

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Acting Director of Corporate Services Brendan Schlossberger, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor John MacGarva 26/379

Moved that the agenda for September 22, 2026, be amended to include:

 Action:

- f) Foothills Metis District 1 – Request for Donation
- g) Invitation to Tour Legislature Building During RMA

 Closed:

- a) Pincher Creek Curling Club Update – ATIA Sec. 29.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

- 1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/380

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of September 8, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

- 2) Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/381

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 8, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

- 3) Special Council Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/382

Moved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 9, 2026, be amended to revise resolution 26/377 to read \$233,627.50,

AND THAT the minutes be approved as amended.

Carried

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D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Delegations from September 8, 2026:

a) South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/383

Moved that Council contribute \$12,500 towards the South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association for 2027,

AND THAT this amount be budgeted for 2027.

Carried

b) Pincher Creek Food Centre

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/384

Moved that the presentation from the Pincher Creek Food Centre at the Council Committee Meeting on September 8, 2026, be received as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - (others that all of Council was involved in)
 - Pincher Creek & District Library
 - Pincher Creek Food Centre discussion on potential community garden
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Bringing Hearts Home (Cardiac Care Centre in Lethbridge)
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Grand Opening – Fire Hall
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 - Foothills Little Bow
 - Police Advisory Committee – Youth Justice Presentation
 - Grand Opening – New Fire Hall
 - Castle Mountain Community Association
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Police Advisory Committee – Youth Justice Presentation
 - Miistakis Institute presentation during planning session
 - Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Tour
 - Police Advisory Committee
 - Foothills Little Bow
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Management Organization (PCREMO)
 - Miistakis Institute presentation during planning session
 - Police Advisory Committee – Youth Justice Presentation
 - Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Tour
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Coffee with Council – Division 5
 - Foothills Little Bow

Councillor Dave Cox 26/385

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/386

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period August 31, 2026, to September 13, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/387

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for August 29, 2026, to September 16, 2026, as information.

Carried

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

a) Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 - Notice of Public Hearing Proposed Bylaw 2040

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/388

Moved that, as Council has no further concerns with the application, the Public Hearing Notice and Bylaw No. 2040 from the MD of Willow Creek be received as information.

Carried

b) Letter to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas - Changes to the Code of Practice for Pits & Impacts of Bill 28

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/389

Moved that the letter from the MD of Pincher Creek to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas regarding Changes to the Code of Practice for Pits & Impacts under Bill 28 be received as information.

Carried

c) Lundbreck Train Whistling Cessation Application

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/390

Moved that, with regard to the request for train whistle cessation at Mile 71.45, Range Road 2-0 crossing, administration be directed to contact the concerned resident to confirm whether they would incur the cost of changing signage and annual insurance,

AND if so, the MD would be willing to move forward with the application for train whistle cessation.

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d) ISED Telecommunications Siting Protocol Changes

Councillor Dave Cox 26/391

Moved that Council direct administration to proceed with the letter to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada regarding telecommunications changes.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/392

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period September 4, 2026, to September 17, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) In-Kind Request to Accompany Rural Crime Watch Grant Request

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/393

Moved that Council commit to a \$5000 'In-Kind' contribution for the installation of Rural Crime Watch Signage within the MD, to demonstrate municipal support of the MD of Pincher Creek Rural Crime Watch's grant application to the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta.

Carried

c) Review of C-CO-005 Municipal Boards, Committees and Appointments

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/394

Moved that Council approve updated policy C-CO-005 Municipal Boards, Committees and Appointments.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) Southern Alberta Partnership 2027 Aerial Orthophoto Project - Request for Resolution to Participate

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/395

Moved that Council hereby agrees to participate in the Southern Alberta Partnership 2027 Aerial Orthophoto Project and authorizes the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 to act as the managing partner for the Project on our behalf.

Carried

b) Royal Canadian Legion Pincher Creek Branch - Request for Permission

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/396

Moved that Council authorize the Pincher Creek Branch #43 Members and Pincher Creek Branch #43 Ladies Auxiliary Members the following:

- 1) To canvas businesses, individuals and organizations beginning October 16, 2026, for the sale of wreaths and donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Pincher Creek Branch #43 Poppy Fund,
- 2) To distribute poppy boxes, as soon as authorized by Dominion Command, Saturday, October 24, 2026,
- 3) Youth Groups to canvas the residential areas with poppies on the first Saturday in November, and
- 4) Declare September 20 to 27 as Legion Week and November 5 to 11 as Veteran Week and recognize November 8 as Indigenous Veterans Day.

Carried

- c) Kootenai Brown's Spooky Town - Invitation to Participate

Councillor Dave Cox

26/397

Moved that Council authorize staff attendance and associated costs to Kootenai Brown's Spooky Town on October 31, 2026.

Carried

- d) Commanding Officer of Alberta RCMP - Request for Meeting During RMA

Councillor Jim Welsch

26/398

Moved that administration contact the local Sergeants to discuss local concerns, prior to arranging a meeting with the Commanding Officer of Alberta RCMP during RMA.

Carried

- e) Pincher Creek & District Chamber of Commerce - Request for Sponsorship Awards of Excellence

Councillor John MacGarva

26/399

Moved that Council partner as a gold sponsor for the Pincher Creek & District Chamber of Commerce 31st Annual Awards of Excellence on Friday, October 23, 2026 at a cost of \$800, with the amount to be taken from Grants to Groups,

AND THAT administration bring the invitation back to the October 13, 2026, Council meeting to discuss Council attendance at the event.

Carried

- f) Foothills Metis District 1 – Request for Donation

Councillor Tony Bruder

26/400

Moved that the Foothills Metis District 1 request for donation be received as information.

Carried

- g) Invitation to Tour Legislature Building During RMA

Councillor Dave Cox

26/401

Moved that all of Council be authorized to attend a tour of the Legislature Building during RMA.

Carried

B. For Information

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Councillor Jim Welsh

26/402

- a) Heritage Acres Farm Museum
- Letter of Thanks

Moved that the following be received as information:

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsh

26/403

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:50 pm.

- a) Curling Club Update Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor Jim Welsh

26/404

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:25 pm.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder

26/405

Moved that administration be directed to meet with the Curling Club executives, as discussed in closed.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva

26/406

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:25 pm.

Carried



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER