

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 27, 2025

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, May 27, 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 John MacGarva 25/236

Moved that the agenda for May 27, 2025, be amended to include:

Operations:

- e) Utility Bylaw 1359-25

Action:

- e) St. Michael's Basketball Court Open House

Information:

- e) Email Regarding Maycroft Road

New Business:

- a) Potential Development - Crown Land NW 9-3-29 W4M

Closed Session:

- a) Rural Crime Watch – FOIP Sec. 24.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

C. MINUTES

- 1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2025

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/237

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of May 13, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

- 2) Council Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/238

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 13, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

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3) Utility Open House Notes

Councillor John MacGarva 25/239

Moved that the notes from the Utility Open House on May 20, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Lightchasers Photography Conference, previously scheduled to occur in the MD of Pincher Creek, was moved to the Town of Pincher Creek, so the Reeve was not required to bring greetings.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Meeting with County of Cardston
 - Water Availability Webinar
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Meeting with County of Cardston
 - Pincher Creek & District Home Town Award
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Police Advisory Committee
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Water Availability Webinar

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/240

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/241

Moved that the administration be directed to reach out to the Department of Transportation, requesting information on the maintenance of proposed cattle guards on MD road allowances, as a result of Alberta Transportation's wildlife fencing project.

Carried

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor John MacGarva 25/242

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period May 5, 2025, to May 18, 2025, as information.

Carried

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b) Request to Install Texas Gate within Road Allowance

Councillor Dave Cox 25/243

Moved that Council authorize the installation of a Texas Gate within the Road Allowance between the NE 11-04-29 W4M and SW 14-04-29 W4M.

Carried

c) Novamen Dust Control Trial

Councillor John MacGarva 25/244

Following a review of Novamen's proposal, moved that Council waive clause 13 of Corporate Policy C-PW-009 for a trial of Novamen's dust control product.

Carried

d) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/245

Moved that the Utilities & Infrastructure report for May 8, 2025, through May 21, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

e) Utility Bylaw 1359-25

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/246

Moved that Bylaw 1359-25, being the Bylaw to amend the fees and charges to Bylaw 1344-22, being the Utility Bylaw, be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/247

Moved that Bylaw 1359-25, be given third reading.

Carried

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

a) RCMP Quarterly Reports (Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek Detachments)

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/248

Moved that the RCMP Quarterly Reports (Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek Detachments) be received as information.

Carried

b) Road Closure Bylaw 1362-25 SW 15-4-29 W4M (Amending Bylaw 1333-22)

Councillor Tony Bruder declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at this time, the time being 4:19 pm.

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Councillor Dave Cox 25/249

Moved that first reading be given to Bylaw 1362-25, being the Bylaw to amend Bylaw 1333-22, and close the road described as:

Those portions of Government Road allowance South of SE 15-04-29 W4M between the West Limit of Road Plan 4852 HU produced NE and the East Limit of Road Plan 221 Produced across Government Road Allowance and between the West limit of Road Plan 221 produced across Government Road Allowance and the East Limit of Road Plan 881 1275 produced across Government Road Allowance,
Containing 0.652 Hectares (1.61 acres) more or less,
Expecting therefrom all mines and minerals.

Carried

Councillor John MacGarva 25/250

Moved that Bylaw 1362-25 be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 25/251

Moved that Bylaw 1362-25 be presented for third reading.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/252

Moved that Bylaw 1362-25 be given third and final reading.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder returned to the meeting, the time being 4:24 pm.

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor John MacGarva 25/253

Moved that Council receive for information, the CAO Report for the period May 9, 2025 to May 22, 2025.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) Community Engagement Session for Livingstone School Capital Project

Councillor Dave Cox 25/254

Moved to authorize Councillor John MacGarva to attend the Community Engagement Session for Livingstone School Capital Project on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Livingstone School.

Carried

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b) Seniors' Week - June 2 through 8, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/255

Moved that in honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, the MD of Pincher Creek No. 9 declares June 2 – 8, 2025 to be Seniors' Week.

Carried

c) Request for Hauling - Pincher Creek & District Ag Society

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/256

Moved that the MD donate an in-kind donation of hauling 90 yards of sand from the Scotton Pit to the outdoor arena in Pincher Creek for the Pincher Creek & District Ag Society, with the arrangements for hauling to be at the Public Works Manager's discretion.

Carried

d) Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/257

Moved that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission letter be received as information.

Carried

e) St. Michael's School Grand Opening of Basketball Court – May 30, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/258

Moved that Reeve Rick Lemire attend the St. Michael's School Grand Opening of the new outdoor Basketball Court on May 30, 2025.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/259

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Open Letter to Prime Minister Carney
 - Letter from Tourism Industry Association of Canada
- b) 2025 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Allocation
 - Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs
- c) 2025 Elkford Wildcat Days Parade
 - Invitation to Participate
- d) Proposed SARA Amendments: Long-billed Curlew & Mudpuppy (due July 7th) & Horned Grebe (due Oct 19th)
- e) Maycroft Road Email – Heather Smith

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

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- a) Potential Development- Crown Land NW 9-3-29 W4M

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/260

Moved that administration reach out to the Government of Alberta regarding who will be involved in the permitting and rezoning process on the potential campground on NW 9-3-29 W4M;

AND THAT a meeting be set with Improvement District 4 - Waterton Lakes National Park Townsite, on operations, jurisdiction and how it will affect the MD of Pincher Creek.

Carried

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/261

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:53 pm.

- a) Rural Crime Watch – FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor John MacGarva 25/262

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:02 pm.


Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT


Councillor Tony Bruder 25/263

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:03 pm.

Carried



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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER