

AGENDA
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
December 8, 2020
via GoToMeeting
9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Delegations:
 - a) 9:00 am to 9:30 am SASCI
 - b) 9:30 am to 10:00 am LLG
3. Closed Session:
 - a) Mediator Selection - PCEMSC Funding Formula – FOIP Section 23
 - b) Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) Community Organizations – FOIP Section 17
 - c) 10:30 am - DEM Brett Wuth -COVID-19 Situation Update – FOIP Section 17
 - d) Remuneration Strategy – FOIP Section 19
 - e) CAO 2020 Performance Review - FOIP Section 19
4. Adjournment

> -----Original Message-----

> From: James Van Leeuwen <javanl@me.com>

> Sent: November 2, 2020 1:43 PM

> To: MDInfo <MDInfo@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

> Subject: Request for presentation to M.D. Committee of the Whole

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> Hi Jessica,

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> SASCI would like to present to the M.D.'s Committee of the Whole sometime before Christmas, to provide a fifteen minute update on SASCI's current status and its plans for 2021.

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> Among other things, we wish to explain to the Committee of the Whole how we plan to invest Joint Council's generous contribution to the Community Legacy Fund project under our BRIDGE Builder initiative.

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> Please let me know if you require any further details.

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> Kind regards,

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> James

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> James Van Leeuwen

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Thursday, November 19, 2020

Dear Reeve Hammond and MD of Pincher Creek Councillors,

As you know, Livingstone Landowners Group has major concerns with the changes to the Alberta Coal Policy. It has resulted in large scale open pit coal mine development projected throughout the Eastern Slopes and Oldman River headwaters.

We are now writing you to share our concerns regarding the Oldman River Crown Reserve water lease allotments. The provincial government appears poised to further facilitate mining development in the Eastern Slopes through changes to these allotments. There could be significant negative impact on existing water leaseholders if proposed mines receive access to the reserves.

The 11,000 acre-feet of water in the Crown Reserve was designated for municipal, agriculture and irrigation, commercial, recreation and private consumers, with 150 acre-feet destined for industrial use. Any change or increase to the industrial allocation would decrease available water supply to the other users.

Benga Mining Ltd, as part of the Grassy Mountain Mine application, has requested transfer of the full 150 acre-feet of the Crown Reserve designated to industry. Exclusive access to this full complement would leave no reserve available for future alternate industrial interest in the MD of Pincher Creek.

The issue becomes more complicated as multiple mining companies announce intent to develop much larger mines in the Eastern Slopes north of Grassy Mountain. If increased industrial demand for water were to trigger fundamental changes to existing water policies and provincial acts to benefit this specific industrial group, there could be significant pressure and negative impact on the valuable watershed that provides the economic engine to much of southwestern Alberta's agricultural industries.

One of the challenges when assessing the impacts of changes to any water allocation, is the lack of comprehensive data regarding present instream flowrates of the Oldman River headwaters where these mines are proposed. Given that the Oldman River system is fully allocated, has high annual variable of water flowrates and is decreasing in flow volumes over time due to climate change, there is already significant uncertainty of future water security for existing downstream users.

We recognize this is a complex issue and we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you through a zoom meeting to discuss this in more detail.

Thank you for your time,

Norma Dougall, VP Livingstone Landowners Group

Bobbi Lambright, Secretary Livingstone Landowners Group