

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025

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The Special Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Town of Pincher Creek Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Notice of this Special Council Meeting was posted on the MD website and social media.

PRESENT Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

ALSO Town of Pincher Creek: Mayor Don Anderberg, Councillors Mark Barber, Garry Cleland, David Green, Sahra Nodge, Brian Wright and Wayne Oliver, CAO Konrad Dunbar, Director of Finance Wendy Catonio and Executive Assistant Carolina Hunsperger.

Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/028

Moved that the agenda for January 28, 2025 Special Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

a) RCMP

Staff Sergeant Tim Kelly, Chief Superintendent Wayne Nicoles and Sergeant Ryan Hodge with the RCMP attended the meeting at this time with an update on staffing concerns for the Pincher Creek community. With RCMP numbers low in all of Alberta, Pincher Creek isn't alone in being low staffed. Currently we have 8 members, where we usually have 11. As Waterton is staffed using the Pincher Creek detachment, efforts are being made regarding a relief team, which are short term members that travel to fill vacancies and new full time members.

RCMP members left at this time, the time being 6:37 pm.

b) Indoor Sports Courts Project

Andrea Hlady updated the Councils on where the Indoor Sports Courts Project was regarding funding and management.

The total cost of the project is \$150,000. On January 13, 2025, the Town of Pincher Creek agreed to fund up to \$75,000 and wrote a letter of support for the CFIP grant. The project has also secured \$15,000 from the Lethbridge Community Foundation.

Regarding project management, the Town will incorporate the sports court into its current operations at the arena. Plans are to have the flooring placed after the trade show and until the ice goes on, and will re-evaluate after one season. Activities will include pickle ball, basketball, and volleyball and provide an indoor space for activities for the community.

The Town of Pincher Creek requests that the MD of Pincher Creek agree to fund this project up to a maximum of \$75,000. This will be discussed at the next MD Council meeting.

C. Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF)

Town and MD ICF is due for revision and completion by 2027, but has the option to extend up to 7 years. Currently, the MD is revising other ICFs they have in place with other municipalities.

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Councillor Dave Cox

25/029

Moved that Council directed administration with the MD of Pincher Creek to engage administration with the Town of Pincher Creek to work towards revising the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

Carried

D. Curling Club Update

Konrad Dunbar, CAO for the Town of Pincher Creek, spoke regarding an update to the Curling Club. The Curling Club is the developer that brought a Development Permit to the Town. As legislative pieces involve the Town owning the land, the Town Council must agree to direct the permit to their Municipal Development Subdivision Authority meeting. At the last town council meeting, the administration was directed to go back to the golf course to discuss the lease before moving forward with the permit. The town administration is looking to draft a terms of reference with the golf course to move the project forward.

The MD would like access to as much information as possible, as we have received none and are being questioned by residents. CAO Dunbar stated that the Town can request the Developer share documents, but he can't release them to the MD. Council for the MD questioned how operations will be handled going forward between the Town and Curling Club. At present, there are no agreements in place to dictate this.

Town Councillor asked if the geotechnical reports, business plan, engineering, and architecture reports would be made public. CAO Dunbar stated that certain documents had to be submitted to the Town as the Curling Club funding hinged on that information being made accessible.

Currently, the MD has agreed to donate up to a maximum of \$868,837 towards the Curling Club's build, stipulating that the MD has no financial obligation to the Town of Pincher Creek regarding operating or further capital costs. The MD also wishes to see a finalized agreement with the curling club.

The Town Council will discuss an open house and the suggestion that a third party facilitate it at their next meeting. The open house is being planned for mid-February 2025.

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/030

Moved that the verbal update on the Curling Club be received as information.

Carried

E. Rural Heath Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee

Town Councillor Wright wants to rekindle the Rural Heath Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee. The MD asked if an administrative person could be a component of this committee so that it could schedule meetings and maintain minutes.

Mayor Anderburg will discuss providing administration support from the Town with CAO Dunbar.

F. Regional Impact People Prosperity Legacy Echo (RIPPLE) Community Fund

Dan Crawford and Andrea Hlady spoke to Councils regarding the RIPPLE Community Fund and the Future Funding Agreement.

They would like the municipalities to act as conduits for the foundation to ensure a permanent contact for this project. Other communities have similar programs, but this would be elected officials spearheading the foundation.

Councillor John MacGarva

25/031

Moved that the Future Funding Agreement be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Carried

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G. School Facilities Use Agreements

Councillor Dave Cox 25/032

Moved to direct MD Administration to collaborate with the Town of Pincher Creek Administration, to review and update the school facilities use agreements.

Carried

H. Next Meeting

CAO's will plan a future Special Council Meeting within the next three months.


I. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Jim Welsh 25/033

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 8:02 pm.

Carried



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER