

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, February 10, 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 Dave Cox 26/054

Moved that the agenda for February 10, 2026, be amended to include:

Finance:

b) Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre Financial Sustainability Committee

Action:

c) Drought and Flood Protection Program News Conference Invite

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

a) Captus Generation

Paul Connolly, Vice President of Commercial Development, and Lauren Colborne, Communications, with Captus Generation attended the meeting to update Council.

He reviewed the history of Captus ownership and gave an overview of the current opportunity.

Council questioned the Medicine Hat project and how the Pincher Creek data centre would differ. With advances in technology, new builds could look different and offer better sound buffering, but these changes will be at the new customer's discretion.

Water usage was discussed, with Paul noting that it varies by location and water availability. Captus understands it will likely be unable to obtain water licenses for large quantities of potable water.

Council asked whether Captus was interested in co-working with other industries that use power. Paul stated that they would review it but would need more information about the opportunity to determine whether it is complementary to a data centre and future expansion.

Council thanked Captus for attending and invited them to attend at any time if they believe there are updates for the community.

Paul and Lauren left the meeting at 3:29 pm.

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/055

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Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of January 27, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/056

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 27, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Waterton Biosphere
 - Twin Butte Group Meeting – Proposed Campground
 - Planning Session
 - South Canadian Rockies
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Mayors and Reeves
 - Alberta SouthWest
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 - Fireguard Planning - Castle Mountain Resort
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Planning Session
 - What Was 2025 Even About? Emergency Services 2025 Recap
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Planning Session
 - South Canadian Rockies

Councillor John MacGarva 26/057

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/058

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period January 19, 2026, to February 1, 2026, as information.

Carried

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b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/059

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for January 21, 2026, to February 3, 2026, as information.

Carried

c) Cridland Dam - Hydrotechnical and Geotechnical Reports

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/060

Moved that Council receive for information the Cridland Geotechnical and Hydrotechnical Reports.

Carried

Director of Finance, Meghan Dobie, attended the meeting at this time.

2. Finance

a) Grant in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) 2025 Write Off

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/061

Moved that Council write off the uncollectible GIPOT in the 2025 fiscal year, up to a maximum of \$5,315, with funds from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Carried

b) Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre Financial Sustainability Committee

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/062

Moved that Council request that Meghan Dobie, Director of Corporate Services, sit on the Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre Financial Sustainability Committee, as an MD representative.

Carried

Director of Finance, Meghan Dobie, left the meeting at 4:44 pm.

3. Development and Community Services

a) Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment - Quarter 3 Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/063

Moved that the Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment – Quarter 3 Report be received as information.

Carried

b) Bylaw 1370-26 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Hann Rezoning)

Councillor Dave Cox 26/064

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1370-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Hann Rezoning).

Carried

Manager of Public Works Alan McRae left the meeting at 4:51 pm.

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Councillor John MacGarva 26/065

Moved that Council set the date for the required Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1370-26, be March 10, 2026, directly following the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1368-26.

Carried

c) Request for Development Agreement – Irrigation Line in Road ROW

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/066

Moved that Council authorize administration to move forward with a Development Agreement for an irrigation line to be placed within MD Road Right of Way, adjacent to SW 32-07-01 W5M.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/067

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period January 26, 2026, to February 6, 2026, as information.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/068

Moved that administration arrange a time at a future Council meeting with the Sergeants from the Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek RCMP Detachments to discuss the Community Priorities Plan.

Carried

b) Castle Mountain Community Association

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/069

Moved that Council agree to sponsor the 2026 CMCA Golf Classic for Castle Mountain Community Association, in the amount of \$250, with the amount to be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

c) Drought and Flood Protection Program News Conference Invite

Councillor Dave Cox 26/070

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the Drought and Flood Protection Program News Conference, to be arranged with administration.

Carried

B. For Information

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Councillor Dave Cox

26/070

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Email from Dave Bairnes, dated February 3, 2026
 - Ethical Conflict and Support for MD Stewardship (#2840)
- b) Parks Division – Alberta Forestry and Parks
 - Release of the New Plan for Parks
- c) Oldman Watershed Council
 - Accepting Watershed Legacy Program Applications for 2026
- d) Letter from Wendi Campbell
 - Open Letter to Premier of Alberta and All Albertans re: Bill 12

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva

26/071

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:11 pm.

Carried



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER