MINUTES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, February 11, 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 Councillors Dave Cox, 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.

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/066

Moved that the agenda for February 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox

25/067

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of January 28, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2025

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/068

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 28, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Highway 3 Twinning Development Association

Councillor Dave Cox

25/069

Moved that the MD of Pincher Creek renew the Highway 3 Twinning Development Association membership for 2025.

Defeated

b) Proposed Curling Rink Location Opposition Group (Golf Course)

Councillor Dave Cox

25/070

Moved that Council agree to honor the \$868,637 commitment to a new Curling Club, as defined by the terms and conditions set out in the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP).

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Councillor Tony Bruder

25/071

Moved that the curling rink location opposition group presentation from the January 25, 2025 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

c) Renewable Energy Study Presentation

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/072

Moved that the Renewable Energy Study Presentation be accepted as presented,

AND THAT the report be referred to an upcoming Council Planning Session,

AND FINALLY, THAT Administration be directed to send a letter to the AUC, requesting further detail and clarity on Rule 007.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

- 1. Councillor Tony Bruder Division 1
 - Waterton Biosphere Newsletter
 - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
 - Joint Funding Subcommittee
- 2. Reeve Rick Lemire Division 2
 - Alberta SouthWest
 - Mayors and Reeves
- 3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 - Joint Funding Subcommittee
- 4. Councillor Jim Welsch Division 4
- 5. Councillor John MacGarva Division 5
 - Lundbreck Citizens Council

Councillor John MacGarva

25/073

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 1. Operations
 - a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/074

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period January 19, 2025, to February 1, 2025, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/075

Moved that the Utilities & Infrastructure report for January 23, 2025, through February 5, 2025, be received as information.

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- 2. Finance
- 3. Development and Community Services
- 4. Municipal
 - a) CAO Report

Councillor Dave Cox

25/076

Moved that Council receive for information, the CAO Report for the period January 27, 2025 to February 7, 2025.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. For Action
 - a) Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post Letter from Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/077

Moved that the administration be directed to send a letter to the Inquiry Commission reviewing Canada Post, stating that the MD Council feels every effort should be made to keep rural post offices open.

Carried

2. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/078

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Project Cancellation Notification Sunrise Solar Connection
 - Letter from AltaLink
- b) Thank you Card Donation
 - Card from Pincher Creek & District Food Centre
- c) Watercourse Crossing Remediation Grant Program
 - Email from Alberta Forestry and Parks
- d) Energy Mapping and Action Planning Final Report
 - 2024 Report from QUEST
- e) Textile Recycling Opportunity and Diabetes Canada
 - Email from National Diabetes Trust
- f) ICF Extension
 - Letter from Cardston County

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/079

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:00 pm.

- a) Regional Drought Projects Assessment Procurement FOIP Sec. 24.1
 - b) Proposed Sale on Tax Forfeiture Property FOIP Sec. 24.1

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Councillor John MacGarva

25/080

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 4:45 pm.

Carried

a) Regional Drought Projects Assessment – Procurement

Councillor Dave Cox

25/081

Moved that Council direct Administration to proceed with a procurement strategy for the Regional Drought Project Assessment, as discussed in closed.

Carried

b) Proposed Sale on Tax Forfeiture Property

Councillor Dave Cox

25/082

Move that Council counter the offer for purchase on the tax forfeiture property at 13 Walking Plow Acres (tax roll #3614.110), as discussed in closed session.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva

25/083

Carried

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 4:48 pm.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER