

**Coffee with Council**  
**February 18, 2025**  
**Twin Butte Community Hall 6:00 pm**

In attendance:

Reeve Rick Lemire, Councillors Tony Bruder, Dave Cox, Jim Welsch, and John MacGarva

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland

Apx 30 members of the public

Reeve Lemire opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Council and Staff were introduced.

Discussions on the following topics:

Thank you to Town and MD for Joint Grant for Oldman Rose Society

Curling Club

- MD is still providing \$868k towards build
- With the curling club being the owner, there is more potential for private donations

Gryphon Digital Mining (Formally Captus)

- No application has been made to the MD
- Water usage will be a deep well with a high mineral content
- Company owns what was previously ~~Shell~~ **Gulf** fields
- Data center is still a “maybe”
- Concerns about noise, water and pollution, endangered species
- Process for approval still needs to go through AER and AUC, with public process, then the MD Development process
- Planner is working on guidelines for “data mining”

Coal Mining

- MD has held a stance on water being a concern
- Currently performing selenium testing to monitor
- MD needs to make decisions based on facts, not emotion

Waterton Springs Campground

- Blackfoot Confederacy was looking at acquiring the campground from NCC
- Would still need to be rezoned
- Rumors on potential developments
- Possibly hear an update at the end of March

Community Peace Officer

- MD to start interviews next week
- Waiting on build for car

Update on Fees for Renewable Projects

- Increase for industrial, not smaller private developments

Hunting Tags

- Resident questioned if MD can find out if increased tags are assisting with Elk population (possible to bring it up at RMA)

### Road Allowance/Snow Clearing

- West on Kerr Road, road allowances are being cleared on a un-improved road
- Should be consistent – either maintained or not

### Council Round Table

- Councillor Dave Cox
  - Pincher Creek Foundation
  - Pincher Creek Library
  - Beaver Mines Community Association
  - Castle Mountain Community Association
- Councillor Jim Welsch
  - Pincher Creek Foundation
  - Agricultural Service Board
  - Police Advisory Board
  - Family and Community Support Services
- Reeve Rick Lemire
  - Scholarship Committee
  - Airport Update
  - Alberta Southwest
  - Regional Meeting (Ferne, Sparwood, CNP, Cowley and Town)
- Councillor Tony Bruder
  - Agricultural Service Board
  - Crowsnest Pass Pincher Creek Landfill Association
- Councillor John MacGarva
  - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
  - Lundbreck Citizens Council
  - Airport
  - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
  - Eco Centre update

### Eco Centre

- Residents happy with usage and cleanliness
- Questioned if businesses in Town can pay to use it
- Overage at landfill for MD residents, can they just pay for what they are over?

### Election 2025

- Tony Bruder, Rick Lemire and Dave Cox all said they would let their names stand in the next election

### Deadstock Bins

- Waterton Biosphere pays for the program
- MD administers it

### Highway 3 Twinning Update

- Our area is at phase 3
- Currently, phase 1 is at Grassy Lake

### Dangerous Road

- Waterton Dam needs signage for safety
- Section of concern is in Cardston County

The meeting ended at approximately 7:57 pm.