

AGENDA
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
August 22, 2023
2:00 pm
Council Chambers

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Delegations
 - a) 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm – SASCI – Supporting Community Sustainability
 - b) 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm – Heritage Acres
- 3) Closed Session
 - a) Personnel – FOIP Sec. 19.2
- 4) Round Table
- 5) Adjournment



August 15, 2023

Update on SASCI

Current Status

BRIDGEBuilder Community Development Project, Phase I (January 2019 - December 2023)

A project for building community capacities to capitalize on change, including fundraising, digital transformation and energy transition. BRIDGE = Building Regional Innovation, Development & Governance Excellence. Phase I has focused on building capacities for raising funds to support community development:

A full-time Community Grant Specialist (Ms. Liza Dawber) employed under contract since 2019, whose position will be supported with funding from the Town and M.D. budgets starting in 2024.

A part-time Fund Development Specialist (Ms. Andrea Hlady) employed under contract since 2022, whose scope of work will be completed by the end of 2023. Building on the research and recommendations of the Fund Development Specialist, SASCI will partner with an established Community Foundation to establish a permanent Community Development Fund for the Town and District of Pincher Creek and (possibly) the Piikani First Nation.

Administration

SASCI was turned down for operational funding from FCSS in 2023 because of a change in FCSS funding priorities. SASCI has been unable to find alternative sources of grant funding for operations, and is applying for \$20,000 of operational funding from Joint Council to cover the cost of employing its part-time Administrator (Ms. Carrie Cooley) through 2024. Without its Administrator, SASCI will be unable to

2024 Objectives

BRIDGEBuilder Community Development Project, Phase II (January 2024 - December 2026)

The second phase of the BRIDGE Builder project will focus on building community capacities to capitalize on digital transformation and energy transition. These economically disruptive global trends are driven by accelerating advancements in digital and energy technologies, which require individuals, businesses and communities to develop new competencies.

SASCI is now raising funds to establish two full-time contract positions under BRIDGEBuilder Phase II, namely a Regional Energy Specialist and a Regional Digital/Data Specialist. If sufficient and reliable funding is available, SASCI will also consider establishing a third full-time contract position for a Regional Housing Specialist to address the region's worsening shortage of attainable and affordable housing.

Administration

SASCI intends to raise funds to expand its administrative capacities in 2024, in response to growing demand for administrative support from local non-profit groups and organizations.