

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:00 pm  
Council Chambers

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

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Public Works Manager Patrick Gauvreau, Financial Manager Brendan Schlossberger, Public Works Manager Assistant Alan McRae, Development Officer Laura McKinnon and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Dave Cox called the meeting to order, the time being 2:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the agenda for the May 14, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegation

Northback

Mike Young and Daina Lazzarotto, with Northback (Previously Riversdale), attended the meeting to update the Council on their future plans for the Coal Exploration Application. They do not have approvals and are working through the application process for the drilling program with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER).

The drilling program is planned to obtain the following:

- Coal quality data
- Geotechnical data
- Hydrogeological (groundwater) data Program consists of:
  - 13 drill pads on Crown land (reduced from 20)
  - 12 Drill pads on Private land
  - No new disturbance on Crownland (program will use existing trails, drill pads, and other disturbed areas)

Temporary diversion license (TDL) application to draw water from previously mined pit lakes situated on private land

- Water quantity requested is 1,500 m<sup>3</sup>(1.2 acre-feet) at a pumping rate of 0.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s

They discussed the summary of the statements of concern and how they plan to mitigate the community's concerns should they be approved to move forward. Council questioned where Northback would be pulling the water from for the program; they will be using pit lakes for temporary diversion licensed water sources and not pulling from local rivers.

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Long-term Northback would like to see a mine created in the area once the regulatory process is completed.

Mike Young and Daina Lazzarotto left the meeting at 2:40 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 2:41 pm.

- a) Public Works Call Log – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Draft Peace Officer Policies and Procedures – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- c) Restricted vs Unrestricted Surplus Discussion – FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 4:47 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

5. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 5:18 pm.

Carried

  
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