

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, August 25, 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, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Development Officer Laura McKinnon and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order, the time being 11:00 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the agenda for August 25, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) Northback – Socioeconomic Impact Report

Brad Johnson, CEO, and Daina Lazzarotto, Manager, Community Relations, from Northback, attended the meeting. Brad, new to the role of CEO, introduced himself and provided some background.

They presented a report that outlines the socioeconomic and economic impacts of the Grassy Mountain Project on Canada and Alberta, emphasizing community benefits and financial contributions.

Northback representatives stated that the project will create jobs, support community programs, and invest in local businesses, including First Nations communities. Stating that it will strengthen Canada's trade balance and regional growth through significant investment and government revenues. Construction involves \$1.4 billion, supporting various jobs, with most spending with Canadian suppliers.

Council thanked them for attending and asked about future coal sales and whether there are enough markets. Questioned if there is a shortage of coal? The market is currently oversupplied; long-term economists view it as undersupplied by 2030.

Council questioned whether Northback will remain local or be sold to a larger corporation, given that Northback's parent company is in Australia. Brad can't comment on whether Northback could be sold to a larger corporation in the future, but there are no plans at this time. Council raised concerns about the current housing shortage in our community, as well as Crowsnest Pass.

Council thanked representatives for attending the meeting.

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Brad Johnson left the meeting at 11:30 am

b) Enhancing Livingstone Initiative & Taskforce Effort (ELITE) (Livingstone School New Build)

Daina Lazzarotto, Eliza Grose, and Teresa MacGarva attended the meeting to update Council on the Livingstone School new build.

The mission of Enhancing Livingstone Initiative & Taskforce Effort (ELITE) is to advocate for the new build of Livingstone School. This includes fundraising for the construction of the enhanced multi-purpose facility and demonstrating strong, unified regional support.

The group is a community initiative seeking support and funding for a new multi-purpose gymnasium at Livingstone School to benefit students and the wider community. The ELITE task force aims to raise \$2 million. The project includes constructing an enhanced gym that will serve both the school and local organizations. Today's ask from the MD is a letter of endorsement for the new build, as well as a \$1.5 million financial contribution toward construction.

Council raised that if we financially assisted with gym builds, most schools don't allow after-hours use of the facilities. What safeguards are in place to ensure the public can access the new building for rentals? At this point, the plans are for the group to ensure community use.

The fundraising group is actively seeking grants and other funding for the request, but won't know the final amount until they hear back about the grants.

Council thanked the group for attending and will further discuss their ask, and letter of support, at the Council meeting of September 8, 2026.

Livingstone school representatives left the meeting at 11:54 am.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 12:00 pm.

- a) Recycling Services - October 1, 2026 Changes – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Town of Pincher Creek Agreement for Curling Facility – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Carried

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 12:28 pm.

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5. Round Table

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- Multiple calls regarding misinformation regarding data centre
 - Request for Open House
 - Until the project has been applied for, there is nothing the MD can comment on
- Agricultural hauling concerns
 - Overweight loads
 - Unsecure loads
 - Not stopping at stop signs
 - Dust from hauling
 - Potential enforcement actions
 - Potential social media PSA
 - MD has been asked for assistance during rodeo, packing the arena
 - Suggestion made that the Ag Society submit an official ask
- Division 3 resident has suggestion for a deadstock bin location
 - PW manager suggested to assist
 - Ask will be forwarded to current acting AES Fieldman
- Concerns over lack of water once new water wells were installed
 - Resident will be forwarded information for Alberta Environment as its not the MD's jurisdiction to approve water wells
- Stopping chemical sales in the MD – concerns from residents
 - Regulations don't allow for decanted herbicides, must be in manufactures container with labels
 - MD could fill weed sprayers, but landowners are required to have training and certification
 - Discussion over MD hosting the certification course
 - Landowners with proper certification, can still purchase from Ag hardware stores
 - Question on sale of strychnine
 - MD isn't selling this year
 - Manufacturer was only selling to Municipalities that were in dire need and prearranged to purchase
- Waterton Dam
 - Swimming area (roped-off area) has been installed
 - Still needs signage
- Kootenai Brown Historical Park celebration
 - Opening of new firehall exhibit
 - Community Foundation donated funds for the new exhibit
- Discussion on MD vehicles being required to have the MD logo
 - The larger logos haven't been placed on new trucks as it can affect resale
 - Council suggested logos on door or window to show people it's an MD vehicle
- Council timesheet deadline discussed
 - Administration will look at dates and discuss
- RMA resolutions reminder – deadline beginning of October
 - Possible from ASB - Wildlife Predation Identification Training

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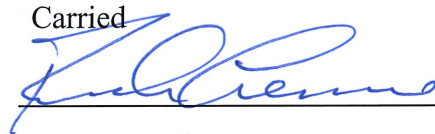
- Grizzly bear issues
 - Request for meeting with MD, Waterton Biosphere, Carnivores and Communities Program Coordinator, Jeff Bectel, MLA Chelsea Petrovic
 - MD could offer to host

6. Adjournment

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 1:23 pm.

Carried



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER