

MINUTES
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 9:00 am
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 and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Brian Hammond called the meeting to order, the time being 9:00am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Bev Everts

Moved that the agenda for June 8, 2021 be amended to include 3f) Potential Standpipe Locations – FOIP Sec. 17,

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Cabin Ridge Coal

Bradley Johnston and Linda Jefferson with Cabin Ridge Coal attended the meeting at this time to discuss the proposed coal mining development in the Crowsnest Pass.

In April the Government of Alberta halted all coal exploration Category 2 lands until the coal consultation process is complete. Cabin Ridge's planned exploration program is halted, no drilling or construction activities.

Planned exploration spend was to be in the range of \$12 million, supporting 60-90 full time jobs. Currently they are continuing to engage with Indigenous groups, communities and stakeholders during the halt. And will be at the market and community events in Crowsnest Pass this spring and summer. They are also continuing with environmental baseline program, terrain and soils, vegetation and wetlands, wildlife, surface water, fish and fish habitat, and groundwater studies. Information from these findings would be used in designing a potential future mine to reduce impacts and any future environmental impact assessment.

Currently the Government of Alberta is seeking feedback from Albertans to inform the province's long-term approach to coal exploration and development. The Government intends to develop a modern coal policy to protect areas Albertans cherish while allowing responsible

resource development in appropriate places. Consultation is being lead by the Coal Policy Committee and Cabin Ridge believes that the Terms of Reference coupled with additional insight into technical matters will allow for a modern coal policy that protects natural areas and responsible coal development.

Bradley Johnston and Linda Jefferson left the meeting at this time, the time being 9:54 am.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Bev Everts

Moved that Council move in to closed session to discuss the following, the time being 9:55 am:

- a) 2020 Snake Trail Fire – FOIP Section 17
- b) 2020 Outstanding Property Tax – FOIP Section 17
- c) Beaver Mines Project Update – FOIP Section 17
- d) Transfer Station Discussion – Post Joint Council Recap – FOIP Section 17
- e) Emergency Services Mediation Update – FOIP Section 17
- e) Potential Standpipe Location – FOIP Section 17

Councillor Terry Yagos

Moved that Council open the Council meeting to the public, the time being 11:48 am.

4. Adjournment

Councillor Rick Lemire

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 11:49 am.