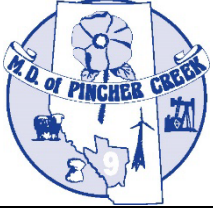


AGENDA
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
March 26, 2024
2:00 pm
Council Chambers

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Delegations
 - a) 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm – BTG Energy
 - b) 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm – Municipal Energy Project Lead
 - c) 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Oldman River Brewery
 - d) 3:30pm to 4:00 pm – Patton Park Society
- 3) Closed Session
 - a) Public Works Call Log – FOIP Sec. 24.1
 - b) Draft Snow Removal Policy - FOIP Sec. 24.1
 - c) Resident Discussion with Council – FOIP Sec. 17.1
- 4) Round Table
- 5) Adjournment

Recommendation to Council

TITLE: Tree planting program with local elementary schools			
PREPARED BY: Tristan Walker		DATE: March 18, 2024	
DEPARTMENT: Municipal Energy Projects			
		ATTACHMENTS: 1. Climate Adaptation Report	
Department Supervisor	Date		
APPROVALS:			
<u>Tristan Walker</u>		<u>Roland Milligan</u>	
_____ Prepared by	_____ Date	_____ CAO	_____ Date

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council for the Municipal District of Pincher Creek receive this report as information.

BACKGROUND: As part of the Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan conducted from October 2022 to June 2023 a list of recommendations was developed to improve the risk profile and impacts of climate change in the area. Recommendation 27 was to develop a tree planting program within the Municipality.

An opportunity to incorporate this program into Elementary School curriculums was identified and classes from Livingstone, St. Micheals, Canyon, and Piikani have been invited to Grumpy’s Greenhouse to learn about the benefits of planting native species, receive a sapling, and provided instruction on best practices for planting for maximum benefit. In addition to staff at Grumpy’s, The Nature Conservancy of Canada has expressed interest in joining to provide information about conservation within rangeland, and emergency services has been contacted to provide information about fire, wind, and storm risks.

The program is being sponsored by Vitae and Fortis Alberta to cover the costs of the saplings and program development.

Administration is providing this report as information and inviting Council to join the schools on May 1 and 2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
Staff time to participate in field trips days.



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the current issue we are facing with our Brewery Waste water and our request to have the MD cover the costs associated with testing, as we may now be able, after 4 years, to allow a slow release into the lagoons. In 2015 when the idea of building the Brewery was originally presented to the MD, we were not informed of any regulations in regards to the waste water that would be entering the lagoons.

On Friday Oct 2, 2020, we received a letter from the MD instructing us that all Brewery waste water streams were no longer to be released into the Lundbreck sewage lagoon. At that time, we were encouraged by the Pincher Creek MD representative to employ the services of a wastewater consultant to work on our behalf with the engineering firm representing the MD. Since receiving this letter, we have put in measures to remove our waste water with other means while working toward coming up with a solution to minimize the effect on the lagoons in the future. In 2021 we hired a waste water consultant in 2021 whom specializes in Brewery wastewater systems specifically to help us implement a solution. The MD of Pincher Creek was unable to provide Oldman River Brewing with any of the information regarding effluent loads to enable us to create a plan for our wastewater disposal system. We have been in conversations with more than one engineer from the MD and have paid to have our water tested and put in time creating spreadsheets that later we disregarded as the engineering firm changed and we were back at square one. Since October 2020 when we were instructed to stop releasing our Brewery Waste water, we have spent \$36,300 in Water Water removal. As well as the additional expense to install a waste water handling system in our facility with no understanding of the final outcome. This is a huge additional cost for a small business. What is more frustrating is that we had no guidance on how to make it better until recent months. Because of the neglect of the MD to offer us any guidance to rectify the situation for such a long period of time. We feel that asking the MD at this time to cover the costs of the testing is a fair and reasonable ask.

Sincerely,

Brittney and Adam Wilgosh