

Coffee with Council – Division 4  
Thursday November 16, 2023  
6:00 pm  
Summerview Hall (Heritage Acres)

Attendees:

MD of Pincher Creek:

Reeve Dave Cox, Deputy Reeve John MacGarva, Councillors Rick Lemire, Harold Hollingshead, Tony Bruder, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Audience:

Approximately 23 residents from the Division 4 area

Welcome from Reeve Dave Cox

- Welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming out
- Went around the room to the other Councillors so they could introduce themselves

The following topics were discussed with Council and the public:

Intake for Cowley – water issues

- MD is currently trucking water
- Multiple proposals from operations to find a solution
- Currently looking at temporary and long term fixes
- Temporary – MD trucking water, pump at river to existing intake
- Long term – 6 different test holes have been tested for a well (water filtration system)
- Town of Pincher Creek is a different water license and source
- Currently using a combination of contractor and MD trucks
- Water level is still dropping

Could MD use old castle site?

- That water license is not longer valid
- No infrastructure at that site

Red lights on Wind Turbines – ENEL promised to only flash lights when planes are nearby and it seems hit and miss, Are there new windfarms in the pipeline?

- Until transmission line increases there will be limited development
- Currently a moratorium on wind farm development

How much tax base do wind turbines bring in?

- Approximately 30%

Roads – Summer maintenance. MD managers complains, that should change. Does MD monitor where equipment is or what they are doing?

- MD uses MRF but it only shows where the equipment is, not if blade is down
- Public Works Manager has been on for 5 months and is monitoring roads and operators

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Benefit of dust control? When it's wet, it's disgusting

- MD currently uses MG30 which holds moisture, when road is too wet the product is viscous
- Product is cost effective
- 90% of Municipalities use MG30
- If our roads were in better condition the product would work as intended
- Council tasked staff to look at different products for 2024

Castlevue Estates snow removal. Residents are allowed access all year round but have no snow removal to access homes

- Alberta Parks owns the land and is responsible for snow removal and maintenance
- MD can put pressure on Ministers to assist with snow removal

Roads were designed for different uses than what they are used for now. Vehicles are larger, increased traffic

Snow plows go too fast and leave washboard

Who controls speed limit on MD roads?

- RCMP/call Val Dennis
- MD to look at getting another speed sign to move around the divisions

Snow Removal. Residents pushing snow onto roads cause safety issues.

- MD is aware and has a policy
- More education to the public

Are Provincial funds decreasing?

- Yes. All Government funds have been reduced

Fire fighting. Landowners receive fire bill even when they are the ones to help fight the fire.

- The Commission has the choice to call in other resources if they feel its necessary
- Process from the MD has not changed
- Bylaw states landowner pays
- Maximum charge from Emergency Services is \$25k (which is usually same as insurance coverage)

Unless you have a farm, you can not insure vacant land

Rural Crime/Citizens on Patrol

- Kim Hurst presented
- Pincher Creek will see more rural crime, and we need people looking after neighbors
- Partnered with Rural Crime Watch and Citizens on Patrol
- Rural Crime Watch is now using the RAVE alert program, which can send a text immediately if there is something suspicious in the area

General discussion on Bylaw enforcement vs. Peace Officer. MD is looking at filling a position in this matter

Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm