

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:00 pm
Council Chambers

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

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Financial Manager Brendan Schlossberger, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Dave Cox called the meeting to order, the time being 2:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Harold Hollingshead

Moved that the agenda for the January 23, 2024 approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) MLA Livingstone-McLeod

Chelsae Petrovic, MLA Livingstone-McLeod, attended virtually to discuss with Council the current water situation in the MD of Pincher Creek.

Council updated her on the progress towards a water storage solution, and requested she assist with the Provinces attention regarding regulatory approvals required to help mitigate the ongoing water supply crisis affecting our communities. She is aware of the water situation and will assist where she can.

Resident Lee Hochstein spoke that he was against the proposed solar farm in the area and asked if the MLA can assist people in having the project cancelled. She advised that she is aware of peoples concerns regarding this project.

Chelsae Petrovic logged off the virtual meeting, the time being 2:18 pm.

b) Castle Community Association (CMCA)

Tim Luke with the Castle Community Association, along with several community members, attended the Council meeting to introduce CMCA and review what they do for the area. The Community Association works with Castle Mountain Resort for certain events and activities, as well as maintaining trails for the community to enjoy.

Tim Luke left the meeting, the time being 2:40 pm.

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Tristan Walker, Municipal Energy Project Lead, attended the meeting, the time being 2:45 pm.

c) Evolugen

Alex Ross and Mike Peters with Evolugen attended the Council meeting to discuss the changes to the proposed Sun Rise Solar project. Through citizen engagement, Evolugen has heard the communities concerns and are working at mitigating some of the ones that have been brought up.

Council expressed their own concerns on the project; mainly the farm land that is being used, whether it could go on different parcels, if Evolugen has contacted Nav Canada, what does this project look like for the community as far as permanent employees.

The MD will be sending a letter to AUC on all of their concerns surrounding the Sun Rise Solar Project.

Alex Ross, Mike Peters and Tristan Walker left the meeting, the time being 3:30

3. Closed Session

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 3:42 pm.

- a) Draft Policy C-FIN-537 Tangible Capital Assets – FOIP Sec. 23.1.a
- b) Draft Policy C-PW-025 Cutting Hay on Municipal Roadways – FOIP Sec. 23.1.a
- c) AUC Application Process Discussion – FOIP Sec. 24.1.a

Councillor Harold Hollingshead

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 4:50 pm.

Carried

5. Round Table

Councillor Harold Hollingshead discussed Foothills Little Bow meeting and water licensing concerns. He requested that the Agriculture Service Board members be invited to attend when talking to officials about the water situation, and requested that the Minister of Environment be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

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6. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 5:15 pm.

Carried



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