MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9 Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:00 pm Council Chambers

Present: Reeve Dave Cox, Deputy Reeve John MacGarva, and Councillors Tony Bruder and Rick Lemire.

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Public Works Manager Patrick Gauvreau, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Financial Manager Brendan Schlossberger, Municipal Energy Project Lead Tristan Walker, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Dave Cox called the meeting to order, the time being 2:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the agenda for the April 9, 2024 be amended to include:

- Delegation: QUEST Net Zero
- Closed Session: MPE and Waterline Resources FOIP Sec. 24.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) QUEST Net Zero Communities Accelerator Benchmark Score

Tristan Walker overviewed the QUEST net zero communities accelerator program that began in the summer of 2023. This program focuses on holistic regional and community energy rather than the corporate energy work done in the organization over the last three years. By working with QUEST, they will support them in conducting a baseline community energy analysis to identify opportunities for improvement. QUEST will work with the Town and MD from these opportunities to develop recommendations for programs, policies, and focus areas to improve the score.

Several of these opportunities are being addressed through further work in this program. This includes a community energy inventory and energy mapping exercise. After that, QUEST will conduct a workshop on a community energy and emissions plan to support developing recommendations to include in future planning documents. They will also conduct an economic impact assessment and close out with an updated benchmark to outline our new score.

This process is expected to run until March 2025, with the bulk of work coming in the summer of 2024. As the Energy Project Lead's contract is ending in May 2024, there

is discussion about who will take on the lead of this project or if a contractual arrangement can be implemented to continue the project through existing personnel.

Tristen Walker left the meeting at this time, the time being 2:14 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 2:15 pm.

- a) MPE and Waterline Resources FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Public Works Call Log FOIP Sec. 24.1
- c) Draft Snow Removal Policy FOIP Sec. 24.1
- d) 2024 Tax Rate Discussion (part 2) FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor Rick Lemire

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:33 pm.

Carried

- 4. Round Table
- 5. Adjournment

Councillor Rick Lemire

Moved that the Committee Meeting adjourn, the time being 5:34 pm.

Carried REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER