

Coffee with Council – Division 2  
Thursday February 22, 2024  
6:00 pm  
MD Council Chambers

Attendees:

MD of Pincher Creek:

Reeve Dave Cox, Deputy Reeve John MacGarva, Councillors Rick Lemire, Tony Bruder, CAO Roland Milligan, Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland, Public Works Manager Patrick Gauvreau, Assistant Manager Alan McRae and Development Officer Laura McKinnon.

Audience:

Approximately 7 residents from the area.

Welcome from Reeve Dave Cox

- Welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming out.
- Went around the room to the other Councillors so they could introduce themselves.

The following topics were discussed with Council and the public:

Concerns on slow clearing on Kerr Road. Plowing isn't done in a timely fashion. Are operators not working on weekends? There was 22 inches of snow and didn't see a grader for 2 ½ days. Operator is leaving large windrows on road causing a hazard.

- MD has new operators have been hired, asking for a bit of patience while they are being trained.
- Residents are to call the office if the next snowfall isn't dealt with to their standards.
- PW Manager will take a look at current conditions of RR 29-3.

Water Crisis concerns.

- MD is currently pumping water and has reduced trucking costs.
- Currently making application to Province for 2 wells connected to the aquifer.
- Working on grant applications to assist with funding.
- Water rights were explained, and where the MD is on allocation.
- Other Municipalities are dealing with the same concerns.

Eco Centre

- Residents feel the changes have been positive, it's well maintained and the staff is helpful. They would be okay with reduced hours if it made it more affordable.

Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing

- Residents felt that the potential solar development is a waste of good agricultural grounds. Council explained that even if the MD says no, the Province can override the decision.

Airport

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- Council reviewed that they have been putting money into upgrading the airport and would like to develop a regional airport committee. Currently it is only the MD and Crowsnest, Town of Pincher Creek decided not to participate.

Acceptable use of public roadway.

- Can people use a public roadway to train horses?

MD will have to look into the traffic act.

General comments:

- Concerns over amount of closed session items (MGA was discussed, and reasons for closed session)
- Why don't people come out to meetings? Poor attendance at open house.

Coal – was MD for or against?

- Water issues were the major concerns for the MD.

Meeting concluded at 7:24 pm.