

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 9, 2021**

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 1:00 pm, via GoToMeeting.

**PRESENT** Reeve Brian Hammond, Deputy Reeve Rick Lemire, Councillors Terry Yagos, Quentin Stevick and Bev Everts.

**STAFF** CAO Troy MacCulloch, Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, Director of Finance Meghan Dobie, Director of Operations Aaron Benson and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Brian Hammond called the meeting to order, the time being 1:00 pm.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Quentin Stevick 21/116

Moved that the Council Agenda for March 9, 2021 be amended to include:

- Information Action:
  - i) Local Journalism
    - Letter of Support for Shootin the Breeze
  - j) Policing Concerns
    - Letter from Vauxhall County

And that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

**B. PUBLIC HEARING 1326-21 Lundbreck Dog Park**

**1. Call Public Hearing to Order**

Reeve Brian Hammond called the public hearing to order, the time being 1:01 pm.

**2. Advertising requirement**

Reeve Brian Hammond stated that the Public Hearing had been advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act. This Public Hearing was advertised in Shootin the Breeze on February 24, 2021 and March 3, 2021, as well as the MD website and MD Social Media pages.

**3. Purpose of the hearing**

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public input on proposed Bylaw No. 1326-21. The purpose of Bylaw No. 1326-21 is to amend Bylaw No. 1289-18, being the Land Use Bylaw. Changes to designation to allow for the development of a dog park, to clarify the zoning for Patton Park, and revise the Hamlet of Lundbreck boundary.

**4. Presentations:**

VERBAL:

Reeve Brian Hammond asked if anyone in the audience wished to make a statement, none spoke up.

WRITTEN:

Reeve Brian Hammond asked if any other submissions have been received, none were received.

**5. Closing Comments**

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Reeve Brian Hammond asked if Council has any further questions, none of Council had any further comments.

6. Adjournment from Public Hearing

Reeve Brian Hammond adjourned the public hearing, the time being 1:05 pm.

C. DELEGATIONS

C. MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bev Everts 21/117

Moved that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on February 23, 2021 be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Council Meeting Minutes

Councillor Terry Yagos 21/118

Moved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on February 23, 2021 be approved as amended.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Intermunicipal Library Bylaws

Councillor Bev Everts 21/119

Moved that the Intermunicipal Library Bylaws be tabled to the Council meeting on March 23, 2021 for clarification on removal of all **late fines**.

Carried

b) Communities in Bloom Update

Administration advised that staff will be participating in virtual meeting for Communities in Bloom on March 10, 2021

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Letter of Support Request Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Center

Due to timeline, request was emailed to Council while our letter for the Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Center was already sent last week. Request and letter is attached in the package for Council's information.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Quentin Stevick – Division 1

2. Councillor Rick Lemire – Division 2

a) Emergency Advisory Committee

b) Pincher Creek Foundation

3. Councillor Bev Everts– Division 3

a) Agricultural Service Board

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- i. Oldman Watershed Council Request for Funding 2021 - ASB recommended to Council to approve the request for 2021 funding

Councillor Bev Everts 21/120

Moved that the donation request for the Oldman Watershed Council request for funding for 2021 be approved, in the amount of 47¢ per resident, \$1,394, to be taken from account 2-62-0-773-2765 (Conservation Projects).

Carried

- b) Beaver Mines Community Association  
 c) Castle Mountain Community Association  
 d) Family and Community Support Services  
 4. Reeve Brian Hammond - Division 4  
 a) Mayors and Reeves  
 5. Councillor Terry Yagos – Division 5

Councillor Bev Everts 21/121

Moved to accept the Committee Reports and information.

Carried

Public Works Superintendent Eric Blanchard attended the meeting at this time to discuss the call logs, and left the meeting at 2:22 pm.

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations  
 a) Operations Report

Councillor Quentin Stevick 21/122

Moved that Council receive for information:

- Report from Director of Operations dated March 4, 2021
- Public Works Call logs, dated March 4, 2021
- Capital Budget Summary, dated March 4, 2021

Carried

- b) Standpipe Beaver Mines

Councillor Terry Yagos 21/123

Moved that Council receive the report and survey results on the Standpipe in Beaver Mines as information,

AND THAT the completed survey results be made available on the MD website.

Carried

2. Finance

- a) Pincher Creek Emergency Services Invoice MD-50-20

Councillor Bev Everts 21/124

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Moved that Council direct Administration to provide correspondence to the rate payer for fire response charges by PCESC on December 27, 2020;

AND THAT the correspondence include that the MD will not issue a bill to the rate payer until such time the review on fire response charges has been completed;

AND FURTHER THAT Administration contact PCESC advising we will not pay invoice MD-50-20 until the review on fire response charges has been completed.

Carried

b) Property Tax Write Off - Houston Oil and Gas Ltd.

Councillor Bev Everts 21/125

Moved that Council write off the property taxes owing from Houston Oil and Gas Ltd. in the amount of \$73,640.25 through the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (6-12-0-735-6735).

Carried

3. Development and Community Services

a) Agricultural Environmental Services Monthly Report

Councillor Terry Yagos 21/126

Moved that the Agricultural Environmental Services Monthly Report for March 2021 be received as information.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) Chief Administrative Officer Report

Councillor Terry Yagos 21/127

Moved that Council receive for information, the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of February 24, 2021 to March 9, 2021.

Carried

b) Municipal Climate Change Action Center (MCCAC) Municipal Energy Manager Program

Councillor Bev Everts 21/128

Moved that Council enter into the Municipal Climate Change Action Center (MCCAC) Municipal Energy Manager Program for a two year term;

AND THAT Council agree that the Town of Pincher Creek will be designated as the lead municipality for the application;

AND FURTHER THAT Council fund the 2021 contribution, up to a maximum of \$10,000 from the tax rate stabilization reserve, with the 2022 contribution to be included in the 2022 budget.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

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1. For Action

a) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Invitation

Information provided for Council on the upcoming Police Advisory Committee meeting.

b) Property Tax Forgiveness - #1 – 217 Hamilton Ave, Lundbreck

Councillor Bev Everts 21/129

Moved that administration draft a letter to Cralyn Property Management regarding their request for property tax forgiveness on #1 – 217 Hamilton Ave, Lundbreck, stating that as per MD Bylaw 1277-17 the registered owner of the manufactured home park shall be the assessed person with respect to each designated manufactured home within the particular manufactured home park and that owner shall be responsible for payment of taxes as the assessed person.

Carried

c) Concerns Regarding Proposed Changes to AER Directive 067

Councillor Bev Everts 21/130

Moved that the MD send a letter to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) regarding the MD concerns on proposed changes to Directive 067 which fails to address non-payment of levied municipal taxes by Licence Holders of Provincially regulated oil and gas properties.

Carried

d) Letter of Support Request - Letter from Castle Mountain Community Association

Councillor Bev Everts 21/131

Moved that the MD send a letter of support for Castle Mountain Community Association in their application to the CO-OP Community Spaces grant for the proposed skating rink project.

Carried

e) Have Your Say - Update on Alberta Coal Policy - Letter from Mayor of High River

Councillor Rick Lemire 21/132

Moved that Council accept the letter from High River, regarding the update on the Alberta Coal Policy, as information.

Carried

f) Request for Support - Campaign for Smoke Free Alberta

Councillor Bev Everts 21/133

Moved that the MD draft a message to the MLA for the Campaign for Smoke Free Alberta encouraging him to protect Alberta youth from flavoured vaping products.

Carried

g) Community Garbage Bin Schedule Concern - Letter from Beaver Mines Store

Councillor Bev Everts 21/134

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Moved that administration be directed to reach out to the owner of the Beaver Mines Store in regards to his concerns surrounding the community garbage bin misuse in the hamlet.

Carried

- h) Protection for the Rocky Mountains - Eastern Slopes and Watersheds Surface Coal Mining in Southwest Alberta - Grassy Mountain Project - Letter from City of Lethbridge to Premier of Alberta

Councillor Terry Yagos 21/135

Moved that a letter be drafted from the MD, supporting the City of Lethbridge's letter to the Premier of Alberta regarding the protection for the Rocky Mountains, Eastern Slopes and Watersheds Surface Coal Mining in Southwest Alberta, namely the Grassy Mountain Project.

Carried

- i) Local Journalism - Letter of Support for Shootin the Breeze

Councillor Bev Everts 21/136

Moved that a letter be written in support of the local paper, Shootin the Breeze, in their application for a grant through the Local Journalism Initiative.

Carried

- j) Policing Concerns - Letter from Vauxhall County

Councillor Rick Lemire 21/137

Moved that a letter be written in to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, with copies being sent to the MLA, K Division, and the 2 local RCMP detachments, stating the MD's concern and does not support the Province of Alberta's initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Force.

Carried

2. For Information

Councillor Bev Everts 21/138

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Pincher Creek Chamber's Virtual AGM Invitation
- b) Budget 2021
  - Message from Hon. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
- c) Potential Conditions for the NGTL West Path Delivery 2022 project
- d) President's Summit on Policing
  - Letter from Crowsnest Pass
- e) Summer 2021 Province Wide Touring Challenges
- f) Coal Development Policy and Water License Allocation Policy
  - Letter from MD of Willow Creek to Ministers
- g) Thank You Letter
  - STARS
- h) Thank You Letter
  - Group Group Youth
- i) 2020 Audit of MD of Pincher Creek
  - Information from Avail Chartered Professionals
- j) Unpaid Oil and Gas Tax Survey
  - Member Briefing RMA
- k) Grant Writer Report
  - January 2021

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I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Rick Lemire 21/139

Moved that Council move in to closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:02 pm:

- a) Mediator Selection – PCESC Funding Formula Dispute Resolution – FOIP Section 19
- b) Road Closure and Purchase Request – FOIP Section 17
- c) Road Closure and Purchase Request – FOIP Section 17

Carried

Councillor Rick Lemire 21/140

Moved that Council open the Council meeting to the public, the time being 4:35 pm.

Carried

- a) Mediator Selection – PCESC Funding Formula Dispute Resolution

Councillor Rick Lemire 21/141

Moved that Council approve the contract and proposed services by Barbara McNeil and Associates to facilitate our mediation process with the Town of Pincher Creek;

AND THAT the MD agrees to share the cost of this process with the Town on a 50/50 basis.

Carried

- b) Road Closure and Purchase Request – NE 26-4-30 W4M

Councillor Bev Everts 21/142

Moved that Council approve the request to close a portion of undeveloped statutory road allowance located adjacent to the applicants parcel within the NE 26-4-30 W4M;

AND THAT the applicants be responsible for all costs associated with the closure, purchase and consolidation with his parcel.

Carried

- c) Road Closure and Purchase Request – E 25-9-1 W5M

Councillor Rick Lemire 21/143

Moved that the request to close and purchase the roadway within the E 25-9-1 W5M, be tabled pending contact with Alberta Environment, and the MD of Willow Creek.

Carried

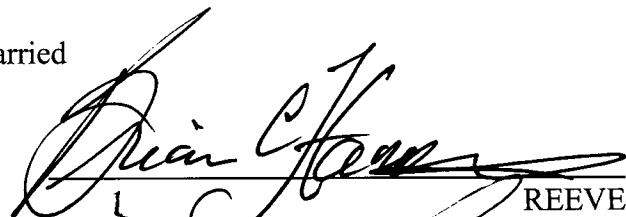
K. ADJOURNMENT


Councillor Terry Yagos 21/144

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Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 4:38 pm.

Carried

  
REEVE

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER