

**Municipality of Crowsnest Pass**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

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A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

**Council Present:**

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

**Council Absent:** Lisa Sygutek, Vicki Kubik

**Administration Present:**

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jeremy Wickson, Director of Development, Engineering & Operations  
Laken McKee, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Painter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Changes:**

**Add item 10.a)**

- a. Southern Canadian Rockies Tourism Association - Councillor Ward

**Move Item 3.e to Item 10.b)**

- b. Letter received from Honourable, Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs - Councillor Ward

**01-2025-04-01:** Councillor Girhiny moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**02-2025-04-01:** Councillor Glavin moved that Council approve the following Consent Agenda items as amended:

**3.a**

**Alberta SW Regional Alliance Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting from February 5, 2025 and March Bulletin**

THAT Council accept the Alberta SW Regional Alliance Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting and March Bulletin, as information.

**3.b**

**ORRSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2024**

THAT Council accept the ORRSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2024, as information.

**3.c**

**ORRSC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025**

THAT Council accept the ORRSC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2025, as information.

**3.d**

**Municipal Historic Resources Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024**

THAT Council accept the Municipal Historic Resources Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024, as information.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**03-2025-04-01:** Councillor Ward moved to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 11, 2025 as amended.  
Carried

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Bylaw 1204, 2024 Road Closure Bylaw**

Mayor Painter declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:02 pm for Bylaw No. 1204, 2024

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief overview of the bylaw and read into the record that there were no written submissions received prior to the due date.

Mayor Painter called for members of the public to speak in favor or opposition to Bylaw 1204, 2024.

Mayor Painter declared the public hearing closed at 7:03 pm.

## DELEGATIONS

### Nature Conservancy Canada – Emilie Brien, Natural Area Manager and Ayla Peacock, Invasive Species Program Coordinator

Emilie Brien, Natural Area Manager and Ayla Peacock, Invasive Species Program Coordinator was in attendance to present to Council on behalf of Nature Conservancy Canada, providing an update on their work within the Crowsnest Pass.

## REQUESTS FOR DECISION

### Category 3 Grant Request – Crowsnest Pass Sun Dawg Festival Committee

**04-2025-04-01:** Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council accept the Category 3 grant request in the amount of \$500 for the Crowsnest Pass Sun Dawg Festival Committee.  
Defeated

## COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

### Councillor Girhiny

- Attended the Slush Cup, great turn out and enjoyed judging the slush cup contestants with Councillor Sygutek and Councillor Glavin.

### Councillor Filipuzzi

- Attended the RMA
  - Attended the presentation by Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs.
    - Addressed the Membership on housing, he encouraged all Municipalities to approve rezoning of properties within 24 hours if there are no asks for variances.
- Attended the Turning Pointe Dance Studio Gala on March 29<sup>th</sup> and gave a huge shout out to the Society and all the dancers who put on a tremendous show!
- There were concerns/ rumors that myself, Mayor Painter, Councillor Ward and CAO Patrick Thomas were invited to the Edmonton Oilers hockey game while we were in Edmonton for the RMA Convention. Just to be clear, it is not true. We did not attend the hockey game.

### Mayor Painter

- Attended the RMA Convention in Edmonton

- Very productive and had a lot of opportunities to have discussions with our MLA, Chelsea Petrovic, Minister Shultz, Minister McIver and Minister Loewen.
- Reiterated that they did not attend the Edmonton Oilers game.
- Attended the Hillcrest Fish and Game 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and expressed that it was a fantastic event!
  - They raised a good amount of money with their Silent Auction
- Attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Crowsnest Pass Music Festival.
  - Presented three awards on behalf of the Municipality.
  - I had a wonderful time at this event and witnessing the tremendous talent we have in our community.

**Councillor Glavin**

- Attended the Hillcrest Fish and Game 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Gala, not as a Council member but as a member of the Hillcrest Fish and Game Association, it was an incredible event that was worth the two years of planning. It was a great event!

**Councillor Ward**

- Attended the RMA Convention in Edmonton.
  - Discussed Minister McIver’s presentation on housing and explained that we are in a housing crisis.
  - Enjoyed his time at the conference in Edmonton and spending time with our MLA and Ministers.
- Councillor Ward also mentioned that Council, Mayor Painter and CAO Patrick Thomas did not attend the Edmonton Oilers game.
- Attended the Turning Pointe Dance Studio Gala and gave a shout out to all of the dancers who made the evening so enjoyable with their performances.
- Municipal Planning Commission Board is very busy, along with our Development Department.
- Attended the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing, FCSS and a Landfill meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

**Brent Koinberg – Owner of Crowsnest Adventures.**

- Spoke on the letter that he sent to Council a few weeks ago regarding the OHV Bylaw.
- Attended the Outdoor Show in Calgary and represented the Crowsnest Pass on behalf of the Chamber.

**COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION**

**10.a South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association – Councillor Ward**

**05-2025-04-01:** Councillor Ward moved that any Council members who are available to attend the SCRTA event on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, attend.  
Carried.

**10.b Letter received from Honourable, Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs**

**06-2025-04-01:** Councillor Girhiny moved that Council accept the letter from Honourable, Ric McIver, as information.  
Carried

**IN CAMERA**

**07-2025-04-01:** Councillor Ward 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 7:56 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. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Land Sales Application – FOIP Act Section 25
- d. Personal Privacy – Letter received for Mayor and Council – FOIP Act Section 17
- e. Personal Privacy – Board Member Applications – FOIP Act Section 17
- f. Personal Privacy – Board Member Applications – FOIP Act Section 17
- g. Personal Privacy – Committee Member Resignation – FOIP Act Section 17

Carried

**Reconvene**

Mayor Painter convened the In Camera meeting at 8:08 pm. Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer in attendance to provide advice to Council.

**08-2025-04-01:** Councillor Girhiny moved that Council come out of In Camera at 8:58 pm.  
Carried

**09-2025-04-01:** Councillor Ward moved that Council accept the offer to purchase Lots 14, 15 & 16, Block 18, Plan 3319I at a rate of \$8.00 per ft<sup>2</sup>.

1. That the applicants are responsible for all cost associated with the redesignation, subdivision, consolidation, surveying, and legal requirements, including the legal cost of the Municipality, in respect of this land transaction.
2. That this transaction must be completed by September 30, 2025.

Defeated

**10-2025-04-01:** Councillor Girhiny moved that Council accept the offer to purchase Lots 37 & 38, Block 1, Plan 2897R, at a rate of \$8.00 per ft<sup>2</sup>.

1. That the applicants are responsible for all cost associated with subdivision of the property and the legal requirements, including the legal cost of the Municipality, in respect of this land transaction.
2. That this transaction must be completed by September 30, 2025.
3. That the proposed subdivision and the construction of the first house must be completed by September 30, 2026, failing which the Municipality shall have the right of first refusal to repurchase the property at 50% of the selling price.

Defeated

**11-2025-04-01:** Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council counter the offer for a portion (5,000ft<sup>2</sup>) of Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 0813536, at a rate of \$4.00 per ft<sup>2</sup>.

1. That the applicants are responsible for all costs associated with redesignating the land to the C-1 district and obtaining a development permit for a garage and that the lot be consolidated with their existing lots.
2. That the applicants are responsible for all costs associated with the consolidation, surveying, and legal requirements, including the legal cost of the Municipality, in respect of this land transaction.
3. That this transaction must be completed by September 30, 2025.
4. That the redesignation and development permit that may be required are completed by January 31, 2026 for the garage structure, failing which the Municipality shall have the right of first refusal to purchase the land back at 50% of the selling price.
5. No outdoor storage included on DP.

Carried

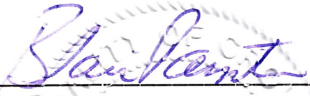
**12-2025-04-01:** Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council accept the letter received to Mayor and Council, as information.

Carried

- 13-2025-04-01:** Councillor Glavin moved that Council appoint Elliott Johnston to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the remainder of 2025.  
Carried
- 14-2025-04-01:** Councillor Glavin moved that Council appoint Corey Semeniuk to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the remainder of 2025.  
Carried
- 15-2025-04-01:** Councillor Ward moved that Council accept the resignation from Kate McNeil from the Family and Community Supports Services Advisory Committee and direct Administration to write a letter of thank you for service and to advertise the vacancy.  
Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 16-2025-04-01:** Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm.  
Carried

  
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Blair Painter  
Mayor

  
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Patrick Thomas  
Chief Administrative Officer



