

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

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, March 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, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Senior Planner with ORRSC Gavin Scott, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Finance Manager Brendan Schlossberger and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/096

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

Action:

- c) Request for Support – Coalfields School Community Centre

Information:

- b) Alberta Community Partnership (APC) Program

Closed:

- a) Proposed Meeting with Minister Hunter – ATIA Sec. 29.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

**B. PUBLIC HEARING 1368-26**

Reeve Rick Lemire opened the meeting at 3:00 pm. CAO Roland Milligan reviewed the general rules of conduct surrounding Public Hearings.

Advertising Requirement

CAO Roland Milligan stated that this Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act. This Public Hearing was advertised in Shootin the Breeze on February 25 and March 4, 2026, as well as the MD website and MD Social Media pages.

Purpose of the Hearing

Reeve Rick Lemire provided an overview of the purpose of the proposed changes. The purpose of Bylaw No. 1368-26, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 1349-23, is to propose an amendment to add a detached secondary suite and to limit the dwelling density within the agriculturally oriented districts in the Land Use Bylaw.

Senior Planner with ORRSC, Gavin Scott, provided an overview of the history and rationale for the proposed changes to Bylaw 1368-26.

Reeve Rick Lemire asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak; there were none. Reeve Rick Lemire asked if there were any written responses; there were none.

Councillor Dave Cox 26/097

Moved to adjourn the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1368-26, the time being 3:04 pm.

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Carried

C. PUBLIC HEARING 1370-26

Reeve Rick Lemire opened the meeting at 3:05 pm. CAO Roland Milligan reviewed the general rules of conduct surrounding Public Hearings.

Advertising Requirement

CAO Roland Milligan stated that this Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act. This Public Hearing was advertised in Shootin the Breeze on February 25 and March 4, 2026, as well as the MD website and MD Social Media pages.

Purpose of the Hearing

Reeve Rick Lemire provided an overview of the purpose of the proposed changes. The purpose of Bylaw No. 1370-26 is a request to change the land use designations to allow for rural business subdivision and development of lands legally described as:

Block 4, Plan 7910279, as shown on Schedule 'A' from "Grouped Country Residential - GRC" to "Rural Business – RB"; and The portion of SW 34-7-2 W5M hereto, from "Agricultural - A" to "Rural Business – RB".

Senior Planner with ORRSC, Gavin Scott, provided an overview of the history and rationale for the proposed changes to Bylaw 1370-26.

Reeve Rick Lemire asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak; there were none. Reeve Rick Lemire inquired if there were any written responses. Two submissions were included in the Public Hearing package, and their questions were addressed before the hearing; no additional responses were received.

Councillor Dave Cox 26/098

Moved to adjourn the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1370-26, the time being 3:10 pm.

Carried

D. DELEGATIONS

E. MINUTES

1) Special Council Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/099

Moved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 19, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/100

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

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2026

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/101

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Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Support for Enhanced Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Efforts

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/102

Moved that a letter be sent to support enhanced AIS prevention efforts for not just the Burmis location, but for the continued support for all ports of entry into Alberta, especially the USA boarder,

AND ALSO to send copies to John Barlow Member of Parliament, RJ Sigurdson Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, and Parks Canada.

Carried

- b) Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/103

Moved to accept the Alberta SouthWest Regional presentation from the February 24, 2026, Committee Meeting, information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
  - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
  - Pincher Creek Regional Library Association
  - Waterton Biosphere
  - Agricultural Services Board
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
  - Livingstone Range School Division workshop
  - Hometown Award
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
  - Oldman River Regional Service Commission
  - Agriculture Service Board
  - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
    - Possibility to invite Fire Chief to future Coffee with Council meetings
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
  - Pincher Creek Housing
  - Lundbreck Citizens Council
  - Livingstone Range School Division workshop

Councillor John MacGarva 26/104

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

- a) Public Works Operations Report

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Councillor Dave Cox 26/105

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period February 16, 2026, to March 1, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Budget Increase Request for Approved 2026 Vehicle Purchase

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/106

Moved that Council approve a Capital Budget increase of \$8000, to a maximum of \$73,000, for the purchase of a 1 Ton Crew Cab, Cab and Chassis Truck,

AND THAT the additional funds be taken from the Equipment Reserve.

Carried

c) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Held until later in the meeting once Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais arrives.

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

a) Bylaw 1369-26 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment Agricultural Reservoirs & Dugouts)

Councillor Dave Cox 26/107

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1369-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Agricultural Reservoirs & Dugouts),

AND THAT the date for the required Public Hearing be set for April 14, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/108

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period February 23, 2026, to March 5, 2026, as information.

Carried

Gavin Scott left at 4:15 pm.

b) Policy C-CO-001 Councillors and Member at Large Remuneration

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/109

Moved that Council approve revised policy C-CO-001 Councillors and Member at Large Remuneration.

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H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

- a) Pincher Creek Community Center Hall Society - AGM on April 13, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/110

Moved that Councillor Dave Cox be authorized to attend the Pincher Creek Community Center Hall Society AGM on April 13, 2026.

Carried

- b) Edna Mackenzie - Letter of Concern Over MD Destruction of Saskatoon Bushes

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/111

Moved that a letter be sent to Edna Mackenzie, regarding her concerns over the destruction of saskatoon bushes, stating that foliage along the MD right of way is the responsibility of the MD, and safety on the roads is the MD's main concern,

AND THAT, any further concerns regarding the MD's work should be directed to management at Public Works.

Carried

- c) Request for Support – Coalfields School Community Centre

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/112

Moved that a letter be sent to the Coalfields School Community Centre advising that, as they received \$2500 in operational funding for 2026, through the Joint Council Grant Program, they reapply during the 2027 funding stream.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor Dave Cox 26/113

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Alberta Environment and Protected Areas – Minister Hunter  
 - Response to Notification of Water License Concerns

Carried

- b) Alberta Community Partnership (APC) Program

Councillor John MacGarva 26/114

Moved to receive the Alberta Community Partnership (APC) Program letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs, as information.

Carried

Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais attended the meeting at 4:41 pm.

- c) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/115

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Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for February 19, 2026, to March 4, 2026, as information.

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor John MacGarva 26/116

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 5:15 pm.

- a) Continuing Care Concerns – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Southfork Road (Old Highway 3) - Road Ban Assessment – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Proposed Meeting with Minister Hunter – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/117

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:46 pm.

Carried

b) Southfork Road (Old Highway 3)

Councillor Dave Cox 26/118

Moved that Council direct administration to move forward with a full assessment of the Southfork Road,

AND THAT the amount, up to \$30,000, is to be taken the from Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.


Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/119

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:48 pm.

Carried

  
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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER