

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 2:00 pm  
Council Chambers

Present: Reeve Rick Lemire (via conference call), Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Harold Hollingshead.

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Director of Finance Meghan Dobie, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder called the meeting to order, the time being 2:05 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the agenda for the August 22, 2023 Committee meeting be amended to include a closed session item b) CUPE – Sec. 19.2;

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) SASCI

James Van Leeuwen, Brett Wuth and David Simmons attended the meeting at this time to update Council on what SASCI has been doing, and where they want to see the organization go for 2024.

BRIDGE Builder Community Development Project, Phase I

A project for building community capacities to capitalize on change, including fundraising, digital transformation and energy transition. BRIDGE = **B**uilding **R**egional **I**nnovation, **D**evelopment & **G**overnance **E**xcellence. Phase I has focused on building capacities for raising funds to support community development.

2024 Objectives

BRIDGE Builder Community Development Project, Phase II

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.

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SASCI is now raising funds to establish two full-time contract positions under BRIDGE Builder 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.

Reeve Rick Lemire attended the meeting at this time via conference call, the time being 2:25 pm.

Council is concerned that SASCI isn't listening to the community when it comes to renewable energy. Council felt that SASCI was pushing an agenda for solar (and other renewables) when Council has been open about what the residents in the MD want. Residents have been vocal that they don't feel agriculture land should be developed into renewable energy.

Brett Wuth assured Council that SASCI's role was to facilitate communications and not take an active role one way or another.

James Van Leeuwen, Brett Wuth and David Simmons left the meeting at this time, the time being 2:48 pm.

b) Heritage Acres

Garry Visser, Ken Harness and Jo Baker attended the meeting at this time, the time being 2:51 pm.

Garry gave an overview and history of the Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club, as well as discussed their Mission Statement that: The Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club is to Operate the Heritage Acres Farm Museum and to collect, conserve, interpret, and demonstrate artifacts that were used by the pioneers of Alberta, to the end that present and future generations may have the opportunity to view these artifacts on display or in demonstration, thereby experiencing early pioneer life in an agricultural community.

Currently the club is struggling to meet the vision and mission statement due to lack of volunteers. Increased Government regulations, decreased funding and increased building costs have also caused issues for the club.

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They are also asking that Council consider establishing a joint committee to review possibilities for improving the sustainability of Heritage Acres, as well as more sustainable funding.

Garry Visser, Ken Harness and Jo Baker left the meeting at this time, the time being 3:20 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Harold Hollingshead

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 3:24 pm.

- a) Personnel – FOIP Sec. 19.2
- b) CUPE – FOIP Sec. 19.2

Councillor Harold Hollingshead

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 4:30 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

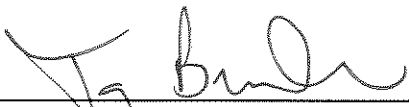
Dave Cox – Water shortage/standpipe concerns. Will be discussed further in Council.  
Discussion for donations to curling club/requirements for CRA

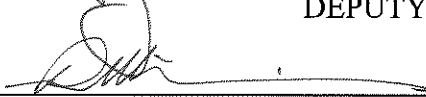
5. Adjournment

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 5:02 pm.

Carried

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER