

**MINUTES
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
September 11, 2018; 9:00 am**

Present: Reeve Quentin Stevick, Councillors Brian Hammond, Bev Everts, Rick Lemire and Terry Yagos

Staff: Interim Chief Administrative Officer Sheldon Steinke, Director of Operations Leo Reedyk, Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, and Executive Assistant Tara Cryderman

Other: La Vonne Rideout, Pincher Creek Family Centre

Reeve Quentin Stevick called the meeting to order, the time being 9:00 am.

A moment of silence was observed, recognizing the anniversary of September 11, 2001.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Rick Lemire

Moved that the Council Committee Meeting Agenda, for September 11, 2018, be amended, the amendment as follows:

- Addition to Round Table 6a – ICF Committee Appointments
- Addition to Round Table 6b – Consultant Services for Collective Bargaining Agreement revisions and Lead Negotiator;

And that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Closed Meeting Session

Councillor Bev Everts

Moved that Council close the Council Committee Meeting to the public for discussions regarding the following, the time being 9:05 am:

- Public Works Call Log – FOIP Section 16

Carried

Councillor Terry Yagos

Moved that Council open the Committee Meeting to the public, the time being 9:30 am.

Carried

3. Child Care in the Area

La Vonne Rideout, Executive Director with Pincher Creek Family Centre, attended the Council Committee Meeting to discuss childcare in the area.

The Town of Pincher Creek has hired Ms. Rideout as a consultant regarding supporting and solving the need for childcare in the area.

The early years of childhood are critically important to the foundation of success in life.

A history of the review and need of childcare was provided.

There is a need for 120 childcare spaces in the area. This need is not currently being met. There is currently approximately 87 spaces available in the area.

A Day Care Committee was created and approached both the elementary schools within the Town of Pincher Creek. Each School had an existing daycare within their facilities.

There is currently a temporary site at St. Michaels School. This centre is for years zero to 12 years of age.

Canyon School was awarded a grant that allows additional funding to improve their care, and offer care at \$25 per day. Their license is for children between 3 years and 6 years.

This has created a two-tiered system, which is an additional issue for consideration.

A meeting was held last week with government officials to further discuss this issue.

What can the MD do at this time? The Town has committed \$300,000 towards this issue.

Livingstone Range School Division holds a license for childcare; this is highly unusual in the province.

The Town of Pincher Creek has acknowledged the need for quality childcare, and have created a not for profit organization for this issue; this is highly unique as well.

Licensing of the facilities was discussed and explained.

At the time of Children's World Day Care closing, the number of rural families affected was approximately 35%.

Childcare is a key point for economic development.

Day homes were mentioned.

Livingstone School in Lundbreck was mentioned. There seems to be a good core population within this area as well. Perhaps this school could be included in the available spaces.

The financial burden of multiple sites within the area was mentioned.

The opportunity to provide choices to families, with regards to childcare, was mentioned.

There are two regulated, and accredited, day homes within the area. This was explained further.

The cost of childcare was discussed. The costing schedule is very confusing. Subsidies are available for families, based on income.

The rationality of why the MD should be involved with this issue, and the importance of childcare to the entire area, was provided.

Housing and childcare are vital to promoting, and inviting, industry to the area.

4. Attendance at the Fall RMA Convention

It was determined that Reeve Quentin Stevick, Councillors Bev Everts, Terry Yagos and Brian Hammond, with Interim CAO Sheldon Steinke, will be attending the Fall RMA Convention.

5. Scheduling of Community Meeting – Kenow Fire

The need for a facilitator is necessary. David Green was suggested, with Dan McKim as an alternate.

The communication protocol should be moved to the first agenda item.

It was suggested that each agency present a short introduction of themselves. Perhaps the video shown to Council from Parks Canada could be shown to the Public?

The MD is not responsible for fire fighting, this is the responsibility of Emergency Services Commission; this should be communicated with the public.

Print information should be available. The communication protocol is an important document to hand out.

Serving food was suggested. This will require some type of pre-registration for numbers. It was suggested to have Twin Butte General Store (Jenny) cater the event.

October 29, 2018, commencing at 6:00 pm was suggested. An alternative date was October 30, 2018.

A sound system is necessary. David Green has a system that may be available.

The question and answer session is very important.

The agenda will be revised, based on the suggestions.

6. Round Table Discussion

a) ICF Committee Appointments

The Town of Pincher Creek has appointed three Councillors to the ICF Committee. It was suggested that the MD appoint two, as three is a majority of the MD Council.

It is recommended that two Members of the MD Council will be appointed to the ICF Committee.

b) Collective Bargaining Agreement

This will be added to the agenda to this afternoon's agenda.

Division 1:

Nothing to add at this time.

Division 2:

- Safety Officer Appointment
- Interviews will occur September 18-20

Division 3:

- Safety issues with regards to the Beaver Mines Water and Wastewater Project

Division 4:

Nothing to add at this time.

Division 5:

Nothing to add at this time.

7. Adjournment

Councillor Terry Yagos

Moved that the meeting adjourn, the time being 12:10 pm.

Carried