

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025,  
11:00 am  
Council Chambers

Present: Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

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

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order, the time being 11:00 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the agenda for the June 24, 2025, Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegation

Pincher Creek & District Food Centre

Anne Gover, Davina Brown, and the Pincher Creek & District Food Centre board presented to Council at this time. In 2020, a group of citizens formed a society and took over the responsibility of the local food bank, which the Town of Pincher Creek had temporarily managed.

Since then, they have added a prep kitchen, undertaken the food hamper program, and completed requirements to meet accreditation under Food Banks Canada. Clients are located in the Town of Pincher Creek; Hamlets of Pincher Station, Beaver Mines, Lundbreck and Twin Butte; Castle Mountain and Village of Cowley. 413 clients have been served for 2024/2025, which is an increase of 197 from 2023/2024. Access to food hampers is provided at no financial cost to recipients and is not conditional on volunteering, donating and/or participating in any faith-based activities.

Council discussed volunteering, donations and the Holiday Train for 2025.

Pincher Creek & District Food Centre board left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:22 am.

Massif Energy – Brownfield Analysis

Tristan Walker with Massif Energy attended the meeting to discuss the Brownfield Analysis with the Council. This study examined three primary categories of brownfields: abandoned wells, orphaned wells, and gravel pits.

Alberta is home to about 170,000 abandoned oil and gas wells that are no longer in operation. Although abandoned, these wells remain the responsibility of the company that owns them. Orphaned wells in Alberta are sites without a legally or financially responsible party, often left with unresolved liabilities and unreclaimed land. The Orphan Well Association (OWA) oversees management of these sites and

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works alongside industry, government, and public stakeholders to ensure safety and reduce environmental risks.

The project's next steps involve engaging with landowners, Fortis, and funders, conducting further feasibility studies, and developing detailed business plans to ensure sustainable economic benefits continue within the region.

Tristan Walker left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:57 am.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 12:01 pm.

- a) Public Works Call Log – ATIA Sec. 24.1
- b) Draft Traffic Bylaw 1365-25 – ATIA Sec. 28.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 1:36 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

5. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 1:39 pm.

Carried

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER