

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

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The Special Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Notice of this Special Council Meeting was posted on the MD website and social media.

**PRESENT** Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors Dave Cox, Harold Hollingshead and John MacGarva.

**STAFF** CAO Roland Milligan, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

**ALSO PRESENT** Town of Pincher Creek: Mayor Don Anderberg, Councillors Gary Cleland, Brian Wright, Sahra Nodge, and David Green, as well as CAO Angie Lucas and Kristie Green.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/327

Moved that the Council Agenda for September 7, 2023 be amended to include:

- Closed Session: Health Professionals Attraction and Retention – FOIP Sec. 23.1.b

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

Community Fund

Andrea Hlady, in the position of Fund Development consultant contracted through SASCI, and Dan Crawford with SASCI, attended the meeting at this time to discuss a possible community fund.

Through research and consultation with different entities including the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwest Alberta, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (Medicine Hat), the Foundation of Northwestern Alberta (Grande Prairie), South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (Regina), and Community Foundations of Canada, it was determined that creating a regional fund to be held at the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwest Alberta would be most beneficial to our citizens.

They are requesting that a representative from the Municipal District of Pincher Creek (Reeve) and the Town of Pincher Creek (Mayor) sign a Future Fund Agreement with the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwest Alberta. The legal name of the fund has not been decided. This request will also be presented to Piikani Nation.

As signatories on this Future Fund Agreement, Councils would be accepting responsibility to act as ambassadors of this regional fund and promote and market the fund where applicable. Councils would be asked to agree to relay ongoing information/data on the fund to the constituents as appropriate, and refer interested constituents to the fund for consideration.

Additional community impacts include:

- The fund can be a catalyst for philanthropy in our community,
- Opportunity to connect with people and understand causes and organizations that they care about, and building long-term relationships,
- Increases sustainability of services provided to community members,
- Can quickly respond to a crisis in the community through an immediate conversation with the Community Foundation,
- A fund by the community and for the community.

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An official ask will come to both Town and MD Councils later this fall, this was just an introduction to the possible program.

C. NEW BUSINESS

a) Municipal Scholarships

Reeve Rick Lemire discussed the possibility of forming a Municipal Scholarship with the Town and MD. He envisions a fund to award a community minded young person. He is looking for support to form a committee to start the process of establishing a scholarship fund.

Councillor Dave Cox 23/328

Moved that the MD of Pincher Creek, jointly with the Town of Pincher Creek, begin the process of forming a Municipal Scholarship Committee to provide scholarships to each of the three High Schools in the community (Matthew Halton, St. Michael's and Livingstone).

Carried

Municipal Scholarships Committee

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/329

Moved that Reeve Rick Lemire be appointed to the Municipal Scholarship Committee for the coming term.

Carried

b) Curling Facility

The MD discussed with the Town how the new Pincher Creek Curling Rink would be maintained, and if the Town would eventually want it added to the ICF agreement. As there isn't a formal agreement in place for the curling clubs proposal, the MD wishes to see a finalized agreement with the curling club. At present time there isn't an agreement and the Town can't comment where the arrangement will go from here.

D. ROUND TABLE

Early Learning Centres

Mayor Don Anderberg updated the MD about the Early Learning Centre. Two years ago the rates for child care were frozen by the Province, and the Town is unable to raise rates for the daycare. Town has been talking to the Province to be able to raise the rates to break even on funding, but at this time there is no change.

Water Situation

Reeve Rick Lemire updated the Town about the MDs water situation. The MD is looking at finding another location downstream to allow for pumping into the water treatment plant. Alberta Environment has been as helpful as they can, and we have had a couple wells looked at for pumping. With winter coming, the MD needs to find a way for pumps to work in the cold, possibly underground. At present time 4 trucks are running water daily to the treatment plant. MD is looking for both a short term and long term solution to this concern.

Accommodation Shortage

It was mentioned that there are no water bombers at the airport this summer as there has been no accommodations, hotels or rentals, for staff to stay at. Hotels in the area may have room, but don't have the staff to maintain.

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E. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Dave Cox 23/330

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 7:00 pm:

- a) Energy Manager Position – FOIP Sec. 16.1.ii
- b) Eco-Centre – FOIP Sec. 16.1.ii
- c) Health Professionals Attraction and Retention – FOIP Sec. 23.1.b

Carried

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/331

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 8:37 pm.

Carried

- b) Eco-Centre

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/332

Moved that Administration for the MD, work with Administration from the Town, to create survey questions in relation to the Pincher Creek Eco-Centre,

AND THAT this survey be made available to all residents in the community with the results presented at a future Joint Council meeting,

AND FINALLY THAT the funding model remain as it currently stands at 60% MD and 40% Town.

Carried

- c) Health Professionals Attraction and Retention

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/333

Moved that Councillor Dave Cox be appointed to the Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee for the coming term.

Carried

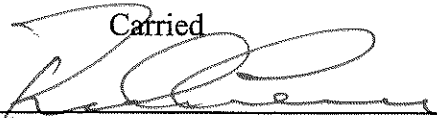
Town Councillor Gary Cleland will facilitate a meeting for the Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/334

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 8:42 pm.

Carried

  
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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER