

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 3:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillor John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

ABSENT Councillor Dave Cox

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/034

Moved that the agenda for January 28, 2025 be amended to include:

E. Business Arising from the Minutes

d) Curling Rink/Arena Life Span

1. Operations

d) Policy C-PW-003 Winter Maintenance of Municipally Directed, Controlled, and Managed Roads and Airport Surfaces

4. Municipal

d) Policy A-ADMIN-003 Organizational Chart
e) Community Scholarship Committee

H. Correspondence for Action

f) RCMP Meeting at RMA
g) Letter of Support - Castle Mountain Resort
h) Letter of Support - Livingstone Sports Booster
i) Help Shape Your RCMP

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2025

Councillor John MacGarva 25/035

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of January 14, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2025

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/036

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 14, 2025 be amended to replace Councillor Tony Bruder, with Councillor Dave Cox in motion 25/024;

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AND THAT the Minutes of Council Meeting January 14, 2025 be approved as amended.

Carried

3) Special Council Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/037

Moved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Non-Renewal of FCM Membership for 2025 County of Stettler No. 9

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/038

Moved that Council rescind resolution 25/022;

AND THAT the MD of Pincher Creek does not renew the FCM Membership for 2026.

Carried

b) Indoor Sports Courts Project

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/039

Moved that MD Council agrees to provide 50% of the funds to the Town of Pincher Creek for the indoor sports courts, up to a maximum of \$75,000, with said funds coming from the Regional Community Initiative Reserve (6-12-0-754-6740);

AND THAT all grants must be applied to the total before determining the 50% contribution.

Carried

c) Regional Impact People Prosperity Legacy Echo (RIPPLE) Community Fund – Reviewing the Future Funding Agreement (Future Fund Agreement)

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/040

Moved that Council support the establishment of a Field of Interest Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta, known as the RIPPLE Community Fund;

AND THAT that the MD become a signatory on the above said Fund.

Carried

d) Curling Rink/Arena Life Span

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/041

Moved that Administration be directed to send a letter to the Town of Pincher Creek to request detailed information on planned upgrades, replacement plans, and current life spans on both the Memorial Community Centre Arena and the Community Recreation Centre.

Carried

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F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Agricultural Service Board
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services
 - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Family and Community Services
 - Agricultural Service Board
 - Police Advisory Committee
 - Foothills Little Bow
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5

Councillor John MacGarva 25/042

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/043

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period January 6, 2025, to January 19, 2025, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor John MacGarva 25/044

Moved that the Utilities & Infrastructure report for January 8, 2025, through January 22, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

c) Utility Bylaw Rate Open House – Setting of Date & Time

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/045

Moved that the Utility Bylaw Rate Open House be hosted on Thursday February 20, 2025 at the Lundbreck Hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Carried

d) Policy C-PW-003 Winter Maintenance of Municipally Directed, Controlled, and Managed Roads and Airport Surfaces

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/046

Moved that Council adopt Policy C-PW-003 Policy Winter Maintenance of Municipally Directed, Controlled, and Managed Roads and Airport Surfaces, as presented.

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2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

- a) Road Closure Bylaw 1354-25 Portion of Statutory Road Allowance South of SW 18-6-1 W5 and North of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0810048

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/047

Moved that Council give first reading to Road Closure Bylaw 1354-25;

AND FURTHER that the required Public Hearing be set for February 25, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

Carried

4. Municipal

- a) CAO Report

Councillor John MacGarva 25/048

Moved that Council receive for information, the CAO Report for the period January 10, 2025 to January 24, 2025.

Carried

- b) ICF Extension Cardston County

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/049

Moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the MD of Pincher Creek No. 9 and Cardston County Chief Administrative Officers that a review of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement has been undertaken as directed by municipal Council in accordance with Section 708.32 of the Municipal Government Act and it is the opinion of the Chief Administrative Officers that the Agreement remains valid in its current format and no changes are recommended at this time with the next review of the ICF agreement scheduled for 2031.

Carried

- c) ICF Extension Willow Creek

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/050

Moved that Council accept the recommendation of the MD of Pincher Creek No. 9 and MD of Willow Creek Chief Administrative Officers that a review of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement has been undertaken as directed by municipal Council in accordance with Section 708.32 of the Municipal Government Act and it is the opinion of the Chief Administrative Officers that the Agreement remains valid in its current format and no changes are recommended at this time with the next review of the ICF agreement scheduled for 2031.

Carried

- d) Revised Policy A-ADMIN-003 Organizational Chart

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/051

Moved that Council adopt Policy A-ADMIN-003 Organizational Chart, as presented.

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e) Community Scholarship Committee

The MD will assist the Community Scholarship Committee by providing administrative support to arrange meetings and take notes with the first meeting be scheduled for February 2025.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

a) Pincher Creek Community Volleyball Tournament February 16, 2025 - Request for Funding

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/053

Moved that Council donate \$500 towards the February 16, 2025 Pincher Creek Community Volleyball Tournament;

AND THAT the amount be taken from (2-75-0-770-2765) Grants to Groups and Organizations;

AND FINALLY that the Pincher Creek Volleyball Group request and additional \$500 from the Town of Pincher Creek.

Carried

b) Request to Meet with Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation, during RMA

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/054

Moved that the MD of Pincher Creek request to meet with Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation, during RMA;

AND THAT the items to discuss of Southfork and Maycroft Road as the agenda items.

Carried

c) Request for Corporate Sponsorship - Request to Purchase Banner for Matthew Halton

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/055

Moved that the request for Corporate Sponsorship - Request to Purchase Banner for Matthew Halton, be received as information.

Carried

d) Pinch-O-Crow Creekers - Request for Letter of Support

Councillor John MacGarva 25/056

Moved that Council provide the Pinch-O-Crow Creekers with a letter of support for their application for the Community Foundation Initiatives Program.

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e) Fishburn Marr United Church Cemetery - Request for In-Kind Donation

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/057

Moved that MD Council provide in-kind services to the Fishburn Cemetery project including hauling and disposal of concrete to a maximum value of up to \$3,000.

Carried

f) Request to Meet with RCMP Meeting at RMA

Council discussed a meeting with RCMP at RMA, at present time no meeting is required.

g) Castle Mountain Resort – Request for Letter of Support

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/058

Moved that Council provide a letter of support for Castle Mountain Resort towards their South Canadian Rockies Tourism Grant Application for an outdoor spring concert series.

Carried

h) Livingstone Sports Booster – Request for Letter of Support

Councillor John MacGarva 25/059

Moved that Council provide a letter of support for the Livingstone Sports Booster in their application to resurface the current outdoor basketball courts, replace basketball and soccer nets, and set up pickleball courts.

Carried

i) Help Shape Your RCMP

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/060

Moved that the MD promote “Help Shape Your RCMP” by placing the information on the MD social media and website.

Carried

2. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/061

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Letter Acknowledging Appeal of Denial of Financial Assistance
 - Letter from Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- b) Grassy Mountain Coal Project & Letter to Alberta Energy Minister
 - Email from Chris Spearman, Water For Food Group
- c) Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA)
 - Letter from Alberta Forestry and Parks

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

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Councillor John MacGarva 25/062

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time 5:06 pm.

- a) Lundbreck Sanitary RV Dump Options – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Finance Charge Write Off- CP Rail – FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor John MacGarva 25/063

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:30 pm.

Carried

- a) Finance Charge Write Off- CP Rail

Councillor John MacGarva 25/064

Moved that Council write-off the finance charges on CP Rail's account in the 2024 fiscal year, in the amount of \$3,300, with said funds coming from the tax rate stabilization reserve (6-12-0-735-6735).

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/065

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:31 pm.

Carried


 REEVE


 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER