

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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, 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 at 3:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/001

Moved that the agenda for January 13, 2026, be amended to include:

Action:

e) Regional Waste Technology Presentation

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2025

Councillor John MacGarva 26/002

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of December 9, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2025

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/003

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 9, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

3) Special Council Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 26/004

Moved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of December 17, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

December 9, 2025 – Delegation

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a) Northback Presentation

Councillor Dave Cox 26/005

Moved that the presentation from Northback, from the December 9, 2025, Council meeting, be received as information.

Carried

December 17, 2025 - Delegation

b) Pincher Creek Municipal Library Presentation and Formal Request

Councillor Dave Cox 26/006

Moved that the Pincher Creek Municipal Library presentation from the Special Council meeting of December 17, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

Council will review the request from the Pincher Creek Municipal Library once appropriate agreements are in place with the current landowner, the Town of Pincher Creek.

c) RIPPLE Community Fund Brochure

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/007

Moved that the RIPPLE brochure presented at the Special Council meeting of December 17, 2025, be received as information,

AND THAT the MD promote the program through social media and the MD website.

Carried

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Agricultural Service Board Trade Show Event
 - Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization
 - Elected Officials Course – Emergency Management
 - Holiday Train Kudos
 - Waterton Biosphere
 - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
 - Holiday Train Kudos
 - Alberta Southwest
 - Municipal Addressing clarification for calling 911
3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Community Fund Cheque Presentation
 - Pincher Colony Tour
 - Holiday Train Kudos
 - Castle Mountain Resort Community Association
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
 - Suggestion to invite Fire Chief and EMS to Coffee with Council
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Lundbreck Citizens Council

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Councillor Dave Cox 26/008

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/009

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period December 1, 2025, to January 4, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/010

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for December 3, 2025, to January 7, 2026, as information.

Carried

c) Community Events Board - 2026 Budget Allocation

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/011

Moved that Council approve \$22,000 in 2026 funds from the MD Buildings Reserve for the Community Events Board for a project total of \$45,000.

Carried

2. Finance

a) Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) Policy – C-HR-003

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/012

Moved that Council rescind policy A-ADM-001 Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP);

AND THAT Council approve policy C-HR-003 Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP).

Carried

b) Request to Waive Tax Penalties – Tax Roll 1940.020

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/013

Moved that Council deny waiving the tax penalties on tax roll 1940.020 in the amount of \$263.19.

Carried

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- c) Request to Waive Tax Penalties – Tax Roll 6091.450

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/014

Moved that Council deny waiving the tax penalties on tax roll 6091.450, in the amount of \$1,279.42.

Carried

3. Development and Community Services

- a) Bylaw 1366-25 Community Standards Bylaw

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/015

Moved that Bylaw 1366-25, being the Community Standards Bylaw, be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 26/016

Moved that Bylaw 1366-25 be given third and final reading.

Carried

4. Municipal

- a) CAO Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/017

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period December 6, 2025, to January 4, 2026, as information.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

- a) Slopes Studio – Creative Resistance (re: Grassy Mountain matter)

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/018

Moved that the Slopes Studio – Creative Resistance (re: Grassy Mountain matter), be received as information.

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- b) Community Grant Specialist

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/019

Moved that Council authorize the following letters of support:

- Southwest Alberta Search and Rescue Society and
- Pincher Creek Community Hall.

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c) Request from Town of Pincher Creek to Co-Host Event

Councillor Dave Cox 26/020

Moved that the MD agree to partner with the Town for a joint event during Seniors' Week 2026, 40th Anniversary of Intergenerational Day.

Carried

d) Water Act Concerns - Beaver Mines Creek (Downstream Impacts) - List of Concerns from Tom Judd and Tori Bailer

Councillor Dave Cox 26/021

Moved that Council direct administration to send a letter to Tom Judd and Tori Bailer regarding their concerns about the downstream impacts of Beaver Mines Creek and other water act concerns, stating that all water licensing is done by Alberta's Environment and Protected Areas, that Municipalities don't have jurisdiction, and that we share the same concerns about transparency.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/022

Moved that a letter be sent to the Minister of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas expressing concern about the approval process for statements of concern regarding changes to a water licence, including issuing of new licenses, requesting that notification be provided in a public format and directly to the local Municipality where the project is occurring.

Carried

e) Regional Waste Technology Presentation

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/023

Moved that Councillor Tony Bruder be authorized to attend the Regional Waste Technology Presentation on February 4, 2026, from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Town of Claresholm Council Chambers.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor John MacGarva 26/024

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Name that Grader
 - Poster – Submissions due before January 31, 2026
- b) Quest Report (Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program)
 - Updated Benchmark Assessment Report for December 2025
- c) Southwest Alberta Rural Crime Watch
 - Advertisement for January 21, 2026, Meeting
- d) Honourable Mike Ellis, Deputy Premier of Alberta, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services
 - Update on Changes to Alberta's Police Funding Model
- e) Municipal Affairs
 - Municipal Musings December Newsletter
- f) Honourable Ric McIver, MLA
 - Letter of Congratulations on Election to Municipal Office
- g) Public Safety and Emergency Services
 - Police Funding Model Changes - Preliminary Estimation Process
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I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/025

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 5:14 pm.

- a) Request to Upgrade Road to Minimum Standard – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor Dave Cox 26/026

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:28 pm.

Carried

- a) Request to Upgrade Road to Minimum Standard

Councillor Dave Cox 26/027

Moved that Tom Judd be authorized to clear trees along the MD undeveloped road allowance adjacent to SW 13-06-02 W5M to allow vehicular access to his parcel in the NE 14-06-02 W5M, pending authorization with Environment and Protected areas (EPA) regarding provincial water act regulations,

AND THAT should a development occur on his parcel in the future, he will need to reapply and build to a minimum standard, as per policy C-PW-019 (Minimum Standard Policy)



Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/028

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:30 pm.

Carried


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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER