

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 14, 2026

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Interim Director of Corporate Services Brendan Schlossberger, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Public Works Assistant Manager Jeremy Cartwright and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

ABSENT Reeve Rick Lemire

Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Dave Cox 26/307

Moved that the agenda for July 14, 2026, be amended to include:

Operations:

d) Village of Cowley – Road Grading Request

Finance:

- b) i-Hunter Ownership Map Release
- c) Foothills Forage Association 2026 Contribution
- d) Ag for Life Annual Support

Action:

h) Heritage Acres Annual Show – Pancake Breakfast

Information:

e) Verbal Information from Peter Swain

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

- 1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/308

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of June 23, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

- 2) Council Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2026

Councillor **Dave Cox** 26/309

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 23, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

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D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Pincher Creek Curling Club Funding Discussion **will be discussed later in the meeting.*

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Email from Waterton Biosphere
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 - Castle Mountain Community Association (Fireguard proposal)
 - Airport Tour with MLA Petrovic
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Seniors Services
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services
 - Agricultural Service Board
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services BBQ
 - Pincher Creek Housing and Economic Development
 - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
 - Airport Tour with MLA Petrovic

Councillor Dave Cox 26/310

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board members be compensated to attend the Foothill Creek Watershed User Group meeting on July 28, 2026.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 26/311

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/312

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period June 15, 2026, to July 5, 2026, as information.

Carried

a) Christie Mines Road Dust Control Concern

Councillor Dave Cox 26/313

Moved that a letter be sent to the residents on Christie Mines Road with concerns about their request for the MD to provide dust control, advising that they can apply individually for dust control, as other landowners in the MD do,

AND THAT if they would like to further discuss, they can arrange a time to speak with Council as a group.

Carried

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E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Pincher Creek Curling Club Funding Discussion

Councillor Dave Cox 26/314

Moved that Council approve up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 in funding to the Pincher Creek Curling Club for the completion of the curling rink with said funds coming from the Community Initiatives Reserve;

FURTHER that this be contingent on the Pincher Creek Curling Club signing the funding agreement as drafted, with funding provided in instalments and, where applicable, recoverable in accordance with the terms of the agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Pincher Creek sign an agreement requiring that the building be maintained as a curling facility for the life of the structure;

AND FINALLY, THAT once both agreements have been executed, Council authorize an advance to the Pincher Creek Curling Club for Progress Payment #9 in the amount of \$340,212, prior to receipt of the Club's monthly progress report.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

b) 1 Ton Truck Budget Increase

Councillor John MacGarva 26/315

Moved that Council approve a Capital Budget increase of \$20,000 for the purchase of a deck for the 1 Ton Crew Cab Truck with additional funds coming from the Equipment Reserve.

Carried

c) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/316

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for June 5, 2026, to July 7, 2026, as information.

Carried

d) Village of Cowley – Road Grading Request

Councillor Dave Cox 26/317

Moved that Council authorize the Village of Cowley request for support services for road maintenance,

AND THAT the work be charged at the hourly rate set out in Policy C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges.

Carried

2. Finance

a) Q2 Financial Summary

Councillor John MacGarva 26/318

Moved that Council receive the Q2 Financial Summary as information.

Carried

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b) i-Hunter Ownership Map Release

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/319

Moved that Council authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Inside Outside Studios (i-Hunter) for the release of the May 2026 MD Ownership Maps;

AND THAT Council directs administration to renew the resolution for the next version of the MD Ownership Map if the agreement with Inside Outside Studios is to be extended.

Carried

c) Foothills Forage Association 2026 Contribution

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/320

Moved that Council support a \$5000 contribution to the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association with the stipulation that \$2000 is for their core funding with up to an additional \$3000 for individual events, for the 2026 year,

AND THAT this amount be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

d) Ag for Life Annual Support

Councillor Dave Cox 26/321

Moved that Council support a \$1500 contribution to the Ag For Life, for the 2026 year,

AND THAT this amount be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

3. Development and Community Services

a) Bylaw 1373-26 - Municipal Development Plan Bylaw Amendment (Lundbreck Hamlet Study Adoption)

Councillor John MacGarva 26/322

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1373-26, being the Municipal Development Plan Amendment (Lundbreck Hamlet Growth Study),

AND THAT a date for the required Public Hearing be set for September 8, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

Carried

b) Land Use Bylaw Amendment - 1374-26 (Sapeta Pit)

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/323

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1374-26, being a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No.1349-23,

AND THAT a date for the required Public Hearing on September 8, 2026, following Bylaw 1373-26 Public Hearing.

Carried

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c) Lundbreck Train Whistle Cessation Application

Councillor John MacGarva 26/324

Moved that administration be directed to proceed with the request to cease train whistles at Mile 71.45, Range Road 2-0.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/325

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period June 22, 2026, to July 9, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) AES Policies (C-AES-006 and C-AES-004)

Councillor Dave Cox 26/326

Moved that Council approve updated policies C-AES-006 Agricultural Pests Policy and C-AES-004 Weed Control Policy.

Carried

c) Appointment of Agricultural Fieldman

Councillor John MacGarva 26/327

Moved that in order to enforce the Weed Control, Soil Conservation and Agricultural Pests Act, Council appoint Ayla Peacock as Agricultural Fieldman for the MD of Pincher Creek, effective July 14, 2026.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) Alberta CARE (Association of Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises)

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/328

Moved that the invitation to attend the Alberta CARE (Association of Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises), be received as information.

Carried

b) Kootenai Brown Historical Park - Fire, Water, Music & Magic – Celebrating 60 Years in the Village

Councillor Dave Cox 26/329

Moved that the Reeve be authorized to attend and speak at the Kootenai Brown Historical Park - Fire, Water, Music & Magic – Celebrating 60 Years in the Village, on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Carried

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c) Town of Pincher Creek - Request to Assist with Pancake Breakfast

Councillor Dave Cox 26/330

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to flip pancakes at the August 15, 2026 pancake breakfast during Fair and Rodeo.

Carried

d) Minister of Municipal Affairs - Meeting Request During RMA

Councillor Dave Cox 26/331

Moved that Council request a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs during RMA in November.

Defeated

e) Chief Mountain Gas - Golf Day Invitation

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/332

Moved to table the discussion on the Chief Mountain Gas invitation to attend the Golf Day in September to the August 25, 2026 Council meeting.

Carried

f) Alberta Environment and Protected Areas - Bill 28 Feedback Request

Councillor John MacGarva 26/333

Moved that, as administration is already responding on behalf of the MD, the request for feedback on Bill 28, be received as information.

Carried

g) Bringing Hearts Home Initiative - Request for Letter of Support

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/334

Moved that Council authorize a letter of support for the Bringing Hearts Home Initiative.

Carried

h) Heritage Acres – Pancake Breakfast

Councillor Dave Cox 26/335

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to flip pancakes the Heritage Acres pancake breakfast during their 38th Annual Show on July 25 and 26, 2026,

AND THAT administration contact Heritage Acres to obtain information on the dates and times when Councillors are required.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor John MacGarva 26/336

Moved that the following be received as information:

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- a) Town of Pincher Creek
 - Notice of Public Hearing 1639-25-C
- b) Kootenai Brown Historical Park
 - Invitation to Attend - Old Town Showdown
- c) ORRSC (Oldman River Regional Services Commission)
 - Organizational Update and Strategic Direction Letter
- d) Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)
 - Alberta-British Columbia Intertie Restoration Project (AIR Project) Overview
- e) Verbal Update from Peter Swain

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch

26/337

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 5:04 pm.

- a) MD Owned Land Leases - ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva

26/338

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:32 pm.

Carried

- a) MD Owned Land Leases

Councillor Dave Cox

26/339

Moved that Council accept the Comprehensive Lease Structure Redesign for implementation in the 2027-2031 lease agreements for all agricultural MD-owned land, except for leases with existing agreements that preclude amendment;

AND THAT Council set the minimum bid rate for 2027-2031 at \$70 per acre for cultivation, \$35 per acre for grazing and \$50 per acre for recreational.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva

26/340

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:35 pm.

Carried



 REEVE



 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER