

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Dave Cox, Deputy Reeve John MacGarva, and Councillors Tony Bruder, Harold Hollingshead and Rick Lemire.

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Director of Finance Meghan Dobie, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Public Works Manager Patrick Gauvreau, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Dave Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/541

Moved that the Council Agenda for December 12, 2023 be amended to include:

Committee Reports:

Councillor Hollingshead – Computer Maintenance

Operations:

G1c) Beaver Mines Wastewater Treatment Facility Cost Update

Finance:

G2a) PC REMO 2024 Budget

G2b) MD of Pincher Creek 2024 Budget

G2c) Grant in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Write Off

Planning:

G3c) Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Police Transition Grant

Municipal

G4b) Lundbreck Citizen Council (LCC) - Digital Monitor - Grant Hosting

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2023

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/542

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of November 28, 2023 be approved as presented.

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2) Council Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2023

Councillor John MacGarva 23/543

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 28, 2023 be approved as presented.

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D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Southern Operations Section, Agriculture and Irrigation

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/544

Moved that the presentation regarding Southern Operations Section, Agriculture and Irrigation, that was presented at the November 28, 2023 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

b) STARS

Councillor John MacGarva 23/545

Moved that the STARS presentation, that was presented at the November 28, 2023 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

c) RCMP Quarterly Update (Pincher Creek Detachment)

Councillor Rick Lemire 23/546

Moved that the RCMP Quarterly Update (Pincher Creek Detachment) that was presented at the November 28, 2023 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

d) Ag Society – Internet Invoice

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/547

Moved that the MD of Pincher Creek cover 1/3 of the invoice to the Ag Society, from Riteline Electric, totaling \$1312.50, with the amount to be covered from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Carried

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Agricultural Service Board
 - Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management
 - ORRSC
2. Councillor Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Alberta SouthWest
3. Reeve Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Castle Community Association
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
4. Councillor Harold Hollingshead - Division 4
 - Assessment Review Board Training
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Lundbreck Citizens Council
 - Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management
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Councillor John MacGarva 23/548

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

RCMP Town Hall Meeting

Councillor John MacGarva 23/549

Moved that any Councillor that attended the RCMP Town Hall Meeting on November 30, 2023, be compensated for their time.

Carried

Computer Maintenance

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/550

Moved that, due to the time needed, Councillor Harold Hollingshead be authorized to be compensated for his time spent with the computer technician.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/551

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including the call log, and the 2023/2024 snow plow priority map, for the period November 23, 2023 to December 12, 2023 as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/552

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure Report for the period November 23, 2023 to December 12, 2023 as information.

Carried

c) Beaver Mines Wastewater Treatment Facility Cost Update

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/553

Moved that Council direct Administration to obtain a legal opinion on how to move forward with the contract closeout issues on the Beaver Mines Wastewater Treatment System Project.

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2. Finance

a) PC REMO 2024 Budget

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/554

Moved that the Council for the MD of Pincher Creek No. 9 accept the proposed 2024 Budget for the Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization.

Carried

b) MD of Pincher Creek 2024 Budget

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/555

Moved that Council approve the MD of Pincher Creek 2024 Budget as presented.

Carried

c) Grant in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) Write Off

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/556

Moved that Council write-off the uncollectable Grant in Place of Taxes (GIPOT), in the amount of \$21,145, with funds coming from the tax rate stabilization reserve.

Carried

3. Development and Community Services

a) Sign Request - Lundbreck Hill

Councillor John MacGarva 23/557

Moved that, due to safety concerns, Council deny the request to the ratepayer for a letter to Alberta Transportation requesting placement of Engine Retarder Brake Sign along the West bound lane of Hwy 3, just West of Lundbreck.

Carried

b) Notice of Subdivision - 2023-0-148 from Cardston County

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/558

Moved that Council receive the Notice of Application for Subdivision of Land from Cardston County as information.

Carried

c) Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Police Transition Grant

Councillor Rick Lemire 23/559

Moved that Council approve a grant application to the Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Police Transition Grant Program for the Community Peace Officer/Bylaw Enforcement Program Launch.

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4. Municipal

a) CAO Activity Report

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/560

Moved that Council receive for information, the CAO Activity report for the period of November 29, 2023 to December 8, 2023.

Carried

b) Lundbreck Citizen Council (LCC) - Digital Monitor - Grant Hosting

Councillor John MacGarva 23/561

Moved that Council rescind resolution 23/517;

AND THAT Council respond to Lundbreck Citizen Council (LCC) and SASCI agreeing to host the Community Priorities Grant for LCC.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

a) Pincher Creek Community Hall

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/562

Moved that administration invite members of the Pincher Creek Community Hall Board to attend a Council meeting in early 2024 to discuss their request for funding for utility costs.

Carried

b) Oldman Watershed Council - Request for Support

Councillor Rick Lemire 23/563

Moved that Council will not be providing a donation to the Oldman Watershed Council for 2024 as Council does not feel that the direction of the Oldman Watershed Council is supportive of our rural agricultural community.

Carried

c) Patton Park Society Request for Bathrooms

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/564

Moved that the Patton Park Society Request for Bathrooms discussion be tabled to January 23, 2024 pending administration obtaining further information on existing facilities.

Carried

d) AltaLink's proposed 185L and 412L Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Councillor Rick Lemire 23/565

Moved that Council's feedback regarding AltaLink's proposed 185L and 412L Transmission Line Rebuild Project include concerns regarding the height of the upgrades given the vicinity of our airport.

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- e) AVAIL LLP - Letter of Engagement

Councillor John MacGarva 23/566

Moved that Council sign AVAIL LLP - Letter of Engagement for 2024.

Carried

2. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 23/567

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Inquiry into the ongoing economic, orderly and efficient development of electricity generation - Letter from AUC
- b) News Release: Helping Alberta manage water supply
- c) Unavailability of Second Peace Officer Vehicle for Lease - Letter from Town of Pincher Creek
- d) 2024 Drought Risk and Management - Presentation from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
- e) ORRSC Christmas Card

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Rick Lemire 23/568

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 8:02 pm:

- a) Road Closure Request – FOIP Sec. 23.1
- b) Road Closure Request – FOIP Sec. 23.1
- c) CAO Performance Review – FOIP Sec. 19.1

Councillor Harold Hollingshead 23/569

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 8:13 pm.

Carried

- a) Road Closure Request (Pratchler)

Councillor John MacGarva 23/570

Moved that Council accept the applicants request to close and purchase road plan 1835HX within Lot 15, Block 1, Plan 2310716, with the applicant being responsible for all costs associated with this request.

Carried

- b) Road Closure Request

Councillor Rick Lemire 23/571

Moved that the applicants request to close and purchase portions of undeveloped Statutory Road Allowance between SW 18-6-1 W5 and NW 7-6-1 W5, be tabled to January 23, 2024 pending further discussion with applicant.

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K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Harold Hollingshead

23/572

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 8:15 pm.

Carried



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER