the offer to \$63,000 to purchase Plan 820L, Block 7, Lot 11, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Municipality's intention to sell the property for less than its market value is advertised pursuant to section 70 of the Municipal Government Act as an incentive to recover a substantial portion of the taxes in arrears and to make the property developable, as an incentive for economic development.
2. That the applicants are responsible to either consolidate the two portions of Lot 11, Block 7, Plan 820L (Roll Number 1072600 which is the subject property and Roll Number 1072500 which is the property adjacent to the south owned by the applicant) or obtain an easement across Roll Number 1072600 for the gas service that services the building on Roll Number 1072500 or relocate the gas lines servicing Roll Number 1072500, all of which at no cost to the Municipality.
3. The building will be demolished within 3 months of the title transfer.

4. That the applicants are responsible for all legal costs including the legal costs of the Municipality, if any.
5. That this application must be completed by December 31, 2025.

Defeated

11-2025-01-21: Councillor Glavin moved that Council accepts the offer to purchase the road allowance between 13210 15 Ave and 13302 15 Ave subject to the following conditions:

1. That the price be \$3.06 / ft² (\$41,000).
2. That the applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the closure of the subject road portion to public travel.
3. That the applicant is responsible for all costs associated with redesignating the subject lands.
4. That the applicant is responsible for all costs relating to connecting the subject lands to all available services to municipal standards.
5. That the applicant is responsible for all subdivision and survey costs relating to this transaction.
6. That the applicant is responsible for all legal costs associated with this transaction, including the legal costs of the Municipality, if any.
7. That the applicant shall start construction on the site within 24 months of the date of the approval by Council. In the event that the applicant does not begin construction within 24 months, the Municipality retains the option to purchase the lot back from the applicant at 50% of the purchase price.

Carried

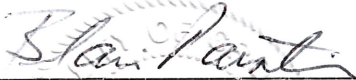
12-2025-01-21: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council accept the resignation from Kevin Bergeron from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and direct Administration to write a letter of thank you for service and to advertise the vacancy.

Carried

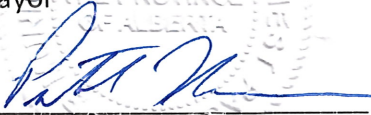
ADJOURNMENT

13-2025-01-21: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Carried



Blair Painter
Mayor



Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer

