

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, August 27, 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 Alan McRae, Financial Manager Brendan Schlossberger, 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 Jim Welsch

Moved that the agenda for the August 27, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegation

a) Pincher Creek Regional Library

Library Manager Kayla Lorenzen and board members Mike Barkwith and Sandra Baker attended the meeting at this time.

The Pincher Creek Municipal Library has been considering expanding its current location to accommodate its current growth. Prior to the pandemic, from 2009 through 2019, the library increased its patronage by about 1% each year.

The board is not looking for funding at this time but for support towards architectural plans to expand the library in its current location. They hope to include further meeting space, a performing arts area, and library expansion in the new plans. Council questioned if they have met with other groups in the area that have similar plans. Presently, the library feels its performance space is different from what Lebel has planned.

Presently, they don't want to spend reserve funds on plans if the Town and MD aren't interested in developing the library. They presented the same question to the Town Council yesterday. Once the initial approval is complete, they can look into grants to assist with this project.

The Pincher Creek Regional Library board is looking for a letter from the MD of Pincher Creek stating their initial approval of the project. Council will further discuss at the next Council meeting.

Members of the library board left the meeting at this time, the time being 2:27 pm.

b) Parks Canada

Christy Gustavison and Dallas Meidinger with Parks Canada attended the meeting at this time.

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Christy overviewed Parks Canada Mandate and provided a brief snapshot of the history of the park. Waterton visitation has increased over the past few years, since COVID more and more locals utilized the park. While visitation numbers mean more numbers for businesses, it brings its own challenges.

Waterton Park has created a Visitor Use Management Framework and hopes to engage local stakeholders in using this guide to manage the situation for everyone's benefit.

Along with visitor engagement, Waterton Parks has been met with changes to prevent waterborne diseases/species. In response to low compliance with the previous program and the potential to infect neighboring water bodies, all outside nonmotorized watercraft are prohibited from launching in the park. Users can rent from businesses in the park to ensure the safety and health of the watercourse. Motorized watercraft are the same as in past seasons: 90 day mandatory quarantine before they can be used in the park.

Council applauded the efforts of Parks Canada towards their due diligence to prevent waterborne issues. Council also suggested that between Tourism and Parks Canada, there needs to be more education for visitors coming to the park, that the area outside of the park is private land. The MD has major concerns regarding weed control in the park, and the weeds leaving the park. Discussion took place regarding camping, random camping, trespassing and visitors leaving trash behind on the road.

Members from Parks Canada left the meeting at this time, the time being 3:17 pm.

c) Gordon Leskosky

Gordon Leskosky attended the meeting to discuss with the Council canceling a portion of the road allowance on his property, purchasing it, and amalgamating it into the parcel of land. Once this is completed, he wants to obtain a title for the small property. Plans would be for this piece to be for camping for himself and his family.

Gordon Leskosky left the meeting at this time, the time being 3:26 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor JohnMacGarva

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 3:32 pm.

- a) Public Works Call Log – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Funding Per Capita Discussion – FOIP Sec. 23.1
- c) Foothills Little Bow Draft Resolution – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- d) Code of Conduct Discussion – FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 4:53 pm.

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4. Round Table

Parade went well.

Discussion on private driveway grading – resident needs to fill out form for grading.

5. Adjournment

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 5:08 pm.

Carried



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER