

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 10, 2025**

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, June 10, 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 Tony Bruder 25/264

Moved that the agenda for June 10, 2025, be amended to include:

Correspondence Action:

- h) Westcastle Ski Club Request for Donation
- i) Canada Day at the Museum
- j) Coal Town Hall

Correspondence Information:

- d) Tourism Road Letter Response

New Business:

- a) Declaring a State of Agricultural Emergency
- b) MD Dam Operations (Letter of Concern)
- c) Grazing Around Reservoir

Closed:

- a) PCESC Membership Agreement – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) PCESC Firehall Renovation Budget – FOIP Sec. 24.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

**B.     DELEGATIONS**

**C.     MINUTES**

- 1)     Council Committee Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/265

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of May 27, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

- 2)     Council Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2025

Councillor John MacGarva 25/266

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 27, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

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D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Jim Welsch attended the meeting at this time, the time being 3:12 pm.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
  - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
  - Agricultural Service Board
  - Alberta SouthWest
  - ReUse & Recycle Fair
  - Carnivore Working Group
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
  - St. Michael's Grand Opening Basketball Court
  - Heritage Acres Car Show
  - Pincher Creek Emergency Services
  - Alberta SouthWest
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
  - Medical Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee
  - Pincher Creek Foundation
  - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
  - Heritage Acres Car Show
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
  - ReUse & Recycle Fair
  - Alberta SouthWest
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
  - Lundbreck Citizens Council
  - Alberta SouthWest

Councillor Dave Cox 25/267

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor John MacGarva 25/268

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

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/269

Moved that the Utilities & Infrastructure report for May 22, 2025, through June 3, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

2. Finance

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a) Bylaw 1363-25 (Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP))

Councillor Dave Cox 25/270

Moved that Council give Bylaw 1363-25, being the Bylaw to provide for the payment of taxes by installments, first reading.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/271

Moved that Council give Bylaw 1325-25 second reading.

Carried

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/272

Moved that Bylaw 1325-25 be presented for third reading.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor John MacGarva 25/273

Moved that Bylaw 1325-25 be given third and final reading.

Carried

3. Development and Community Services

a) Bylaw No. 1361-25 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment)

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/274

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1361-25, being the Bylaw to allow for an adjustment in parking for Tourist Homes proposed at Castle Mountain resort, to clarify procedures for proponents conducting open house meetings and to introduce Data Centre Operations as a use into the Land Use Bylaw;

AND THAT the required Public Hearing for Bylaw 1361-25 be scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Dave Cox 25/275

Moved that Council receive for information, the CAO Report for the period May 25, 2025 to June 6, 2025.

Carried

b) Cancellation of Summer Meetings

Councillor Dave Cox 25/276

Moved that the regularly scheduled Council Committee Meetings and Council Meetings of July 22 and August 12, 2025, be cancelled,

AND THAT the Subdivision Authority and Municipal Planning Commission meetings scheduled for August 5, 2025, be cancelled,

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AND FURTHER THAT if there is an emergent need to have a meeting during this time that an appropriate date and time be set.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) Pincher Creek Parade Invitation - August 16, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/277

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the Pincher Creek Parade on August 16, 2025.

Carried

b) Cowley Dino Days Request - September 6, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/278

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the Cowley Dino Days Parade on September 6, 2025.

Carried

c) 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Games Invitation

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/279

Moved that the Reeve, or alternate, be authorized to attend the Opening Ceremonies for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Games on July 2, 2025.

Carried

d) Alberta Police Funding Model Review Survey and Focus Group

Councillor Jim Wesch 25/280

Moved that the Alberta Police Funding Model Review Survey be received as information.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 25/281

Moved that the Alberta Police Funding Model Review Focus Group be discussed at the Joint Special Meeting on June 16, 2025.

Carried

e) Plan for Parks – Stakeholder Engagement - Engagement Open Until July 26, 2025

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/282

Moved that any interested Councillor take part in the Plan for Parks – Stakeholder Engagement survey.

Carried

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f) Letter of Support Request - Pincher Creek Curling Club

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/283

Moved that administration be directed to write a letter of support for the Pincher Creek Curling Club.

Carried

g) Participation in National Indigenous Peoples' Day

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/284

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the Pincher Creek Municipal Library National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on June 20, 2025.

Carried

h) Westcastle Ski Club Request for Donation

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/285

Moved that administration be directed to send a letter to the Westcastle Ski Club requesting that they direct their request to Joint Grant Funding.

Carried

i) Canada Day at the Museum

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/286

Moved that Reeve Rick Lemire be authorized to attend the July 1, 2025, Canada Day Celebration at the Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village.

Carried

j) Coal Town Hall

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/287

Moved to receive the Coal Town Hall notification as information.

Carried

B. For Information

a) Police Review Commission Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/288

Moved that the Police Review Commission Report be received as information.

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b) Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Funding

Councillor Dave Cox 25/289

Moved that the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Funding letter be received as information.

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c) Pincher Creek and District Library Board Financial Statement

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/290

Moved that the Pincher Creek and District Library Board Financial Statement be received as information.

Carried

d) Tourism Road Letter Response

Councillor Dave Cox 25/291

Moved that the Tourism Road Letter Response be received as information.

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Fieldman Shane Poulsen attended the meeting at 4:37 pm.

a) Declaring a State of Agricultural Emergency

Drought conditions are impacting water for livestock and 50-90% of crops, pasture, and range yields in the MD of Pincher Creek due to lack of spring and in-season moisture combined with long durations of high temperatures and winds. Due to these extreme conditions, and with discussions with the Agriculture Fieldman and the Agricultural Service Board, it is recommended that an Agricultural Disaster is declared for the MD of Pincher Creek.

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/292

Moved that the Council for the MD of Pincher Creek declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster due to drought.

Carried

Upon Council declaring a Municipal Agricultural Disaster, Administration will notify the Province of Alberta, and the Agricultural Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) of the declaration.

Laura McKinnon left the meeting at 4:54 pm.

b) MD Dam Operations (Letter of Concern)

Councillor John MacGarva 25/293

Moved that administration be directed to respond to the letter of concern from a resident regarding the MD dam operations.

Carried

c) Grazing Around Reservoir

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/294

Moved that administration write a letter to the Government of Alberta, both the Forestry and Parks, and Environment and Protected Areas, regarding grazing the Provincial Lands around the reservoir.

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Shane Poulsen, David Desabrais and Alan McRae left the meeting at 5:05 pm.

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J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/295

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 5:10 pm.

- a) PCESC Membership Agreement – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) PCESC Firehall Renovation Budget – FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor Dave Cox 25/296

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:50 pm.

Carried

- a) PCESC Membership Agreement

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/297

Moved that administration be directed to proceed with the Pincher Creek Emergency Services Membership Agreement as discussed in closed session.

Carried

- b) PCESC Firehall Renovation Budget

Councillor Dave Cox 25/298

Moved that resolution 24/528 be rescinded,

AND THAT the MD of Pincher Creek approves a capital renovation cost of \$2.3 million for the Fire Hall Renovations, at 1377 Hunter Street,

AND FURTHER, that the MD will contribute \$1 million with said fund from the MD's Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission Equipment Reserve,

AND FURTHER, that the MD shall not approve any costs related to the above said Fire Hall Renovations, as part of any future Municipal Levy,

AND FINALLY THAT, if a renovation budget cannot be agreed upon between the two funding parties, Council refers to resolution 23/578 for divestiture.

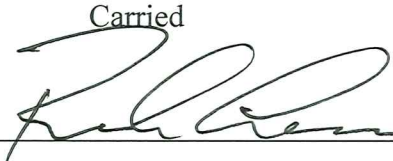
Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 25/299

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:55 pm.

Carried

  
 REEVE

  
 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER