

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, April 28, 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.

Council and staff took part in a moment of silence in honour of the Workers Compensation Board Day of Mourning at 11:00 am.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order, the time being 11:05 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the agenda for April 28, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) Waterton Lakes National Park

Carmen Hancock, National Park Superintendent, and Natalie Rae Hodge, External Relations Manager, with Waterton Lakes National Park, attended the meeting to update Council on 2026 priorities and updates.

The park will host upcoming engagement sessions, both in person and online, to enhance the visitor experience. To support visitor communication, the park will use 511 to notify visitors when the park is at capacity and will install additional signage farther from the park. Canada Strong will take place again this year, so entrance to the park will be free from June through September.

2026 priorities will include the following:

- Non-motorized watercraft: Outside boats are prohibited from launching. Inflatables, or “floaties”, are now included as non-motorized watercraft.
- Gear/safety equipment: Clean, drain, dry, certify.
- Powerboating: No changes. 90-day quarantine in effect.
- Angling: Belly River remains closed.
- AIS Ambassador volunteering, seasonal permit program, will continue in 2026.

Council also discussed the following concerns:

- Camping in the area.

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- Waterton would like to see more camping in the area, from Calgary South.
- ID#4 hasn't looked into operating Cradle Campground.
- Deadstock on the landscape. Is Waterton experiencing the same concerns about disposal to mitigate carnivore conflict?
 - Waterton isn't experiencing issues with disposal
- Speed control on Highway 6.
 - Waterton is open to assisting with notifications that would assist safety in the MD.

Carmen Hancock and Natalie Rae Hodge left the meeting at 11:51 am.

b) Pincher Creek Curling Club

Members of the Pincher Creek Curling Club, including Carrie Kinahan, President; Hayley Smith, Vice President; Kyle Williams; and Don Anderberg, attended the meeting to update Council on the project's status.

Including the following:

- Financial Arrangements Breakdown
 - Base Project Cost: \$4,584,650.00
 - Revised Total Cost: \$5,020,649.83
 - *Additional Funding Required* \$1,620,434.15
- Active Funding Initiatives
- Westco's Schedule of Values
- Project Costs Incurred to Date
 - Total Project Cost \$5,020,649.83
 - Total Paid to Date \$2,756,051.29
 - Remaining Balance \$2,264,598.54

The offer was made to have a Councillor sit on the building committee; in the past, the MD just requested project updates, but given the current struggles, the Curling Club feels it would be beneficial to have a representative on the committee.

Council will discuss the financial ask at the next Council meeting.

Pincher Creek Curling Club representatives left the meeting at 12:23 pm.

c) Formal Objection Proposed Water Rate Increase

Marco Bergeron attended the meeting at 12:24 pm.

He has a house in Coleman and built a new one on an acreage near Lundbreck, where he connected to municipal water. His concerns are that he is financially responsible for the water connection, maintenance of the system within his home, and a bi-monthly utility bill. In 2025, MD Council approved an updated utility charge, which increased his bill by \$10 per month. He would like Council

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to review the bylaw and reduce the water rates. Council staggered the increases over 4 years to bring the MD up to mid-range costs, compared with other Municipalities.

Council will discuss this request at the next meeting.

Marco Bergeron left the meeting at 1:05 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 1:08 pm.

- a) Gravel Pit Assessment – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 1:55 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

- Mineral buildup in Municipal water concerns in Beaver Mines
- Trade Fair
 - Went well
 - Giveaway bags were successful
 - Worked well to have other organizations as part of MD booth

5. Adjournment

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 2:10 pm.

Carried





REEVE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER