

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:00 am  
Council Chambers

Present: Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors, Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order, the time being 11:00 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the agenda for the January 14, 2025, Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegation

a) RCMP

Sergeant Ryan Hodge attended the meeting to present the 2024 vs. 2023 crime statistics and staffing levels for the community. Waterton Detachment was discussed as staff isn't currently designated to the park for the summer season. Similar to 2024, Pincher Creek Detachment staffs the position but will not send an RCMP member unless Pincher Creek is fully staffed. Lack of attendance at RCMP Open Houses was discussed.

Sergeant Ryan Hodge left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:20 am.

b) Grassy Mountain Coal Mine

Hugh Lynch-Staunton attended the meeting at this time.

A letter from the Livingstone Landowners Group (LLG) regarding Grassy Mountain was sent in late for today's council meeting. The letter and email will be received as information as part of Mr. Lynch-Staunton's delegation. Council took a brief recess to allow for them to read the letter and email provided.

Hugh spoke as a long-time community member and rancher, holding forestry permits in the Gap, connecting to Grassy Mountain. His observations regarding the potential of a coal mine in the Grassy Mountain area are that during coal mining in the 1980s, he didn't notice any pollution in the area and doesn't feel there should be fear for this time either. As a rancher, he certainly doesn't want to see any water issues being caused, but he doesn't feel there is that potential if standards of practice are followed from the coal mine. He remembers when mines were shut down in the Crowsnest Pass and how that affected the economy from extra funding for roads and schools and how it impacted the businesses. Regarding the LLG's position on economic growth, he feels they are pretty one-sided in their perspective, instilling hysteria and fear about coal mines.

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Reeve Rick Lemire clarified that the MD has been asked for their stance on the mine, while the MD may see some economic benefit, the proposal is in another Municipality, and the MD has always held the position of ensuring water security.

Hugh Lynch-Staunton left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:45 am.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:46 am.

- a) Public Works Call Log – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Policy C-HR-002 Leave With or Without Pay – FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 12:10 pm.

Carried

4. Rural ICF Discussion

5. Round Table

- RMA Spring Convention – if Council wants to attend, they will advise the administration so accommodations can be booked
- CAPTUS Carbon Capture
- Heritage Acres received grant to build a shop – would like some in kind work from the MD
- Fire Guard at Castle Mountain
- Traffic Bylaw and OHV usage
- Entertainment Bylaw

6. Adjournment

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 12:58 pm.

Carried



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER