

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026,  
11:00 am  
Council Chambers

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

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Acting Director of Corporate Services Brendan Schlossberger, 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 March 10, 2026, be amended:

Removed:

Delegation:

b) Waterton Lakes National Park Superintendent – *Had to cancel and will reschedule at a later date.*

Additional:

Closed Session:

c) Deadstock Bin - Division 3 – ATIA Sec. 29.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) Chief Mountain Gas

Delbert Beazer and Ron Schmidt, representing Chief Mountain Gas Co-op, attended the meeting to inform Council about Chief Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd and that they are a member-owned and operated utility serving taxpayers in the municipality.

Chief Mountain Gas, founded in 1973, is a member-owned natural gas distributor serving Cardston County. The co-op merged with Summerview Gas Co-op in 2002 and later with Livingstone Gas Co-op. Today, Chief Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd provides gas services to 1720 members. Its distribution system includes 16 km of high-pressure steel lines, 96 km of high-pressure aluminum lines, and extensive polyethylene service lines. Atco and Apex are nearby franchise zones. Currently, the membership stands at 1188, comprising residential, commercial, irrigation, Hutterite colonies, grain dryers, greenhouses, Federal and USA Governments, and industry partners.

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Delbert reviewed the board's structure as well as the current staff. They examined the cost differences among Chief Mountain Gas, Atco/Apex, and Enmax, which were partly due to additional distribution fees and per-GJ costs. Council asked if the area could be expanded, but the franchise area is fixed and cannot be changed without an agreement, and is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Council thanked them for their continued work to provide reliable service to our community.

Chief Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd. left at 11:25 am.

Tax Assessor Doug Jenson attended the meeting at this time for the tax discussion.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:27 am.

- a) Public Works Call Log – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Preliminary Tax Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Deadstock Bin – Division 3 Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 2:13 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

- Discussion over land acknowledgement
- Follow-up discussion on Minister of Environment and Protected Areas Teams Meeting
- ORRSC - Miistakis presentation

5. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 2:35 pm.

Carried

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER