

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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, Financial Manager Brendan Schlossberger, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, 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 Jim Welsch

Moved that the agenda for the November 12, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegation

Crowsnest Headwaters

Terry and Carol Ostrom attended the meeting at this time to discuss the Crowsnest Headwaters and their concern over the proposed Grassy Mountain coal mine.

They started by apologizing on behalf of the Crowsnest Pass citizenry for the Crowsnest municipal Council's decision to conduct a restricted referendum intended to endorse Northback's attempts to mine coal at Grassy Mountain.

Terry reviewed the history of the proposed mine, and his concerns were that this decision would inevitably affect the quantity and quality of downstream water flows of the Crowsnest River well beyond the boundaries of Crowsnest Pass.

The group is suggesting that MD Pincher Creek Council adopt a resolution objecting to this referendum, which would be restricted to a very small group of limited voters and would significantly impact the quantity and quality of water available to downstream users, including residents of MD Pincher Creek.

Terry and Carol Ostrom left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:29 am.

Indoor Sports Proposal

Christi Hollingshead attended the meeting to discuss a potential project to create an indoor sports court in the ice arena during the spring/summer months. She has been in contact with the various user groups (volleyball, basketball, pickle ball, etc.) to gather information on usage. All groups have been growing in numbers and looking for a larger facility to play in. Currently, they operate in the Town hall gym and rent school gyms.

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She has presented to Town Council and asks the Town and MD to contribute 50% of the approximately \$150,000 cost. Currently, they are also fundraising and applying for grants as they become available.

Council would like to have a meeting with the schools as Christi stated that community groups are not going to be allowed to rent the school gyms during the summer months.

Christi Hollingshead left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:44 am.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:45 am.

- a) Public Works Call Log – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) History of Airport Committee – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- c) 2025 Operating Budget - Head Count – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- d) 2025 Non-Union Salary Grid – FOIP Sec. 19.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 1:08 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

- Firehall Renovations
- Public Engagement Training during RMA
- Fishburn Church renovations/used concrete
- Beaver Mines water/wastewater tour
- Historical road name signs

5. Adjournment

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 1:53 pm.

Carried



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER