

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

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, March 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, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Interim Director of Corporate Services Brendan Schlossberger and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Dave Cox 26/124

Moved that the agenda for March 24, 2026, be amended to include:

Unfinished Business:

a) Bobby Burns Park Tree Cleanup

Action:

d) Follow-up discussion on Minister of Environment and Protected Areas - Teams Meeting

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

D. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/125

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

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/126

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

Carried

3) Coffee with Council – Division 1

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/127

Moved that the notes from Coffee with Council in Division 1, on March 17, 2026, be approved as presented.

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4) Special Council Meeting – March 18, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/128

Moved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 18, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Bobby Burns Fishpond Tree Cleanup

CAO Roland Milligan informed the Council that the Bobby Burns Fishpond Tree Cleanup costs are \$3,000 per day, estimated to take two days. As the park is owned by the Municipality the work will be done under the Parks and Recreation department of the 2026 Budget.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Bringing Hearts Home – Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/129

Moved that the MD donate \$15k for 2026, towards the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation, Bringing Hearts Home campaign,

AND THAT the amount is drawn from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (6-12-0-735-6735).

Carried

b) AltaLink – Wildfire Mitigation Program

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/130

Moved to accept the AltaLink Wildfire Mitigation Program presentation from the March 10, 2026, Committee Meeting, as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission (postponed)
 - Waterton Biosphere Carnivore Working Group
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Castle Mountain Community Association
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Family and Community Support Services
 - Police Advisory Meeting
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - MOU Meeting in Standoff

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- July 18, 2026, will be Pancake Breakfast. The request is for two Councillors and a \$300 donation.
- Healthcare Committee
- Coffee with Council Division 1
- Special Council Meeting

Councillor John MacGarva 26/131

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/132

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period March 2, 2026, to March 15, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Policy C-PW-009 Dust Control and Schedule “A”

Councillor John MacGarva 26/133

Moved that Council approve Schedule A for Policy C-PW-009 Dust Control, with amendments, as discussed.

Carried

c) C-FIN-500 Resale of Materials and Supplies

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/134

Moved that due to the following reasons, the MD will be discontinuing the sale of gravel to private properties:

- Limited availability of gravel: Gravel has become increasingly difficult to source, placing pressure on our long-term supply.
- Rising operational costs: Crushing costs have increased substantially. Current sale prices do not cover the full cost of crushing operations, even before accounting for royalties, stripping costs, or equipment wear.
- Significant investment in new pit development: The purchase of land and consultant fees associated with pit planning have been substantial, and we have not yet begun material extraction from the site.
- Ensure the municipality's reserves are preserved and that operational costs are responsibly managed.

AND THAT, effective immediately, Policy C-FIN-500 Resale of Materials and Supplies be repealed.

Carried

d) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/135

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for March 5, 2026, to March 18, 2026, as information.

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e) 10 Year Bridge Structure – Asset Management Plan – 2026 Interim Update

Councillor Dave Cox 26/136

Moved that the Bridge Structure Asset Management Plan – 10 Year Prioritization Plan – Interim Update, be received as information.

Carried

f) Circular Materials – Advancing the Circular Economy

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/137

Moved to accept the discussion on Circular Materials – Advancing the Circular Economy, as information.

Carried

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

a) Bylaw 1368-26 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Secondary Suites

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/138

Moved that Bylaw 1368-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add a detached secondary suite and to limit the dwelling density within the agriculturally oriented districts, be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 26/139

Moved that Bylaw 1368-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Secondary Suites) be given third reading.

Carried

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

Councillor John MacGarva 26/140

Moved that Bylaw 1370-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment to change the land use designation of lands Block 4, Plan 7910279, hereto, 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” to allow for rural business subdivision and development; be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 26/141

Moved that Bylaw 1370-26 be given third reading.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/142

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period March 9, 2026, to March 20, 2026, as information.

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- b) 2026 Coffee with Council – Division 2

Councillor Dave Cox 26/143

Moved that the November Coffee with Council for Division 2 be rescheduled for Thursday, November 26, 2026.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

- a) Kootenai Brown Historical Park - Invitation to Canada Day in the Park

Councillor Dave Cox 26/144

Moved that all interested Councillors be authorized to attend the Kootenai Brown Historical Park - Invitation to Canada Day in the Park.

Carried

- b) Matthew Halton High School (Hawks Basketball Team) - Request for Sponsorship for Provincial Championship

Councillor Dave Cox 26/145

Moved that Council authorize a sponsorship in the amount of \$500 to the Matthew Halton High School (Hawks Basketball Team) for the Provincial Championship,

AND THAT the amount to come from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

- c) St. Michael's School - Request for Auction Item for "A Night In Paris" Event

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/146

Moved that the MD provide a certificate for an in-kind donation of one tandem load of gravel and delivery for the St. Michaels school upcoming fundraiser "A Night In Paris",

AND THAT the specifics of the donation be coordinated between the auction winner and the Public Works Superintendent.

Carried

- d) Follow-up discussion on Minister Environment and Protected Areas - Teams Meeting

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/147

Moved that a letter of follow-up from the meeting with the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, regarding concerns with deadstock on the landscape, be sent,

AND THAT the letter be copied to the following departments:

Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Minister of Forestry and Parks, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Member of Parliament, Member of Legislative Assembly, Alberta Transportation, neighbouring Municipalities, as well as staff members, as discussed.

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B. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/148

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Dave Bairnes - URGENT: #2840 Sentinel Record - Forensic Disclosure
- b) Minister of Environment and Protected Areas - Alberta's AIS Prevention and Response Framework
- c) STARS - Thank You for the Donation

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/149

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 5:02 pm.

- a) 2026-2027 Proposed Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment Priorities – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Land Use Bylaw - Non-Compliance – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva 26/150

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:17 pm.

Carried

- b) Land Use Bylaw - Non-Compliance

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/151

Moved that the MD move forward with a legal opinion on the non-compliance Land Use Bylaw issue, as discussed in closed session.


Carried


K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/152

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:18 pm.

Carried


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 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER