

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, February 24, 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, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Assistant Public Works Manager Jeremy Cartwright, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Dave Cox 26/075

Moved that the agenda for February 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

a) Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

Sean Miles, Director, Investment Development with Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance, attended the meeting at this time. He reviewed the history of Alberta SouthWest and the organization's current activities.

Alberta SouthWest continues to be a driving force for economic development in the region, despite facing regional challenges. Some of the secondary pillars include using current airport infrastructure to support future plans in aerospace, minerals, and medical tourism.

Through partnerships and grants, the current goal is to evaluate community readiness before planning, then align their abilities with specific needs and desires.

Council questioned how fly-in tourism could be built on in our region and outlined the current logistics issues. Sean has been working on a regional approach to help communities work together and showcase what each has to offer. Council appreciated the presentation and looks forward to future collaboration and plans.

Sean Miles left the meeting at 3:42

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/076

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of February 10, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/077

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 10, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Captus Generation

Councillor John MacGarva 26/078

Moved that the presentation from Captus Generation, from the February 10, 2026 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

b) STARS

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/079

Moved that the MD of Pincher Creek Council increase the annual donation to STARS to \$7000, as a standing motion.

Carried

c) Livingstone Landowner Group

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/080

Moved that the presentation from Livingstone Landowner Group, from the February 10, 2026 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Blackfoot MOU Meeting moved to March 13, 2026
 - Should Councillor Tony Bruder be unable attend, Councillor John MacGarva will attend in his place
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Rural Crime Watch
3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Emerging Trends
 - MLA Visit
 - Healthcare Committee

Councillor Dave Cox 26/081

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/082

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Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period February 2, 2026, to February 14, 2026, as information.

Carried

Assistant Public Works Manager Jeremy Cartwright left the meeting at 4:12 pm.

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/083

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for February 4, 2026, to February 18, 2026, as information.

Carried

2. Finance

a) 2026 Mileage Rate Change

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/084

Moved that Council approve a mileage rate to \$0.73/km, effective March 1, 2026,

AND THAT, going forward, mileage be based on CRA recommendations and reviewed annually, every February.

Carried

Policy C-CO-001 Councillor and Member at Large Remuneration will be brought back to the next Council meeting, to reflect this change.

3. Development and Community Services

a) Pincher Creek RCMP Detachment - Quarter 3 Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/085

Moved that the Pincher Creek RCMP Detachment – Quarter 3 Report be received as information.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/086

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

Carried

b) Policy A-ADMIN 006 External Communications Via Social Media and Digital Sign

Councillor Jim Welsh 26/087

Moved that Council approve Policy A-ADMIN 006 External Communications Via Social Media and Digital Sign.

Carried

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H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

- a) Email from David McIntyre - Request for Support – Concern on Wildlife Fencing

Councillor John MacGarva 26/088

Moved that the email from David McIntyre - Request for Support – Concern on Wildlife Fencing, be received as information.

Carried

- b) Alberta Irrigation Districts Association - Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts

Councillor Dave Cox 26/089

Moved that Council direct a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment and Protected Area, in support of enhanced AIS (aquatic invasive species) prevention efforts in our community,

AND THAT copies of the letter be sent to the Premier of Alberta, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, and the Alberta Irrigation District Association.

Carried

- c) Bobby Burns Fish Pond – Request for Assistance with Trees

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/090

Moved that the request for assistance with trees from Bobby Burns Fish Pond be tabled pending further cost information on the removal of problem trees,

AND THAT the Public Works Manager contact the Pincher Creek Legion to determine whether the MD can assist with tree removal.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor John MacGarva 26/091

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Email from Dave Bairnes, dated February 10, 2026
 - Energy Minister Brian Jean Response
- b) Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - Wednesday, April 22 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- c) Provincial Security & Intelligence Office Information
 - Email Received February 12, 2026
- d) Chinook Arch Regional Library System Board Report
 - December 2025
- e) Email from David McIntyre
 - Response to Livingstone Landowners Group Presenting to MD Council
- f) “The Range” Gravel Event
 - Email dated January 30, 2026
- g) National Police Federation – Contract Policing Commitment
 - Email dated February 18, 2026

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

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J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Dave Cox 26/092

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:56 pm.

- a) Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor Dave Cox 26/093

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 4:57 pm.

Carried

- a) Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/094

Moved that the MD Council nominate the participant, as discussed in closed session, for the Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/4:58

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

Carried



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER