

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Council Present:

Councillors: Deputy Mayor Dave Filipuzzi, Doreen Glavin, Lisa Sygutek, and Dean Ward

Council Absent:

Mayor Blair Painter, Vicki Kubik, Glen Girhiny

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian McCulloh, Director of Finance
Sally Turner, Manager of Finance
Jeremy Wickson, Director of Development, Engineering & Operations
Laken McKee, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions:

Move Item 3.f to Item 10.a

- a) Request from Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board – Councillor Ward

Discussion on the Amazing Teen Race - Councillor Glavin 10.b)

01-2025-06-24: Councillor Sygutek moved to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

02-2025-06-24: Councillor Glavin moved that Council approve the following Consent Agenda items as amended.
Carried

3.a

Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of April 21, 2025

That Council accepts the Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of April 21, 2025, as information.

3.b

Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Library Board of April 22, 2025

That Council accepts the Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Library Board of April 22, 2025, as information.

3.c

ORRSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025

That Council accepts the ORRSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025, as information.

3.d

ORRSC Executive Committee Minutes of May 8, 2025

That Council accepts the ORRSC Executive Committee Minutes of May 8, 2025, as information.

3.e

Letter Received from Honourable, Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

That Council accepts the letter from Honourable, Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, as information.

3.g

Letter received from Kim Miskulin, Blairmore Postmaster

That Council approve the letter received from Kim Miskulin, Blairmore Postmaster, as information.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

03-2025-06-24: Councillor Ward moved to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 10, 2025, as presented.
Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw 1226, 2025 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi declared the Public Hearing opened at 1:03 pm for Bylaw No. 1226, 2025.

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief overview of the bylaw and read into the record that there were two written submissions received prior to the due date.

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi called for members of the public to speak in favor or opposition to Bylaw 1226, 2025.

Fred Bradley - Opposed
Carol Ostrom on behalf of Karen Spoelder – Opposed
Carol Osterom – Opposed
Terry Osterom – Opposed
Jim Kerr – Opposed
Mindy Pawluk – Opposed
Jeff Legge – Opposed

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi declared the public hearing closed at 1:37 pm.

Bylaw 1227, 2025 – Southmore Phase 2 ASP

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi declared the Public Hearing opened at 1:38 pm for Bylaw No. 1227, 2025.

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief overview of the bylaw and read into the record that there were two written submissions received prior to the due date.

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi called for members of the public to speak in favor or opposition to Bylaw 1227, 2025.

Tony Buttazzoni – Opposed
Ron Gillespie – Opposed

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi declared the public hearing closed at 1:45 pm.

Bylaw 1228, 2025 – LUB Amendment – Establishment of the Future Urban Development District and redesignation of Southmore Phase 2

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi declared the Public Hearing opened at 1:46 pm for Bylaw No. 1228, 2025.

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief overview of the bylaw and read into the record that there were two written submissions received prior to the due date.

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi called for members of the public to speak in favor or opposition to Bylaw 1228, 2025.

Micheal Duarte-Pedrosa - Opposed

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi declared the public hearing closed at 1:48 pm.

DELEGATIONS

RCMP Quarterly Update Sergeant Mark Amatto

Sergeant Mark Amatto and Corporal Chris McKerracher of the Crowsnest Pass RCMP detachment were in attendance to present Council with the 4th quarter update from 2024.

Recess

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi called for a short recess at 2:09 pm

Reconvene

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi reconvened the meeting at 2:15 pm

RhPAP – Attraction and Retention Committee

RhPAP were in attendance to provide the Council with an update on some of the challenges they are facing with attracting and retaining both healthcare professionals and support services to our community healthcare system. RhPAP asked Council to reconstitute their proposed Attraction N Retention Committee of Council.

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

Bylaw 1226, 2025 – LUB Amendment

04-2025-06-24: Councillor Ward moved to defer Bylaw 1226, 2025 to July 8, 2025, Council meeting.
Carried

Bylaw 1227, 2025 – Southmore Phase 2 ASP

05-2025-06-24: Councillor Ward moved second reading of Bylaw 1227, 2025.
Carried

06-2025-06-24: Councillor Sygutek moved third and final reading of Bylaw 1227, 2025.
Carried

Bylaw 1228, 2025 – LUB Amendment Southmore Phase 2 Rezoning

07-2025-06-24: Councillor Ward moved second reading of Bylaw 1228, 2025.
Carried

08-2025-06-24: Councillor Glavin moved third and final reading of Bylaw 1228, 2025.
Carried

Bylaw 1229, 2025 – C-2 to R-2A Lot 1, Block C, Plan 0611227

09-2025-06-24: Councillor Sygutek moved first reading of Bylaw 1229, 2025.
Carried

Recess

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi called for a short recess at 3:40 pm

Reconvene

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi reconvened the meeting at 3:44 pm

Service Areas Update

10-2025-06-24: Councillor Ward moved to accept the Service Areas Update, as presented.
Carried

2025 Property Tax Public Auction Date and Reserve Bids

11-2025-06-24: Councillor Glavin moved that Council approve the 2025 Tax Sale date of October 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Office and that Council set the reserve bids for the two (2) properties to be offered for sale at the 2025 Tax Sale (Schedule A) along with the conditions of sale to be applied (Schedule B).
Carried

Peaks to Pines Residents Association – Category 3 Grant Request

12-2025-06-24: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council approve the Category 3 grant request in the amount of \$1900 for Peaks to Pines Residents Association to build a greenhouse with the funds from the Community Cultural Project Reserve Fund.
Carried

Request for a Letter of Support for the Revive the Roxy

13-2025-06-24: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council send a letter of support for Revive the Roxy to Elk Valley Resources LTD.
Carried

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- Councillor Glavin attended the library meeting and discussed the elevator.
 - The elevator will be brought forth as a 2026 Budget Item to be discussed.
- Attended the Coal Meeting in Fort Macleod and is glad it wasn't held in our community.
 - Councillor Glavin expressed how disappointing it was to see some people's behavior and disrespect towards anyone with a different opinion.
- Councillor Sygutek attended a meeting at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital on behalf of Mayor Painter.
 - The Lethbridge Regional Hospital is creating a Cardiac Unit to make it so that people in Southern Alberta don't have to go to Foothills Hospital in Calgary.
 - A major Donor donated \$500, 000.00
 - Lethbridge Regional Hospital spoke with Councillor Sygutek about approaching Elk Valley Resources with all of the Mayors in Southern Alberta.
 - A number of employees from Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek, Fernie and Lethbridge who work in the Elk Valley.
 - Councillor Sygutek is going to approach the Fundraising Committee for Elk Valley Resources to see if they would be willing to fund a floor in Lethbridge Regional Hospital.
 - EVR Funded \$15 million dollars towards the Oncology Unit at Cranbrook Hospital.
 - Perhaps EVR would be willing to send some of their funding over to Southern Alberta because a large portion of their employees reside here.
- Attended the Coal Meeting in Fort Macleod.
 - Councillor Sygutek mentioned that Crowsnest Conservation spoke on behalf of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass which she believes wasn't right.
 - Councillor Sygutek respects that everyone and every group have their own opinion and respect their rights but doesn't find it right to speak on behalf of the Municipality as a whole.
 - Councillor Sygutek was able to speak to Premier Danielle Smith prior to the meeting regarding Red Tape.

- Explained to Premier Danielle Smith that we have a Council that is pro development but it's getting logged up by people who are using the Indigenous Heritage Section within the Cultural and Status of Women to hold up development in this community, they lock it up.
- Premier Danielle Smith and Councillor Sygutek spoke on that department and how it is being weaponized to hold up development in Alberta.
 - Many other communities in Southern Alberta also spoke up that they are also facing the same challenges in their community with that exact department.
 - Premier Danielle Smith said that she will be looking into this further.
- Attended the Rec Meeting on June 23rd and had an awesome presentation from the Crowsnest Pass Pickleball Group.
 - Crowsnest Pass Pickleball Group is going to be approaching Council about the possibility of putting in an Outdoor Pickleball Outdoor Court at one of our Tennis Courts as a 2026 Budget item.
- Councillor Sygutek spoke on behalf of the Municipality at the CCHS Graduation on June 20th.
 - There are many incredible people that this community has produced.
 - We are small but we are mighty!
 - Councillor Sygutek listed about 20 individuals who have all been raised in the Municipality that have done many amazing things in life!
 - The CCHS Graduation Class is full of incredible, encouraging and inspirational kids and we cannot wait to see what they do in this next chapter!
- Councillor Ward attended the Coal Meeting in Fort Macleod.
 - Councillor Ward expressed that he respects everyone has their own opinion whether your pro coal, anti-coal, you can have any opinion that you like.
 - The meeting was not very welcoming to anyone who may share a different opinion than anyone else.
 - If anyone who was pro coal spoke on why they believe that coal mining and the coal mining industry is valuable, they were disrespected and not welcome to voice their own opinion.
 - One of the worst meetings Councillor Ward ever attended.
- Attended Coal Miner Days with Councillor Filipuzzi and participated in the parade on behalf of the Municipality.
 - Wonderful turnout and excellent parade!
- Councillor Ward attended the CCHS Graduation and expressed his gratitude to Councillor Sygutek on a spectacular speech on behalf of Mayor and Council.

- Attended the FCSS and Senior Housing Board Meeting on June 23rd.
- FCSS has a ton of fun Summer activities planned for the Community and it's a breath of fresh air!

- Councillor Filipuzzi expressed his gratitude to Councillor Sygutek for attending the CCHS Graduation and speaking on behalf of Mayor and Council.
- Attended the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board Meeting and reported that all is going well over there.
 - The board is still facing challenges retaining staff but all in all it is going good.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Doreen Johnson – Electronic Access to Council Meetings.
Henry Koopman – Logging concerns in Hillcrest.
Fred Bradley – York Creek Lodge in Blairmore.
Larry Ruzek - Logging concerns in Hillcrest.
Carmen Roman – Procedural processes.
Jeff Legge – Wildlife concerns.

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION

10.a 3.f Request from Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board – Councillor Ward 3 f)

14-2025-06-24: Councillor Ward moved that Council accept the letter from Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board, as information.
Carried

10.b Amazing Teen Race- – Councillor Glavin

Councillor Glavin explained to Council that she was in discussion with the Organizer for the Amazing Teen Race here in the Crowsnest Pass which will be hosted on September 6, 2025, 9:30 – 5:30 pm at Gazebo Park in Blairmore. This year marks the 10th anniversary for the race! The Amazing Teen Race would like to have Council come out if they are available to show their support to the youth in our community.

IN CAMERA

15-2025-06-24: 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 4:48 pm:

- a. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Land Sales Application – ATIA Section 30
- b. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Land Sales Application – ATIA Section 30
- c. Legal - Personnel- ATIA Section 32 – Legal Privilege

Carried

Reconvene

Deputy Mayor Filipuzzi convened the In Camera meeting at 4:51 pm. Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer in attendance to provide advice to Council.

16-2025-06-24: Councillor Ward moved that Council come out of In Camera at 5:26 pm.

Carried

17-2025-06-24: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council accept the offer to purchase Lots 16 & 17, Block 11, Plan 3380T for a purchase price of \$34,100. Subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant resolves the shed encroachment from Lots 14 & 15, Block 11, Plan 3380T into Lot 16, Block 11, Plan 3380T, entering into an encroachment agreement with the owner of Lots 14 & 15, Block 11, Plan 3380T with the Municipality as a Third Party.
2. That the applicant is responsible for all cost associated with the subdivision, surveying, redesignation, and legal requirements, including the legal cost of the Municipality, in respect of this land transaction.
3. That this transaction be completed by December 1, 2025.

Carried

18-2025-06-24: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council accept the offer to Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 820L, for a purchase price of \$17,400. Subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant is responsible for all costs associated with engineering, servicing, and legal requirements, including the legal costs of the Municipality, in respect of this land transaction.
2. That this transaction is completed by December 1, 2025.

Defeated

ADJOURNMENT

19-2025-06-24: Councillor Glavin moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 pm.

Carried



Dave Filipuzzi
Deputy Mayor



Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer