

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
Bylaw No. 1269-16 –Land Use Amendment - Solar Energy
Thursday, December 1, 2016
Salon A; Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek

In order to receive public input on proposed Bylaw No. 1269-16, a Public Hearing conducted by the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held at the Heritage Inn in Pincher Creek, Alberta, on Thursday, December 1, 2016, commencing at 6:30 pm.

In attendance:

Council: Reeve Brian Hammond, Councillors Terry Yagos, Fred Schoening, and Quentin Stevick
Councillor Garry Marchuk as entered into the minutes.

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Kay, Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, Planning Advisor Gavin Scott, and Executive Assistant Tara Cryderman

1. Call Public Hearing to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order, the time being 6:30 pm.

2. Advertising Requirement

This Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the MGA. This Public Hearing was advertised in the *Pincher Creek Echo*, and *Shootin the Breeze* on Wednesday, November 16 and November 23, 2016, as well as on the Pincher Creek Voice and MD of Pincher Creek websites.

3. Purpose of Public Hearing

Councillor Garry Marchuk entered the meeting, the time being 6:31 pm.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public input on proposed Bylaw No. 1269-16.

Proposed Bylaw No. 1269-16 is to amend the Land Use Bylaw 1140-08, to allow for a number of changes which will better reflect the land use requirements for solar energy in the MD.

4. Overview of Bylaw No. 1269-16

Planning Advisor Gavin Scott spoke at this time:

- This amendment does speak to both residential and commercial / industrial solar energy farms.
- The two types of solar energy development was explained.
- The requirements for development permits for the two separate proposals were explained.
- Small scale, residential, energy was explained.
- The requirements for application was explained.
- The industrial / commercial installation was explained.
- The land districts where the solar farms will be allowed was explained.
- The requirements from the South Saskatchewan Regional Planning Documents with relation to solar energy development was explained.
- The impacts of renewable energy on the lands and the balance between the two was explained.
- Soil types was mentioned.

5. Presentations

Reeve Brian Hammond asked if anyone present in the audience wished to make a statement.

The following indicated their desire to make a statement:

George Reynolds

Heidi Eijgel

Dallis McGlynn

Lois Johnston

George Reynolds spoke at this time:

- Requested clarification with regards to the small development and their requirements for Development Permits.
- Requested clarification with regards to the design requirements from the MD.

Heidi Eijgel spoke at this time:

- Commended everyone for planning for renewal energy.
- Spoke in favour of the soil types stipulations contained within the proposed bylaw.
- Spoke to further wording regarding native grass land preservation / protection.
- Spoke to transmission line concerns.

Dallis McGlynn spoke at this time:

- Commented on the stipulations contained within Solar Energy System, Households, Sections (b), (c), (d) and (f). Mr. McGlynn noted that his current solar system would not fit within the proposed guidelines.

Gavin spoke to the glare requirements and the measurement requirements. There could be further amendments to the bylaw to capture these concerns.

Lois Johnston spoke at this time:

- Spoke to commercial farms with respect to soil types. There could perhaps be stronger wording to protect the agricultural lands. (i.e. instead of "preferred" use "excluded").
- Spoke to the decommissioning proposals. Perhaps there could be a monetary bond in place.

Scott Osborn spoke at this time:

- Spoke to the angle, height, and glare of a solar array.

Heidi Eijgel:

- Requested that the bylaw be amended to include the word "existing", before the word grasslands, Section 2(b)(ii).

a. Written

(i) NRG Energy, Response to Amendments to Bylaw No. 1269-16, received November 28, 2016

6. Closing Comments / Further Questions

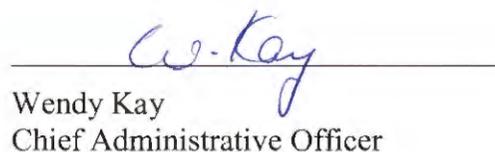
Council was reminded that no further information will be accepted regarding this bylaw once the Public Hearing is adjourned. A report will be drafted and presented to Council for further deliberation.

7. Adjournment

Councillor Garry Marchuk moved to adjourn the Public Hearing, the time being 7:02 pm.



Brian Hammond
Reeve



Wendy Kay
Chief Administrative Officer