

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:00 pm  
Council Chambers

Present: Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors Dave Cox, and John MacGarva.

Absent: Councillor Harold Hollingshead

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Director of Finance Meghan Dobie, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order, the time being 2:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the agenda for the March 14, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) Riplinger Concerned Citizens

Approximately 12 residents attended the meeting at this time. There were 3 speakers with the following points:

Anne Stevick (resident MD of Pincher Creek)

Attended the open house for the Riplinger Windfarm Project and has concerns with the locations of the turbines. She understands that this project is not within the MD of Pincher Creek but wants to ensure Council is aware. In 2012 there was a petition circulated to stop a transmission line South of Highway 3 to the USA border. She questioned if there was policies and plans for where power lines/transmission lines can go in the MD.

Jim Bester (resident of Cardston County)

He only recently found out about the project and has lived in the area most of his life. From his home he can view all of the current turbines, this new project would be very visible. He feels that more should be done to protect the concept of Waterton. He stated that several studies have taken place on the beauty of this area, and feels this project goes against the reports.

Nancy Barrios (resident of MD of Pincher Creek)

She read from studies regarding migratory birds that frequent the water bodies near where this project is proposed.

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Council discussed the various ways they concerned citizens can reach out to higher up Government and the AUC to voice their concerns. The MD of Pincher Creek isn't the approval body for this project, but isn't opposed to supplying a letter of support with their concerns. Council suggested that the citizens maintain communication with the MD and advice of what the Council can do to support them.

Citizens left the meeting at this time, the time being 2:53 pm.

b) Asset Management

Brendan Schlossberger, Financial Services & Asset Management Specialist, attended the meeting at this time to discuss asset management. The goal is to improve planning and decision making. The discussion was focused on levels of service which are meant to set the expectation for the public and staff on the types of services we provide and extent we go to with those services. The example we used was snow plowing and the frequency we do it.

Topics such as levels of service. Customer levels of service vs Technical levels of service. Performance measures. Existing levels of service. Defining ranges in levels of service and asset management in our community were discussed.

Brendan left the meeting at this time, the time being 3:45 pm.

c) Tax Assessment

Doug Jensen, MD Tax Assessor, attended the meeting at this time to discuss assessment for 2023.

Doug left the meeting at this time, the time being 4:10 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:10 pm:

- a) 2023 Property Tax Discussion – FOIP Sec 24.1.a

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:07 pm.

Carried

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4. Round Table

5. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 5:07 pm.

Carried

  
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