

AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
November 24, 2015
1:00 pm

- A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- B. DELEGATIONS
- (1) Introduction of Photography Services
- Email from Yvan LeBel, dated November 2, 2015
- C. MINUTES
- (1) Council Meeting Minutes
- Minutes of November 10, 2015
- D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- (1) Tax Penalty Bylaw 1264-15
- Bylaw presented for Third Reading
- E. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER'S (CAO) REPORTS
- (1) **Operations**
- a) Agricultural Service Board – Terms of Reference
- Current Terms of Reference, dated February 5, 2014
 - Draft Terms of Reference, dated November 20, 2015
- b) Operations Report
- Report from Director of Operations, dated November 19, 2015
- (2) **Planning and Development**
- Nil
- (3) **Finance and Administration**
- Nil
- (4) **Municipal**
- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report
- Report from CAO, dated November 19, 2015
- F. CORRESPONDENCE
- (1) **Action Required**
- a) Provincial's Bus for Sr. Boys Volleyball Team
- Email from Patty Zoratti, dated November 20, 2015
- (2) **For Information**
- a) Notes of Commendations
- Cheers and Jeers, Pincher Creek Echo, November 18, 2015
 - A Shout Out to Grader Operators, Pincher Creek Voice
- b) Oldman Watershed Council Newsletter
- Email from Oldman Watershed Council, dated November 19, 2015
- c) Regional Solid Waste Collection
- Letter from Town of Pincher Creek, dated November 12, 2015

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

Councillor Quentin Stevick – Division 1

Councillor Fred Schoening – Division 2

- Family and Community Support Services
 - Draft Minutes of October 19, 2015
- Facilities Steering Planning Committee
 - Minutes of October 14, 2015

Councillor Garry Marchuk – Division 3

- Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance
 - Minutes of October 7, 2015
 - November 2015 Bulletin

Reeve Brian Hammond - Division 4

Councillor Terry Yagos – Division 5

H. IN-CAMERA

- (1) Legal
- (2) Legal
- (3) Legal

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT

MDInfo

From: Yvan LeBel <yvan@yvan.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2015 2:04 PM
To: MDInfo
Subject: Request to appear before Council
Attachments: Request for Council Oct2015.pdf

Good afternoon Tera,

Here is a request, in PDF format, to appear before Council on November 10th. As we discussed when I visited your office.

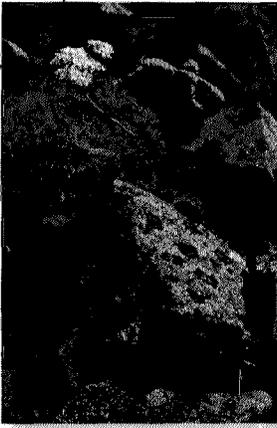
The following address will lead you to my presentation: <http://www.yvan.ca/MDPincherCreek>

The presentation is like a website. Select and click. When you are in the Photography section and graphic design, all you have to do to get to the next page is to click in the page anywhere.

Hopefully this will be helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Thank you for your help and consideration

Yvan LeBel
306 203-1653



Yvan LeBel

Visual Arts

Council of the M. D. of Pincher Creek
Pincher Creek, Alberta

306 203-1653
yvan@yvan.ca
Lebel Mansion, room 208

November 2nd, 2015

Re: Request to appear before the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek
Meeting of November 10th, 2015

Dear Council,

I would like the opportunity to introduce myself and the service I plan to provide for the Pincher Creek area. If I understand well, I could do so as a delegation. I have no demand before the council only a short presentation of my work to promote my business.

I recently moved back in the area and rented an office in the Lebel Mansion. I am a photographer, graphic and web designer with over 30 years of experience.

I understand that, during Council meeting, your time is precious so I prepared a short visual presentation and I will be happy to answer any questions that might arise from it. Limiting myself to the time that will be granted.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and time

Respectfully yours

Yvan LeBel

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2015

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The Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Brian Hammond, Councillors Quentin Stevick, Terry Yagos, Fred Schoening and Garry Marchuk

STAFF Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Kay, Director of Finance and Administration Mat Bonertz, Director of Operations Leo Reedyk, Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, Finance Manager Janene Felker and Executive Assistant Tara Cryderman

Reeve Brian Hammond called the Council Meeting to order, the time being 1:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/469

Moved that the Council Agenda for November 10, 2015, be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1) Grazing Leases

Darryl Carlson, with the Twin Butte Grazing Association and Brent Barbero, with the Pincher Creek Stockman's Association, appeared as a delegation to speak to the letter dated November 3, 2015, regarding grazing leases within the proposed Provincial and Wildland Parks.

The grazers in the forestry feel that they have provided stewardship within the area.

They damage the area far less than the recreational users in the area.

They have maintained the grazing in the forestry.

The sustainability of the grazing area was mentioned.

Security to tenure was mentioned. 10 year grazing leases are now available.

The eastern boundary of the forestry was mentioned. This is the "Shell Road". This does not follow the boundary of the park. It is feared that when the general public realizes this, a "free for all" will occur.

Mr. Barbero spoke at this time. The economic value of the grazing leases was mentioned. There are 27 different families that have leases within the forestry.

The grazing lease is a viable option for some families. Without these extra lands provided by grazing leases, some families could not sustain themselves.

With the proposed recreation stated (hotels, campgrounds, etc.), grazing will become very difficult.

Weekends within the Castle Area was discussed.

The Pincher Creek Stockman's Association was formed in 1922.

Twin Butte Stockman's Association has been around for years.

Approximately 1700 pairs of cattle are currently being grazed within this area. At \$3,000 per animal, this is quite valuable.

The history of grazing was provided.

The cattle uses very little of the primary range; this is used by the random campers now.

The administrators of the grazing leases was explained and discussed.

Fire control was mentioned.

The importance of logging on the landscape was discussed.

Reeve Hammond requested the representatives provide their top four concerns to the MD, in order that these concerns can be discussed at the meeting with the Environment Minister, to be held next week in Edmonton.

2) Request for Funding – Permanent Snow Fence

Dan Kufinoff, with Old Man River Gun Club, appeared as a delegation to speak to the letters dated September 29, 2015 and October 22, 2014, regarding the request for funding for a permanent snow fence.

Joint Funding provided \$10,000 towards their project.

The temporary snow fence was mentioned.

The necessity of a permanent snow fence was discussed.

The installation of the fence was discussed.

What resources can the Gun Club provide to the project? The club has \$7,000, plus volunteer hours that could be available.

The estimate of \$22,000 was explained. This was provided by a local contractor.

What scope of the project could be completed for the \$17,000?

Membership of the club was discussed. Membership fees were discussed. An option to volunteer 4 hours per season to recover part of the membership fee was explained. This is the first year that it has been implemented.

C. MINUTES

1) Organizational Meeting Minutes

Councillor Terry Yagos

15/470

Moved that the Organizational Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015, be amended, the amendment as follows:

Page 8658 – D. Statement of Reeve – delete the word “an” so the statement reads “...how the Strategic Plan is important in guiding Council now and in the future,...”;

And that the Organizational Minutes be approved as amended.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes

Councillor Quentin Stevick 15/471

Moved that the Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2015, be amended, the amendments as follows:

Page 8562 -2b – change the word “tables” to “tabled”;

And that the Council Minutes be approved, as amended.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Castle Mountain Area Structure Plan

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/472

Moved that the letter from Castle Mountain, dated September 30, 2015, regarding the Area Structure Plan, be received;

And that Administration and the Planning Advisor be directed to arrange a meeting to discuss the concerns expressed within this letter.

Carried

2) Castle Mountain Request for Funding

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/473

Moved that the letter from Castle Mountain, dated September 30, 2015, regarding the request for funding for the Resort Master Plan, be tabled until after a meeting has been held with Castle Mountain representatives.

Carried

3) Old Man River Gun Club – Request for Funding

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/474

Moved that the letters from the Old Man River Gun Club, dated September 29, 2015 and October 22, 2014, and the report from the Director of Operations, dated November 4, 2015, regarding the request for funding for a permanent snow fence, be received;

And that a letter be forwarded to the Gun Club indicating that Joint Funding in the amount of \$10,000, has been provided for this project;

And further that the MD is not prepared to participate in the installation of the fence.

Carried

4) Policy 5.2.2.4 – Financial – Long Term - Reserves

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/475

Moved that Policy 5.2.2.4 – Financial – Long Term – Reserves, be amended, the amendment as follows:

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“Decisions on the use of the reserve should be the result of a specific recreation request from the Town of Pincher Creek.”

And that Policy 5.2.2.4 – Financial – Long Term – Reserves be approved, as amended.

Carried

5) MCC Arena Condenser and Chiller Project

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/476

Moved that the letter from the Town of Pincher Creek, dated September 1, 2015, regarding the MCC Arena Condenser and Chiller Project, be received;

And that the MD of Pincher Creek contribute \$18,000 towards this project, to come from Account No. 6-12-0-770-6760 – Capital Reserve – Recreation Facilities.

Carried

6) Road Closure Bylaw 1262-15 – SE 3-6-1 W5M and SW 2-6-1 W5M

As Councillor Stevick was not elected into office at the date of the Public Hearing, he did not participate in the discussion or vote on this matter.

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/477

Moved that Road Closure Bylaw 1262-15, being the bylaw to close the road allowance between SE 3-6-1 W5M and SW 2-6-1 W5M, be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/478

Moved that Road Closure Bylaw 1262-15, being the bylaw to close the road allowance between SE 3-6-1 W5M and SW 2-6-1 W5M, be given third and final reading.

Carried

7) Road Closure Bylaw 1263-15 – Beaver Mines Fire Hall – Sixth Street

As Councillor Stevick was not elected into office at the date of the Public Hearing, he did not participate in the discussion or vote on this matter.

Councillor Garry Marchuk declared a potential conflict of interest, and left the meeting, the time being 2:30 pm.

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/479

Moved that Road Closure Bylaw 1263-15, being the bylaw to close Sixth Street within the Hamlet of Beaver Mines, be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/480

Moved that Road Closure Bylaw 1263-15, being the bylaw to close Sixth Street within the Hamlet of Beaver Mines, be given third and final reading.

Carried

Councillor Garry Marchuk returned to the meeting, the time being 2:31 pm.

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E. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER'S (CAO) REPORTS

1) Operations

a) Waste Removal Services Tender

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/481

Moved that the report from the Director of Operations, dated November 4, 2015, regarding Waste Removal Services Tender, be received;

And that Council authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Waste Removal Services Contract with the Crowsnest / Pincher Creek Landfill Association, with funding coming from Waste Management – Contractor (Account No. 2-43-0-276-2260).

Carried

b) Capital Purchase Grader Mower

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/482

Moved that the report from the Director of Operations, dated November 4, 2015, regarding Capital Purchase Grader Mower, be received;

And that Council authorize the purchase of the new Capital Industries mower for \$66,300 including freight and installation, with funding coming from Public Works Capital Equipment Reserve (Account No. 6-12-0-762-6760).

Carried

c) Operations Report

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/483

Moved that the Operations Report for the period of October 8, 2015 to November 5, 2015, be received as information.

Carried

2) Planning and Development

a) Conservation Easement – Sara Property

Councillor Terry Yagos declared a potential conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 2:49 pm.

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/484

Moved that the report from the Director of Development and Community Services, dated November 2, 2015, regarding the Conservation Easement – Sara Property, be received;

And that Council acknowledge the receipt of the Notice Prior to Registration, from the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society, for SW 20-7-2 W5M;

And further that Council waive the 60-day notice period prior to registration of the Conservation Easement.

Carried

b) Conservation Easement – Yagos Property

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/485

Moved that the report from the Director of Development and Community Services, dated November 2, 2015, regarding the Conservation Easement – Yagos Property, be received;

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And that Council acknowledge the receipt of the Notice Prior to Registration, from the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society, for NE 5-7-2 W5M;

And further that Council waive the 60-day notice period prior to registration of the Conservation Easement.

Carried

c) Conservation Easement – Kripl Property

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/486

Moved that the report from the Director of Development and Community Services, dated November 2, 2015, regarding the Conservation Easement – Kripl Property, be received;

And that Council acknowledge the receipt of the Notice Prior to Registration, from the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society, for the following lands:

- W ½ 5-8-2 W5M
- Pt. SE & NE 6-8-2 W5M
- Sec 7-8-2 W5M
- Pt. SW 8-8-2 W5M
- S ½ & NW 18-8-2 W5M
- SE 19-8-2 W5M
- E ½ 13-8-3 W5M

And further that Council waive the 60-day notice period prior to registration of the Conservation Easement.

Carried

Councillor Terry Yagos returned to the meeting, the time 2:54 pm.

3) Finance

a) Emergency Services 2015 Budget Adoption

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/487

Moved that the report from the Director of Finance and Administration, dated October 30, 2015, regarding the Emergency Services 2015 Budget Adoption, be received;

And that the \$13,364.00 shortfall for the 2015 Emergency Services Levy, be taken from the Mill Rate Stabilization Reserve (Account No. 6-12-0-723-6710).

Carried

b) Tax Penalty Bylaw 1264-15

Council generally agreed to a two (2) percent tax penalty effective July 2, and a further four (4) percent tax penalty effective November 1.

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/488

Moved that Bylaw 1264-15, being the Tax Penalty Bylaw, be given first reading.

Carried

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/489

Moved that Bylaw 1264-15, being the Tax Penalty Bylaw, be given second reading.

Carried

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Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/490

Moved that Bylaw 1264-15, being the Tax Penalty Bylaw, be presented for third reading.

Councillor Garry Marchuk requested a recorded vote.

Motion Defeated
Councillor Terry Yagos – Opposed
Councillor Fred Schoening – In Favour
Reeve Brian Hammond – In Favour
Councillor Garry Marchuk – In Favour
Councillor Quentin Stevick - Opposed

c) Statement of Cash Position

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/491

Moved that the Statement of Cash Position for the month of October 2015, be received as presented.

Carried

IN CAMERA

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/492

Moved that Council and Staff move In-Camera, the time being 3:30 pm.

Carried

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/493

Moved that Council and Staff move out of In-Camera, the time being 4:12 pm.

Carried

4) Municipal

a) Appointment to Economic Development Committee

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/494

Moved that Councillor Garry Marchuk be appointed to the Town of Pincher Creek Economic Development Committee.

Carried

b) AAMDC Fall 2015 Resolutions

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/495

Moved that the AAMDC Fall 2015 Resolutions be received as information.

Carried

c) Library Financial Review

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/496

Moved that the email from the Town of Pincher Creek, dated October 30, 2015, and the proposed amended Library Agreement, be tabled pending further information.

Carried

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d) Regional Collaboration – Request for Funds

Councillor Quentin Stevick 15/497

Moved that the report from the CAO, dated November 4, 2015, regarding Regional Collaboration – Request for Funds, be received;

And that the remaining \$27,000 from the Regional Collaboration Grant be returned to the Minister, with a thank you note;

And that if the Town of Pincher Creek wishes to proceed with their proposed Transportation Study, they consider reapplying for grant funding.

Carried

e) Regional Collaboration – Waste Management Services

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/498

Moved that the report from the CAO, dated November 4, 2015, regarding Regional Collaboration – Waste Management Services, be received;

And that the MD's Regional Partners be advised the MD supports entering into a Regional Waste Agreement with the Crowsnest Pass Pincher Creek Landfill Association, for residential waste pick up, at selected locations within the MD.

Carried

f) Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/499

Moved that the invitation to the Parade of Lights, scheduled for November 20, 2015, and the invitation to the Chamber Luncheon, scheduled for November 18, 2015, be received;

And that the Reeve and the Deputy Reeve participate in the Parade of Lights, being held on November 20, 2015.

Carried

g) South Saskatchewan Region Reviewing the Draft Biodiversity Management Framework

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/500

Moved that the email from Alberta Environment and Park Planning Branch, dated November 4, 2015, be received;

And that Councillor Quentin Stevick be authorized to attend the meeting in Lethbridge on December 3, 2015, and if Councillor Stevick is unable to attend, Councillor Marchuk be authorized to attend.

Carried

h) CAO Report

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/501

Moved that the CAO Report, for the period of October 9, 2015 to November 5, 2015, be received as information.

Carried

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Councillor Fred Schoening 15/502

Moved that the Enhanced Policing Reports from December 2014 through September 2015, be received as information.

Carried

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/503

Moved that the Administration Call Log, be received as information.

Carried

F. CORRESPONDENCE

(1) For Action

a) Provincial Park within Castle Region

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/504

Moved that the letter from Craig and Carol Gross, dated for reference, November 4, 2015, regarding the Provincial Park within the Castle Region, be received;

And that the ability to cut wood, including Christmas Trees, within the proposed Park, be addressed during the meeting with Minister Phillips during the AAMDC convention.

Carried

b) Joint Strategic Planning Session

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/505

Moved that the letter from the Town of Pincher Creek, dated November 2, 2015, regarding Joint Strategic Planning Session, be received as information.

Carried

(2) For Information Only

Councillor Quentin Stevick 15/506

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) District Officer of Southern Alberta RCMP
 - Letter from Royal Canadian Mounted Police, dated October 13, 2015
- b) Thank You Letter
 - Letter from Oldman Watershed Council, dated October 13, 2015
- c) In The Community – Building Supportive Environments that Create Health
 - Email from Alberta Health Services, dated October 28, 2015
- d) Regional Emergency Services Management
 - Letter from Municipal Affairs, dated September 28, 2015
- e) Oldman Watershed Council Castle Letter to Parks Division
 - Email from Oldman Watershed Council, dated October 9, 2015
- f) The Junction
 - Email from McMan, dated October 21, 2015
- g) Castle Rock Ridge to Chapel Rock Transmission Project
 - AltaLink November 2015 Update
- h) Invitation to Celebrate
 - Invitation from the Town of Pincher Creek, received November 4, 2015

Carried

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G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Quentin Stevick – Division 1

- Chinook Arch Library Board
- November 2015 Newsletter Submission
- Coffee with Council
- November 2, 2015

Councillor Fred Schoening – Division 2

- Family and Community Support Services
- Minutes of September 21, 2015
- Oldman River Regional Services Commission
- Minutes of September 10, 2015
- Facilities Steering Planning Committee
- Minutes of Past Meetings
- Police Advisory Committee
- Potholes and hazards on Crook and Kerr Roads
- Agricultural Society – Roof requiring repairs

Councillor Garry Marchuk – Division 3

- Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance
- Minutes of September 2, 2015
- October 2015 Bulletin
- Beaver Mines Fire Hall
- Community Input

Reeve Brian Hammond - Division 4

- Mayors and Reeves

Councillor Terry Yagos – Division 5

- Lundbreck Citizens Council
- Landfill Newsletter
- Concern expressed with washboard on roads

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/507

Moved that the committee reports be received as information.

Carried

H. REQUEST TO PURCHASE LSD 10; SEC 31; TWP 6; RGE 2; W5M

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/508

Moved that a letter be forwarded reinforcing Council's original decision with regards to the request to purchase a portion of NE 31-6-2 W5M.

Carried

I. PORTION OF SHORT STREET ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – PINCHER STATION

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/509

Moved that the MD enter into an agreement with the applicant to place a portion of Short Street within the Hamlet of Pincher Station, currently within the applicant's property, onto a separate road plan;

And that the Consolidation Plan be prepared in a manner so that the lot lines remain straight.

Carried

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J. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Terry Yagos

15/510

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:16 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Municipal District of Pincher Creek #9 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Terms of Reference

Introduction

Under the authority of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek #9 (MD) has convened an Agricultural Service Board (ASB). The Board is responsible to Council. Its purpose is to advise Council and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on agricultural issues, policy and programs within the municipal district.

The Act reads, in part:

“Agricultural service board duties

2 The duties of an agricultural service board are

- (a) to act as an advisory body and to assist the council and the Minister, in matters of mutual concern,
- (b) to advise on and to help organize and direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs,
- (c) to assist in the control of animal disease under the *Animal Health Act*,
- (d) to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer, and
- (e) to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.

RSA 2000 cA-10 s2;2007 cA-40.2 s74

Boards established

3(1) A council may establish and appoint members to an agricultural service board and provide that the members of the board be paid, out of the funds of the municipality, reasonable allowances for travelling, subsistence and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board.

(2) The council is to determine the chair, the number of members, the voting status and the term of office of the members of the board.

(3) The membership of a board must include persons who are familiar with agricultural concerns and issues and who are qualified to develop policies consistent with this Act.

- (4) A board has and must exercise on behalf of a council all the powers and perform all the duties that are conferred on it by the council, under this or any other enactment, with respect to agricultural matters.
- (5) A person who is a member of a board ceases to be a member of the board if, without being authorized by a resolution of the board, the member is absent from 3 consecutive regular meetings of the board.
- (6) A vacancy on the board does not impair the right of the remaining members to act as long as a majority of the members remain.
- (7) A board constituted under this section with respect to a special area is a corporation consisting of the persons who are members of the board.
- (8) A board that exists immediately before June 18, 1997 continues as a board under this Act."

Functions of the ASB

The ASB is a critical source of policy and advice for the Council of the MD. The Board requires a high level of understanding of the technology, culture and business of agriculture in the region. Board members will be selected for their knowledge of agriculture. During their term of office, Board members must remain aware of the conditions, challenges and opportunities affecting agriculture in general and their impact on agricultural operations within the MD. The Board will use this expertise to fulfill its mandate.

The Board has four primary roles: to recommend to Council that it should adopt new policy or provide advice on changes to existing policy as it affects agriculture; to provide direction to projects and programs instituted by the MD's Administration in response to agricultural policies adopted by Council; to use its initiative in the promotion of viable and sustainable agriculture; and to oversee performance with respect to memorandums of agreement that may exist between Council and other cooperating agencies or partnerships that deal with agricultural issues in the MD.

Meetings

Meetings will be held every month, or as determined by the Chair. Agenda packages will be available one week prior to the meeting. A quorum of three (3) voting members that includes the Chair or Acting Chair of the Board, one Councilor and one other member at large is necessary for the meeting to proceed.

Inspections

From time to time agricultural concerns and situations may be brought to the attention of the Agricultural Services Board. The Board has the necessary legislated authority to act on the information by making a recommendation to Council, or by issuing an advice, notification or a decision in accordance with its mandate. Additionally, an appeal Board has been constituted by Council to ensure due process for those that may be affected by any ASB action.

Information is the key element to effective and equitable actions and decisions by the Board. Accordingly, the Board may request respondents to attend a Board meeting or provide a written statement regarding the agricultural issue. Additionally the Board may request the Agricultural and Environmental Services Department to collect further information by attending meetings, or by conducting field inspections and interviews. All information obtained may be used by the Board to issue an advice or notification in accordance with provincial legislation, or municipal policy.

The Agricultural and Environmental Service Department shall be staffed with personnel trained and authorized by the MD to conduct agricultural inspections. Field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or his/her designate and the Director of Operations. Inspections may be initiated and scheduled in response to a registered complaint, or on direction of the Board, Council or the CAO. Based on the results of the inspection, the Agricultural Fieldman will report to the ASB on the inspection(s) and provide information on the legislation and an assessment on the need to issue a notice that meets the requirements of the *Weed Control Act*, *Agricultural Pest Act* and or *Soil Conservation Act*. A list of all notices issued since the last ASB meeting will be forwarded to the next ASB Meeting as an agenda item.

Policy, Program Direction and Partnerships

The Agricultural Service Board will establish a set of strategic goals for a three (3) year term, to be reviewed annually. The review will include a written assessment of progress, and an assessment of the program's strategic alignment with provincial agricultural policy. The Board will also review Agricultural Policies annually with respect to their currency, relevance and alignment with goals of the MD's agricultural program.

The Board in association with MD Administration will prepare an operational and strategic plan prior to budget deliberations. An ASB recommendation to Council to approve the document will be forwarded to Council and once approved the document may be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development by the Secretary as required.

Partnerships with non-government organizations will be considered and undertaken by the Board if the partnership advances program goals. A memorandum of understanding

or terms of reference will be developed for each partnership along with a briefing note to Council for approval.

Policy, program direction and partnerships, once approved by Council, that have implications to the Agricultural and Environmental Services program delivery will be attached to this Terms of Reference as Appendix A.

Appointment to the Board

The Agricultural Service Board will consist of six (6) members; comprised of two (2) Council members and four (4) producer members. Appointments will be for a two-year term to a maximum of six (6) years on the Board. Member's terms will end on a rotational basis with a goal of no more than two (2) producer members being scheduled to rotate off the Board in one year. Council will appoint producer members to the Board when vacancies occur. Voting members include Council and producer members only. Vacant Board appointments will be made on an annual basis.

The MD's Director of Operations and the Agricultural Fieldman are resource persons to the Board.

Members' Responsibilities

Each Board Member has a responsibility to ensure that the ASB meets its obligation to Council as outlined under Functions of the ASB. Members' responsibilities include:

- Attending and voting at meetings. If a member cannot attend a meeting it is his/her responsibility to inform the secretary prior to the meeting
- Contributing their experience and ideas to Board discussions
- Learning about Agricultural Service Boards
- Listening to producers' concerns or suggestions and bring them to the Board as appropriate
- Participating in program reviews as required
- Providing a briefing to the ASB on workshops, seminars and conventions etc that they have attended
- Participate in the annual review of Policies relevant to the Agricultural and Environmental Services Department of the MD.

Chairperson Responsibilities

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- Chair all meetings when present
- Prepare an agenda with the assistance of the Board's Secretary
- Ensuring that agenda items are discussed and conclusions are reached
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- Liaising with the other members when planning meetings
- Reporting to Council as necessary
- Representing the Board at meetings, conferences and other functions

Vice-Chairperson Responsibilities

One member will be nominated and elected to be Vice-Chairperson. The Director of Operations will forward the Board's recommendation to Council for Approval. The Vice-Chairperson's responsibilities include:

- Performing the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

Secretary Responsibilities

The MD will provide staff to act as Secretary. Secretary responsibilities include:

- Taking minutes during the ASB, clarifying with members as necessary whatever decisions have been reached
- Preparing the meeting minutes and circulating draft minutes to members within two weeks of the meeting
- Distributing minutes to the Director of Operations and Council
- Compiling an agenda as set by the chairperson, and circulating to members one week prior to the meeting
- Preparing follow-up reports, based on recommendations from the Board to be presented to Council

The Agricultural and Environmental Services Department maintains currency on a wide variety of topics in relation to the needs of agricultural producers and residents. It is the expectation of the Chief Administrative Officer that the ASB will receive the full support of all MD employees. Directors of each department shall ensure that representation is provided as required, and that members of the ASB are given adequate time to fulfill their Board obligations. This is in keeping with our municipality's commitment to provide quality agricultural and environmental services for all.

Approved by Council Resolution # 10/586

Date: November 23, 2010

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- 607 Conservation Project Funding Policy Dated June 12, 2007

Program:

- ASB Strategic and Operational Plan Dated Draft March 1, 2010

Partnerships:

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- South West Alberta Cooperative Weed Management Area



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD (ASB)
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Introduction

Under the authority of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek #9 (MD) has *established* an Agricultural Service Board (ASB). The Board is responsible to Council. Its purpose is to advise Council and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on agricultural issues, policy and programs within the municipal district. (Nov. 2015)

The Act reads, in part:

Boards established

- 3(1)** A council may establish and appoint members to an agricultural service board and provide that the members of the board be paid, out of the funds of the municipality, reasonable allowances for travelling, subsistence and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board.
- (2)** The council is to determine the chair, the number of members, the voting status and the term of office of the members of the board.
- (3)** The membership of a board must include persons who are familiar with agricultural concerns and issues and who are qualified to develop policies consistent with this Act.
- (4)** A board has and must exercise on behalf of a council all the powers and perform all the duties that are conferred on it by the council, under this or any other enactment, with respect to agricultural matters.
- (5)** A person who is a member of a board ceases to be a member of the board if, without being authorized by a resolution of the board, the member is absent from 3 consecutive regular meetings of the board.
- (6)** A vacancy on the board does not impair the right of the remaining members to act as long as a majority of the members remain.
- (7)** A board constituted under this section with respect to a special area is a corporation consisting of the persons who are members of the board.
- (8)** A board that exists immediately before June 18, 1997 continues as a board under this Act.”

“Agricultural service board duties

2 The duties of an agricultural service board are

- (a) to act as an advisory body and to assist the council and the Minister, in matters of mutual concern,
- (b) to advise on and to help organize and direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs,
- (c) to assist in the control of animal disease under the *Animal Health Act*,
- (d) to promote, enhance and protect viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of the agricultural producer, and
- (e) to promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.

RSA 2000 cA-10 s2;2007 cA-40.2 s74

Functions of the ASB

The ASB is a critical source of policy and advice for the Council of the MD. The Board requires a high level of understanding of the technology, culture and business of agriculture in the region. Board members will be selected for their knowledge of agriculture. During their term of office, Board members must remain aware of the conditions, challenges and opportunities affecting agriculture in general and their impact on agricultural operations within the MD. The Board will use this expertise to fulfill its mandate.

The Board has four primary roles: to recommend to Council that it should adopt new policy or provide advice on changes to existing policy as it affects agriculture; to provide direction to projects and programs instituted by the MD’s Administration in response to agricultural policies adopted by Council; to use its initiative in the promotion of viable and sustainable agriculture; and to oversee performance with respect to memorandums of agreement that may exist between Council and other cooperating agencies or partnerships that deal with agricultural issues in the MD.

Meetings

Meetings will be held every month, or as determined by the Chair. A quorum of three (3) voting members is necessary for the meeting to proceed. *The Chair shall vote on matters the same as any other member of the Board.* (Nov. 2015)

In the absence of the Chair or Vice-Chair, but a quorum is present, the members present shall appoint a Chair to oversee the meeting. (Nov. 2015)

Inspections

From time to time agricultural concerns and situations may be brought to the attention of the Agricultural Services Board. The Board has the necessary legislated authority to act on the information by making a recommendation to Council, or by issuing an advice, notification or a decision in accordance with its mandate. Additionally, an appeal Board *may be established* by Council, to ensure due process for those that may be affected by any ASB action. (Nov. 2015)

Information is the key element to effective and equitable actions and decisions by the Board. Accordingly, the Board may request respondents to attend a Board meeting or provide a written statement regarding the agricultural issue. Additionally the Board may request the Agricultural and Environmental Services Department to collect further information by attending meetings, or by conducting field inspections and interviews. All information obtained may be used by the Board to issue an advice or notification in accordance with provincial legislation, or municipal policy.

The Agricultural and Environmental Service Department shall be staffed with personnel trained and authorized by the MD to conduct agricultural inspections. Field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Services Manager or his/her designate, and the Director of Operations. Inspections may be initiated and scheduled in response to a registered complaint, or on direction of the Board, Council or the CAO. Based on the results of the inspection, the Agricultural Services Manager will report to the ASB on the inspection(s), and provide information on the legislation and an assessment on the need to issue a notice that meets the requirements of the *Weed Control Act*, *Agricultural Pest Act* and or *Soil Conservation Act*. A list of all notices issued since the last ASB meeting will be forwarded to the next ASB Meeting as an agenda item.

Policy, Program Direction and Partnerships

The Agricultural Service Board will establish a set of strategic goals for a three (3) year term, to be reviewed annually. The review will include a written assessment of progress, and an assessment of the program's strategic alignment with provincial agricultural policy. The Board will also review Agricultural Policies annually with respect to their currency, relevance and alignment with goals of the MD's agricultural program.

The Board in association with MD Administration will prepare an operational and strategic plan prior to budget deliberations. An ASB recommendation to Council to approve the document will be forwarded to Council, and once approved the document may be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development by the Secretary as required.

Partnerships with non-government organizations will be considered and undertaken by the Board if the partnership advances program goals. A memorandum of understanding, or terms of reference, will be developed for each partnership along with a *report* to Council for approval. (Nov. 2015)

Policy, program direction and partnerships, once approved by Council, that have implications to the Agricultural and Environmental Services program delivery will be attached to this Terms of Reference as Appendix A.

Appointment to the Board

The Agricultural Service Board will consist of six (6) members; comprised of two (2) Council members and four (4) producer members. Appointments will be for a two-year term to a maximum of six (6) years on the Board. Member's terms will end on a rotational basis with a goal of no more than two (2) producer members being scheduled to rotate off the Board in one year. Council will appoint members to the Board *who are familiar with agricultural concerns and issues*, when vacancies occur. Voting members include *all members appointed by Council to the Board*. Vacant Board appointments will be made on an annual basis. (Nov. 2015)

Members' Responsibilities

Each Board Member has a responsibility to ensure that the ASB meets its obligation to Council as outlined under Functions of the ASB. Members' responsibilities include:

- attending and voting at meetings. If a member cannot attend a meeting it is his/her responsibility to inform the secretary prior to the meeting;
- contributing their experience and ideas to Board discussions;
- learning about Agricultural Service Boards;
- listening to producers' concerns or suggestions and bring them to the Board as appropriate;
- participating in program reviews as required;
- providing a briefing to the ASB on workshops, seminars, conventions, etc., that they have attended;
- participate in the annual review of Policies relevant to the Agricultural and Environmental Services Department of the MD.

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- ensuring that agenda items are discussed and conclusions are reached;
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- distributing minutes to Council *once approved by the Board*; (Nov. 2015)
- compiling an agenda and circulating to members *and* staff, one week prior to the meeting; (Nov. 2015)

Support staff from the MD will be provided to assist the ASB. This may include, but not limited to, the Director of Operations, Agricultural Services Manager, and Environmental Services Technician. (Nov. 2015)

Support staff will be responsible for preparing reports, based on recommendations from the Board, to be presented to Council. (Nov. 2015)

The Agricultural and Environmental Services Department *maintains a wide range of information on a variety of topics, in relation to the needs of agriculture and the environment, with the MD.* It is the expectation of the Chief Administrative Officer that the ASB will receive the full support of all MD employees. Directors of each department shall ensure that *information* is provided as required, and that members of the ASB are given adequate time to fulfill their Board obligations. This is in keeping with our municipality's commitment to provide quality agricultural and environmental services for all. (Nov. 2015)

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Program:

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- Waterton Biosphere Reserve

Director of Operations Report November 18, 2015

Operations Activity Includes:

- November 9, Water/Sewer rate review meeting;
- November 10, Tour DRP engineer on 2010, 2013 and 2014 projects;
- November 10, Regular Council meeting;
- November 11, Joint Worksite Health and Safety meeting;
- November 12, Waste Water Regulations review meeting;
- November 12, Fire Extinguisher Tender close;
- November 16, Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Contract meeting.

Agricultural and Environmental Services Activity Includes:

- November 4-5, Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Workshop in Drumheller ;
- November 5, Emergency Management training;
- November 6, last two crew members done for the season. Kept on an extra week to help;
 - Data tabulation;
 - Finish with deficiency lists for truck safety kits, spray equipment and shop supplies;
 - Finish with winterizing, as our spray season was extended by good weather;
- November 2, 9, Working with Andrea Morehouse to provide numbers for deadstock;
- November 9, move office at administration building;
- November 10, 12, Compiling orientation manuals for new ASB members;
- November 12, ASB Meeting Agenda;
- November 12, 13, Strategic Plan, ASB Acts book, ASB Pests binder updating and review;
- November 13, Research tagging requirements for CCIA/CFIA;
- Fred Pryor online training – ongoing;
- EFP follow up with producers – ongoing;
- November 17, Women's Grazing School conference call.

Public Works Activity Includes:

- Plowing snow all divisions;
- Pounding posts in perm snow fence for winter repairs;
- Rigging up snow plows and graders;
- Repairing signs all divisions;
- Inspections on culverts and bridges;
- Repair lights at the airport;
- Clean up Christy Mines road ditches;
- Fence repairs.

Upcoming:

- November 23, 24, planning winter training schedule and Goals and Objectives for coming year
- November 25, work on Strychnine form and set up for next year (and finding out availability!)
- November 26, ASB Meeting
- November 30 – December 4, AES In Service Training in Edmonton
- December 2, Team Building Workshop.

Project Update:

- 2013 Disaster Recovery Projects
 - Satoris Road – Awaiting AEP approval
- 2014 Disaster Recovery Projects
 - Oldman River/Lank Bridge Armour – awaiting DRP assessment.
- Community Resilience Program
 - Regional Water System Intake Relocation – Design option chosen, bathometric survey completed, detailed design underway.
- Capital Projects
 - RR 29-5 (Bill Cyr Road) – Construction completed;
 - TR 8-4 (Paradien Hill) – Drainage work completed, extra gravel to be applied;
 - North Burmis Road Intersection – Land acquisition complete, Awaiting environmental permitting;
 - Maycroft Road Right of Way – Land acquisition complete;
 - Summerview Bridge – Contractor retained, construction to start late November;
 - Beaver Mines Fire Hall, draft report returned to consultant for further information.

Call Logs – attached.

Recommendation:

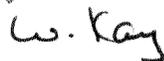
That the Operations report for the period November 5, 2015 to November 18 be received as information.

Prepared by: Leo Reedyk



Date: November 18, 2015

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay



Date: November 20, 2015

Submitted to: Council

Date: November 24, 2015

PUBLIC WORKS

WORK ORDER	DIVISION	LOCATION	CONCERN/REQUEST	ASSIGNED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REQUEST DATE	COMPLETION DATE
387	Division 3	Airport	Ag Service sign is down & grass to be cut	Stu Weber	On Sign list	2015-05-06	
423	Airport		Sign at entrance needs repair/replaced	Don Jackson	On Sign list	2015-06-05	
426	Division 3	SE6 T7 R1 W5	Put yield or stop sign on corner	Don Jackson	On Sign List	2015-06-10	
428	Division 3	RR1-2	Repair permanent snowfence	Arnold Nelson	Snow Fence List	2015-06-11	
443	Division 2	RR30-2 TWP 5-2A	Sign installation	Arnold Nelson	On Sign list	2015-06-30	
457	Division 5	Burmis Lake	Guardrail on Bridge needs repair	Bob Millar	Work in Progress /Bridge	2015-07-30	
477	Division 5	NE11 T7 R2 W5	RR2 Twp 70-2 Culvert needs cleaning	Stu Weber	Culvert List	2015-08-25	
482	Division 5	SE/SW36 T7 R3 W5	Site Sign #3017 down & needs replacing	Don Jackson	On sign list	2015-09-02	
485	Division 1	SW20 T3 R29 W4	Needs Culvert extended	Arnold Nelson	Culvert List	2015-09-03	
487	Division 3	TWP7-0 W.Hwy507	Old Fir Grove Road Signage needs upgrading	Stu Weber	On Sign list	2015-09-03	
488	Division 1	SE2 T5 R30 W4	Roads & Culvert in question RQ-Stu	Stu Weber	Culvert List	2015-09-03	
	Division 4		Re damage done to his gate and also putting in an approach		Stu Has ben in contact	2015-10-19	
	Division 1		Concerned about RR Crossings needing completion		Contacted CPR and they were taking action	2015-10-26	2015-10-26
	Division 2	RR29-2	Wanting culvert installed	Stu/Arnold	Have been in contact	2015-10-26	
	Division 5		Re Grader operator travelling the opposite direction She also called the shop		It was explained why & operator was contacted	2015-11-03	2015-11-03
513	Division 1	SW6 T5 R29 W4	Willows along access road need to be cut	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-11-06	
514	Division 5	NW21 T9 R2 W5	Culvert adjacent to his approach is damaged	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-11-06	
515	Division 5	SE16 T8 R1 W5	Would like Texas Gate removed	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-11-06	

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

November 6, 2015 to November 19, 2015

DISCUSSION:

- November 10, 2015 Policies and Plans
- November 10, 2015 Regular Council
- November 13, 2015 Emergency Management
- November 15 – 19, 2015 AAMDC
- November 19, 2015 Meeting in Edmonton - Brownlee

UPCOMING:

- November 24, 2015 Policies and Plans
- November 24, 2015 Regular Council
- November 26, 2015 Agricultural Service Board
- November 26, 2015 EMS
- November 27, 2015 Workshop – Willow Creek
- December 1, 2015 Strategic Planning
- December 1, 2015 Subdivision Authority
- December 1, 2015 Municipal Planning Commission
- December 3, 2015 Staff Meeting with Parks
- December 5, 2015 Christmas Social
- December 8, 2015 Policies and Plans
- December 8, 2015 Regular Council
- December 10, 2015 AHS Quarterly Meeting
- December 13, 2015 Holiday Train – Pincher Station
- December 22, 2015 Policies and Plans
- December 22, 2015 Regular Council
- December 24, 2015
to January 4, 2016 Office and Public Works Closed

OTHER

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information, the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of November 6, 2015 to November 19, 2015.

Prepared by: CAO, Wendy Kay Date: November 19, 2015

Presented to: Council Date: November 24, 2015

Tara Cryderman

From: Roland Milligan
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:31 AM
To: Tara Cryderman
Subject: FW: Provincial's bus for Sr. Boys volleyball team.

From: Patricia Zoratti [mailto:zoratti@jrtwave.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 10:01 PM
To: Roland Milligan <AdminDirDev@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: Provincial's bus for Sr. Boys volleyball team.

Hi Roland,

As per our conversation last night, I was hoping you could look into the possibility of the MD helping to cover the cost of the Sr. Boys Volleyball team's travel expenses to Provincials in Falher, AB. The St. Michael's Senior boys won the South Zone 1A volleyball tournament and now have the opportunity to play for the provincial banner next weekend. They would need to travel to Falher on Wednesday, November 25th and return home on Sunday, November 29th. Upon looking into the cost of chartering a bus for the trip, the quote was \$6000.00. We are hoping that the MD would be willing to help offset all or a portion of this expense, as this team would be representing Pincher Creek as well as St. Michael's. Please let me know if you need any further information and thank you for your consideration. You can reach me by email zorattip@holyspirit.ab.ca or by phone 403-632-9273.

Sincerely,

Patty Zoratti

Editorial

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Lest we forget

A British think tank, the Legatum Institute, pronounced Canada first in the world in the personal freedom of its citizens. These things didn't happen by accident.

They exist because of the Canadians we honour on Remembrance Day, by wearing a poppy, and with two minutes of silence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

That moment marks the signing of the armistice that ended the First World War in 1918.

But today we remember all members of our military who made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf.

We remember the 284 Canadians who gave their lives serving in the Boer War, the 68,000 who died in the First World War, the 47,000

who died in the Second World War, the 516 who died in the Korean War, the 116 who died on UN peace-keeping missions and the 158 who died in the war in Afghanistan.

We remember Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, who died in uniform last year, in Canada, in cowardly attacks by homegrown terrorists. We remember all those who came home forever changed by war, broken by its physical and mental horrors.

We remember all our surviving war vets, even as their ranks grow thinner.

We do this not to glorify war, for war is an unspeakable horror, even when the cause is just. Lest we forget.

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Cheers & Jeers

Cheers . . . to the MD public workers. Thank you for another year of excellent service of taking care of all our roads so efficiently.

Jeers . . . to the ridiculous route to Whispering Winds village.

Cheers . . . to the Ladies Auxillary to the Legion for their great banquet on Oct. 17th.

Jeers . . . to flooding bathrooms when I'm trying to order a drink.

Cheers . . . to all the Veterans who made

this country what it is and also to the fine Remembrance Day service. Lest we Forget.

Jeers . . . to pet owners who let their pets do their mess on people's laws and don't clean it up afterwards!!

Cheers . . . to the nice weather over the weekend. So much for Monday.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a cheers or jeers this week. You can submit your own by emailing our editor at john.stoesser@sunmedia.ca or calling us at 403 627 3252.



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A shout out to grader operators

Shellie and Grant Byers would like to acknowledge the work of the grader operator who helped them out of a jam this snowy Thursday morning near Twin Butte. To either Rod Nelson or Tony Naumczyk: your efforts are appreciated.

"We are so thankful people will still help one another out here." To all those who are out there breaking the trail, thank you for keeping our roads clear.



MDInfo

From: Oldman Watershed Council <bev@oldmanbasin.ccsend.com> on behalf of Oldman Watershed Council <bev@oldmanwatershed.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 11:55 AM
To: MDInfo
Subject: November News from the OWC

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Oldman Watershed Council

What's Happening at the OWC!

Dutch Creek Restoration Event



Thank you - Volunteers!

Our effort to restore a large ford crossing will reduce sediment runoff into the creek which is home to endangered Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

A big thank you to the 50 volunteers who planted willows, gathered leaves, installed signs and built a barricade in Dutch Creek on October 17 and to all the partners and funders for making it possible!



Volunteers enjoying a lunch break



Riley Sawyer

Read more about the Dutch Creek Restoration Event from one of the volunteers and OWC's Communication Intern Riley Sawyer.

OWC Lunch and Learn

We had our first Lunch and Learn on September 30 to share updates on our Engaging Recreationists and Film Projects and we had many great discussions and networking ice breakers. About 40 people joined us to hear the results from our research over the summer interviewing and surveying off



Discussion on the Engaging Recreationists Project

highway vehicle (OHV) recreationists and backcountry campers, as well as reviewing existing information. Our key learning is that there are 2 distinct types of OHV users who are looking for different experiences and therefore have different needs. We now have a much better understanding of the user perspective and will use this research to guide the design of our programs for next summer.



William Singer III giving update on the filming on the Blood Reserve

The film trailer was also shown and we shared how the summer has been very challenging for capturing footage between all the rain, smoke and even ticks. The film project has allowed many watershed experts and community leaders to tell their stories and voice their concerns and hopes for the future. We are very excited to have captured these voices and to be able to share them with you over time through the film and shorter videos. To view the Film Project Trailer, [click here](#).

Recreational Vehicle User Education Program

Over the summer and fall we had two Outreach Assistants, Adam Janzen and Rowan Garleff busy in the headwaters as part of our Recreational Vehicle User Education Program.

We focused our efforts on building relationships within the OHV community and on developing a better understanding of the concerns, barriers, and opportunities facing OHV riders and random campers. Our primary goal was to clarify what, if anything, we could do to support recreationists to steer clear of water. [Read more here](#).



Interns Adam Janzen and Rowan Garleff

OWC welcomes Larin Guenther, Planning Manager



Larin Guenther

Larin Guenther was born and raised alongside the Oldman River in Lethbridge, AB. Most recently, she has worked at Tervita with a role in Waste Processing where she coordinated proper and environmentally regulated waste disposal for her clients. Previous to Tervita, Larin worked for Bullfrog Power, and as an Environmental Planner in southern Alberta with CA Planning. She has also held numerous roles in non-profits and other organizations, including Calgary EATS!, the Alberta Indigenous Games, the Digital Youth Council and the Vancouver Aquarium.

Larin holds a BSc in Neuroscience from the University of Lethbridge and an MSc in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University.

Taking on the role of Planning Manager at the OWC, Larin is committed to . . . [read more](#)

Welcome Cody to the Watershed Legacy Program (WLP)

Cody Spencer comes to the OWC's Watershed Legacy Program with a connection to the land. A lifelong southern Albertan, he has a fascination with how this place came to be and what the future holds. He was drawn to bison ranching because of its potential for sustainability and grassland conservation, and bison's natural adaptations to the harsh climate of the northern plains. He launched his grass-fed bison meat venture Sweetgrass Bison in the spring of 2014.

Information to apply as a funding recipient, or to become a WLP sponsor is [here](#).



Cody Spencer

What Does the Liberal Federal Government Mean for Environmental Issues?

Mairin Gettman, OWC Intern and Political Science Student at the University of Lethbridge, shares insight into what we can expect and her hope for an active citizenry. It is inspiring to see young watershed residents getting involved in politics and we encourage Mairin's continued initiative!

A change in government is always exciting but can also make us anxious: what kinds of changes will this new regime make? Will they be positive changes? How well will they collaborate with the provinces? A looming issue, largely disregarded by the previous federal government has been . . . [read more](#)



Mairin Gettman

Film Project



Interview with Shirley Pickering

We have been filming throughout the summer and have just finished in High River along the Little Bow. We are moving into post-production to construct key messaging for our three audiences: scientists, public and children. Behind-the-scenes photos of all of our locations can be found [here](#).



Holding the Reins - it's back!

HTR is a landowners summit for agricultural producers to share their stories of stewardship with the public, learn from each other and about some of the "hot topics" in the watershed.

It is typically held in February - we'll keep you posted on the date!

AVIVA Community Contest

The judges of the Aviva Community fund are now reviewing the finalists and the Grand Prize winners will be announced December 2nd. Sadly, the Oldman's project bid didn't make it into the finals, but we would like to thank everyone who participated and voted! Find out more about the finalists [here](#).

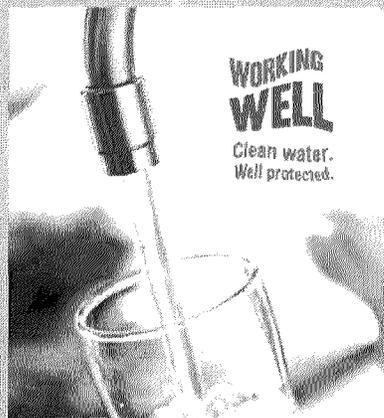
Green Drinks Invitation - #GreenDrinksYQL

Green Drinks meets in Lethbridge on the first Tuesday of every month at 4 pm at the Owl Acoustic Lounge - next meeting is Tuesday, December 1.

- Meetings are on an open-house, informal basis - all are welcome, bring a friend, to enjoy conversing and sharing in an easygoing manner.
- Drinking is not a requirement, but paid for individually by the drinker.
- On December 1 we will talk about shared hashtags and better collaboration on social media.
- Group focus is: communication, outreach, collaboration, environment, community, networking, learning, social media, marketing, mentoring, cutting down on duplication of effort, enjoying each other's company.
- Overall focus is on developing communication professionals and practice in Lethbridge.

What is Greendrinks? What began in 1989 in a pub in Northern London has now spread to over 488 cities in 49 countries - and it's still growing! Greendrinks brings together a lively mix of people from all walks of life: academics, NGOs, local businesses and government agencies. The goal is to create an organic, self-organizing network where everyone is welcome. It's a great way to catch up with people you already know, as well as an opportunity to meet new people and make new connections. These events are very simple and unstructured, but many people have found employment, made friends, developed new ideas, done deals and had their own share of "aha" moments. For more information on Greendrinks International, visit www.greendrinks.org

Events & Activities in and around the Watershed



Working Well Workshop

MD of Willow Creek & OWC presents
FREE Water Well Management Workshop

November 19, 5:30 pm - supper provided

Ardenville Hall (South of Ft. Macleod on Hwy 810)

If you are one of 450,000 Albertans who use their water well for household purposes, the key to ensuring your water supply is safe and secure is knowing how groundwater works, learning about your well and understanding how to properly maintain it.

For more information, [click here](#).



Register by November 13.

To attend the workshop, please pre-register by calling Carla Preachuk or Ron MacKay at MD of Willow Creek office 403-625-3351 (ext. 229) or email carla@mdwillowcreek.com

Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA)

Alberta's Environment: What are the Priorities?

Presenter: Minister Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks
Thursday, November 12, 12 noon at Country Kitchen Catering
(lower level of The Keg, 1715 Mayor Magrath Drive South)

OHV's and Grassland in Lethbridge

Presenter: Becky Cousins

Thursday, November 19, 12 noon at Country Kitchen Catering
(lower level of The Keg, 1715 Mayor Magrath Drive South)

For more information and to register, visit SACPA.ca

Sustaining Alberta's Headwaters: Science Symposium

November 25, Calgary Zoo

Presented by Forest Management Branch, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

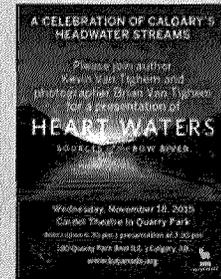
See the [workshop agenda](#) and [registration form](#) attached.

Send completed registration forms by **November 20th** to Wendy.Machan@gov.ab.ca or by fax to 780-427-0085.

Celebration of Calgary's Headwater Streams (Trout Unlimited Canada)

November 18, 6:30 pm (presentation at 7:30), Cardel Theatre - Calgary

Author Kevin Van Tighem will be joined by photographer Brian Van Tighem for a presentation of "Heart Waters: Sources of the Bow River." All proceeds from the event will help support Trout Unlimited Canada's conservation efforts. Please [click here](#) for event details and tickets.



2016 Shelter Belt Tree Program is launched. For more information, [click here](#).

Conferences



Alberta Irrigation Projects Association 2015 Conference

November 23-25, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel

Two weeks left to register for AIPA's Water Conference

[Click here](#) for registration and information
and [here](#) for the Speaker and Talk List for the conference



**Alberta Irrigation
PROJECTS ASSOCIATION**

Farming Smarter Conference

December 8 & 9, 2015

Coast Lethbridge Hotel

Cost: \$225 full, \$150 one day, \$30 banquet

Register and find full agenda: www.farmingsmarter.com

Keynote presenters: David Montgomery, John Knapp and Peter Johnson



11th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference - Feb 16-18, 2016

First Call for Posters & Presentations

Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Theme: "Prairie - It's a Happening Place!"

Registration is now open; early bird rate until January 15.

Two awards will be given out at the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference: the Young Professional Stewardship Grant and the Prairie Conservation Award. Nominations are due on November 30 and should be submitted to awards.pcesc@gmail.com.

Reports

2015

WATER AND HYDRAULIC FRACTURING REPORT

Where knowledge can best support decisions in Canada



The rapid rise in the development of unconventional oil and shale gas reserves over the last decade has been accompanied by a similar explosion in levels of discussion and debate on the topic. Central to the vast majority of conversations about hydraulic fracturing is the issue of water - its

use, management and protection, and ecological and socio-economic importance.

Canadian Water Network's 2015 Water and Hydraulic Fracturing report summarizes what we know now, what we most need to know, and what is reasonable for advancement through targeted research. 2015 report now available for download [here](#)



Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has published a guide for landowners who are looking to increase their knowledge or experience with forestland management.

[Click here](#) for the Woodlot Management Guide for Alberta.

Requests for Proposals and Funding Applications

Lesser Slave Watershed Council is seeking the services of a qualified person to help develop a governance and policy manuals. [Click here](#) for the RFP.

Alberta Environment and Parks is pleased to announce that the third round of **Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program funding applications** will be accepted until January 15th in a joint program approach with the Agricultural Watershed Enhancement Program.

More details of eligibility for these grant programs are at www.wrrp.alberta.ca. For timely responses please direct any correspondence to our joint program email at GOA.Watershed@gov.ab.ca. You are also welcome to contact Monique Dietrich at monique.dietrich@gov.ab.ca if you have any questions.

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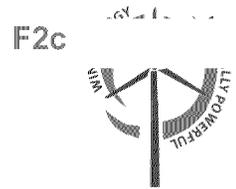
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M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

November 12, 2015

Our File: 3.2.22

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
Box 279
Pincher Creek, AB
T0K 1W0

Re: Regional Solid Waste Collection

Please be advised that the Town of Pincher Creek passed the following resolution at their November 9, 2015 regular meeting of Council;

That Council for the Town of Pincher Creek agree in principle with Regional Solid Waste Collection in partnership with the Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association, Municipality of the Crowsnest Pass, Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 and the Village of Cowley

FURTHER

With the provision that the Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association members are open to negotiating the terms and conditions of the regional solid waste proposal and Landfill governance model.

Trusting this information to be satisfactory however, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Yours Truly,

Laurie Wilgosh, CAO
Town of Pincher Creek

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cc. Village of Cowley, Municipality of the Crowsnest Pass, CNPC Landfill Association

Pincher Creek and District



Box 2841, Pincher Creek, Alberta, T0K 1W0 Telephone 403-627-3156 - fcss@pinchercreek.ca

FCSS Board Meeting, October 19th, 2015 Council Chambers Minutes – Draft

1.) **Call to order:** Kelly Leblanc called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Board Members present: Clara Yagos, Bonnie Scott, Kelly Leblanc, Fred Schoening,

Absent with regret: Kathy Verhagen, Doug Thornton, Cindy Cornish

Confirmation of Quorum: A quorum was present

2.) **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion 12.105/Schoening
That the agenda be approved as circulated
Carried

3.) **Approval of Minutes of September 21 Meeting**

Motion 12.106/Yagos
That the Minutes of the September 21 Meeting be approved as circulated
Carried

4.) **Correspondence**

4.1) **Group Group Youth reports:** The Board had received the September GGY reports via email.

- 5.) **2016 Grant Applications:** The Board reviewed and discussed the 2016 grant applications: Specific matters discussed included: The Home Visitation Project; the Community Adult Learning Council; Early Childhood Coalition, Pincher Creek Family Resource Society

Motion 12.107/ Leblanc

That the following 2016 Grants be approved as discussed and that the results be attached to and form part of these minutes and that contracts be signed upon receipt of the 2016 FCSS Funding Agreements with the Government of Alberta.

Organization	2016 Grant
Allied Arts Council	6000
Brighter Futures Home Visitation	18300
Canyon Cubs Preschool	14000
Group Group Youth Drop-in	58000
Holy Spirit Family School Liaison	15000
Holy Spirit Roots of Empathy	5770
Kootenai Brown Education Program	7000
PC Family Resource Society	32000
PCFRS Early Childhood Coalition	10000
Southwest Alberta Sustainable Community	8000
PC Municipal Library	0
Metis Nation Local 1880	3000
Ranchland Victim Services	3000
Community Adult Learning Council	7500
Mcman FASD Outreach	20000
McMan Food Security Specialist	0
FCSS Admin	62226
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	269796

Carried

6.) **On-Going and New Business**

6.1 Undesignated funds account: This fund balance is approximately \$20,000.00. The Board discussed various options and the matter will be up for discussion at the November 16th meeting.

6.2) Community Adult Learning Council follow-up: As discussed in the 2016 Grant Application process.

6.3) Housing Committee update:

- **Housing Needs Assessment Update:** David informed the Board that the Housing Assessment Update Contract was awarded to Housing Strategies Inc and organizational work has started. The Board reviewed the Survey Tool to be used in an on-line and interview format. Discussion followed.
- **Design/concept Report:** The Housing Committee met on October 14 to discuss further adjustments to the housing concepts provided by the Architect. Those changes will be made and brought back for consideration.
- **Seed Funding Application:** The Committee will proceed with an application for CMHC Seed Funding to offset some of the expense that will be incurred as work proceeds.

6.4) Food Bank / McMan Agency: McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association met with Town Council to discuss the Town's offer of the RCMP building. A letter of intent was submitted to Council. Council reviewed the letter. A Lease Agreement will be drafted.

7.) Date for next Board Meeting – November 16th, 2015

8.) Adjournment: There being no further business, Kelly Leblanc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35

Read and approved this 16th day of November, 2015

Director

Coordinator

**PINCHER CREEK FACILITIES PLANNING
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 14, 2015 – 6:00 pm
Town Hall Council Chambers**

Attending:

Wayne Elliott, Town Councillor
Mark Barber, Town Councillor (arriving 6:50 pm)
Fred Schoening, MD Councillor
Faith Zachar, Recreation Advisory Committee
Diane Burt Stuckey, Administration
Adam Grose, Administration

1. Call to Order

Faith Zachar, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Fred Schoening: Moved that the Agenda for the October 14, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Wayne Elliott: Moved that the Minutes for the September 16, 2015 Facility Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

4. Follow-up from Last Meeting/Updates

a. Consultant re: Facility Concept Plan and Costing

Diane reported that Town Council accepted the Committee recommendation to secure a consultant to proceed with a design and costs estimates for a shared Curling/Golf facility. An RFP will be prepared and put out around mid-November.

b. Curling Club Update to M.D.

Debbie Reed, on behalf of the Curling Club provided a letter of update to the M.D. advising that they were working towards a joint facility with the Golf Club.

c. Football Field Project

Ag Society delegates will be attending to discuss the concept of a football field at the Ag Grounds and to provide a summary of their future plans/needs.

5. Delegation: Agricultural Society Representatives - 6:30 pm

Janet Watmough, President and Hilary Matheson, Vice-President were in attendance. They indicated that they are very short of parking as it is at the Ag Grounds – trucks & trailers are longer now and some travel with more than one unit. About 5 years ago they put in the white fence around the soccer field at their own expense, to acquire more parking. They can't afford to lose any more. Their parking area is also being used for weddings, auctions, community hall event parking, soccer etc. and it is very important for events like the Pro Rodeo. The Pro Rodeo is the best money maker they

have and only the contestants are allowed to park on the grounds. With the Town water intake project renovations, they lost 30 – 40% of their parking and they had complaints from rodeo contestants this year. The Ag Society grants are based on usage, so if there is no Pro Rodeo (because contestants won't come here anymore because of the parking) there would be decreased funding and revenue for the Society. The event also brings in a lot of revenue to the community so we would hate to lose it.

Regarding a football field on this site, Hilary felt that the backstop would have to be removed and it is used weekly by the community. She said the neighbors like the field as it is (no lights) and the area is used by dog walkers etc. There are low spots on the field that pond with water when there is a heavy rain. The trees would likely be removed? She inquired about the fieldhouse – who would be responsible for putting things away? Where would seating be? Felt that kids and horses/horse trailers is not a good combination.

Regarding the Ag Society schedule, in September there is a 3 day High School Rodeo and sometimes the Cowboy Challenge. Pavilion rentals start in October.

Overall, the addition of lights on the field would not benefit the Ag Society – they already have lights on their outdoor arena. Also there is no advantage for additional washrooms/change rooms (at the old water treatment plant). The football season is 8 games/year? Why not keep it at Halton or St. Mike's track? It is 1.3 miles from Halton to Ag Grounds so practises would have to be later in the day because kids would need time to walk there.

The Committee explained that they looked at all possible areas and the Ag Grounds is the only current field that has the potential to accommodate a regulation football field. The trees would not have to be removed as there is room for bleachers. The Committee has looked at the pros and cons of all current and new sites, including the Ag Grounds, and realize that it would have an impact on their activities. The Committee wondered if there could be additional Ag Grounds parking could be created west of the old Water Treatment Plant building?

One of the main concerns of the Ag Society right now is the need to replace the roof on the Pavilion and on the concession buildings. A recent estimate was \$281,000 for the Pavilion for a torched down roof. They only get a casino once every 3 years (about \$33,000) and it is never enough to do a big project. They receive some funding from Shell and it can be used to match grants. The Committee suggested that they approach the Town and MD Council for funding towards their roof projects.

The Ag Society tries to be part of the community i.e. Relay for Life on field, overflow for Hall parking etc. The Pavilion Lobby is free for all meetings. 4-H/youth pays for arena time and the Ag Society donates back \$300 for their Achievement Days.

It was noted that there are gophers on the football field and south of Pavilion. Suggested that they contact the Ag Service Board as to how to control them.

The delegation was thanked for their comments and they were encouraged to follow-up with the Councils with regard to their building maintenance concerns.

6. Old Business Continued

a. Alternative Football Field Location Discussion

The Committee discussed other locations for a football field i.e. east of Sproule, out by Storm Retention Pond. It was wondered if there was room at the Golf Course for a football field. This location would be close to the school and still central in the community. How could this idea be introduced – could it be integrated into their Master Plan for the course redevelopment?

b. Other Updates

Spray Park Committee is still hard at work with fundraising. Central Park site is still favored. Noted that the Day Care is maxed out at their current location at Town Hall so investigating other possibilities.

7. New Business

a. Terms of Reference

Diane asked for input on what should be included in the Terms of Reference for the Golf & Curling Club RFP. Suggestions were: 4-6 sheets curling ice; facility entrance on north; multi-use of facility; parking; access to various parts of building in a convenient way; folding walls to make spaces smaller/more versatile. We would like a bit of an internal design but not too much detail.

Committee wondered what are the current priorities of the Build Canada grant, also, what the cost of demolition of the current curling rink would be.

b. Future Role of Committee

Members agreed to continue to meet – to deliberate on ideas to approach Council with, to identify those facilities or activities which should be put to bed etc. Groups that could be invited to future meetings include Day Care, Lebel Mansion, Parent Link, and Museum.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Football Field
- b. Curling/Golf Club

9. Date of Next Regular Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm in Town Council Chambers.

10. Adjournment

Wayne Elliott: Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Wednesday October 7, 2015 – Community Centre - Waterton

**Board Representatives**

Lloyd Kearl, Cardston County
 Barney Reeves, Waterton Lakes
 Jordan Koch, Glenwood
 Trish Hoskin, Fort Macleod
 Dennis Gillespie, Stavelly
 Maryanne Sandberg, MD Willow Creek
 Warren Mickels, Cowley
 Blair Painter, Crowsnest Pass
 John Connor, Granum

Organizational Partners

James Tessier, CF Alberta Southwest
 Martha Ratcliffe, LRSD
 Clara Yagos, LRSD

Resource Staff

Linda Erickson, AIAE
 Kris Jensen, CDO, Waterton
 Leah Wack, Lethbridge College
 Kathy Wiebe, EA, MD Ranchland
 Bev Thornton, Executive Director, AlbertaSW
 Bob Dyrda, Project Lead, AlbertaSW

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of Agenda Moved by Maryanne Sandberg THAT the agenda be approved.
Carried. [2015-10-455]
3. Approval of Minutes Moved by Warren Mickels THAT the minutes of September 2,
2015 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2015-10-456]
4. Approval of Cheque register Moved by Dennis Gillespie THAT cheques #1890 - #1902 be
approved as presented.
Carried. [2015-10-457]
5. Waterton Broadband Project Kris Jensen, Barney Reeves and Bob Dyrda provided an overview
of the summer 2015 FTTP deployment.
6. International Geotourism Update Accepted as information
7. Tourism Entrepreneurial Workshops In partnership with Calgary Regional Partnership, Alberta Culture
and Tourism Travel Alberta, Business Development Bank of
Canada and Community Futures, AlbertaSW will assist with
offering this event in Nanton.
8. AUMA Convention update REDA and EDA participation in trade show was positive.
Broadband resolution passed at AUMA
REDAs met with the Hon Lori Sigurdson, Minister AIAE
Axia hosted and invitational presentation.
9. Project Lead Report Moved by Barney Reeves THAT AlbertaSW support sending Bob
Dyrda to FTTH Conference ins Austin TX in April 2016
Carried. [2015-10-458].
10. Executive Director report Accepted as information.

11. Board and Guests Round Table

12. Board Meetings
November 4 – Nanton

13. Adjourn

Moved by Maryanne Sandberg "to do the Garry thing" THAT the meeting be adjourned.
Carried. [2015-10-458]

Approved November 4, 2015

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Alberta SouthWest Bulletin November 2015

Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

REDAs become part of new Department of Economic Development and Trade

The Honourable Deron Bilous will head the new department of Economic Development and Trade (AEDT) which will focus on supports for small business, sector development and strategy to increase trade, investment attraction, and market access. The new ministry will bring under one umbrella work that is currently spread between several departments.

The Premier's Advisory Committee on the Economy (PACE) will replace the Alberta Economic Development Authority (AEDA).

New Executive Director attends AlbertaSW Board Meeting

Tom Mansfield, Executive Director, Entrepreneurship and Regional Development Branch attended the AlbertaSW Board meeting in Nanton on November 4th which was much appreciated.

Tourism Entrepreneurial Workshop

Held in Nanton on November 4th, this event attracted 46 participants from around the region to learn about resources available to support tourism business development. Presentations were made by Alberta Culture and Tourism, Travel Alberta, and Business Development Bank of Canada.

Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) continues to be a priority

Axia representatives Robert Price, David Skabar and Jason O'Connor addressed the AlbertaSW Board meeting. Our communities continue to learn and explore options for digital connectivity, which is an important service to our communities.

REDAs collaborate to place ad in "Invest in Alberta" magazine

A collaboration between the 11 REDAs, the message to investors is that there is a network of regional economic development resources to help them make contacts in the regions. The two page layout highlights the REDAs, inviting readers to visit the websites. The target audience for this publication is local, national and international investors.

Economic Developers Alberta Inaugural Ministry Dinner in Edmonton

On October 29, 2015 Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) hosted four cabinet ministers, along with representatives from 15 federal and provincial government departments and 60 communities.

Bev Thornton, EDA Board member, assisted with the event, which was a sold out success.

The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister for Economic Development and Trade addressed the gathering.

The other cabinet ministers in attendance were The Honourable Oneil Carlier Minister of Agriculture and Forestry,

The Honourable David Eggen Minister of Culture and Tourism and The Honourable Brian Mason Minister of Infrastructure.

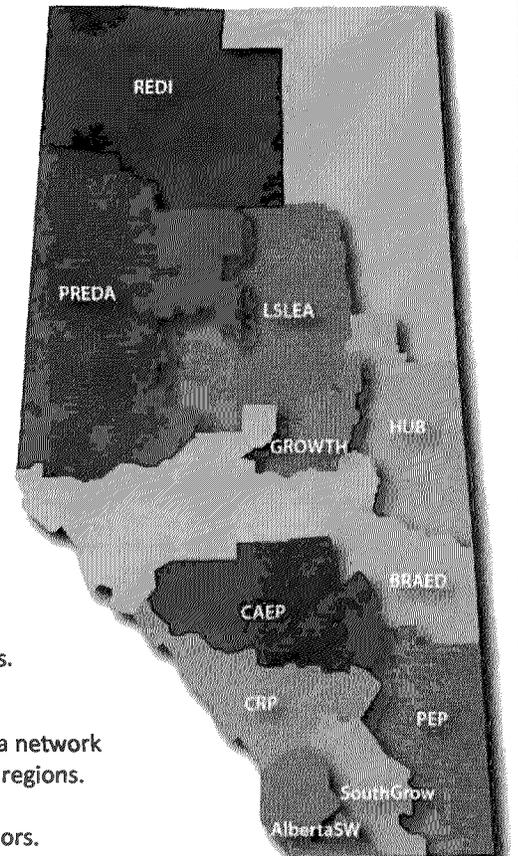
Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership (SAAEP)

Representatives of AlbertaSW, SouthGrow, Economic Development Lethbridge and Lethbridge County have held meetings to assess the future role of SAAEP. Initially formed in 2006, SAAEP conducted extensive community consultation and industry research with federal support. As the provincial government is expressing the need to seriously address alternative and renewable energy, there may be renewed opportunities for the wind, solar and bio industries in southern Alberta. Information and studies are posted at www.saaep.ca

◆ Accelerate South 50 Conference, Lethbridge AB

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 and Thursday, November 19, 2015

www.acceleratesouth50.ca for event information and registration.



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