#### AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING

#### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

# May 13, 2025

#### 3:00 pm Council Chambers

- A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- B. DELIGATIONS
- C. MINUTES/NOTES
  - 1. Council Committee Minutes
    - April 22, 2025
  - 2. Council Meeting Minutes
    - April 22, 2025
- D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS
  - 1. Councillor Tony Bruder Division 1
    - Waterton Biosphere Newsletter
  - 2. Reeve Rick Lemire Division 2
  - 3. Councillor Dave Cox- Division 3
  - 4. Councillor Jim Welsch Division 4
  - 5. Councillor John MacGarva Division 5
- G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
  - 1. Operations
    - a) Public Works Department Report
      - Report from Public Works dated May 8, 2025
      - Schedule A Shop/Fleet Report
    - b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report
      - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated May 7, 2025
  - 2. Finance
  - 3. Planning and Community Services
    - a) Direct Control Development Permit 2025-17
      - Report from Development dated May 8, 2025
  - 4. Municipal
    - a) CAO Report
      - Report from Administration, dated May 8, 2025
  - H. CORRESPONDENCE
    - 1) For Action
      - a) Requests from Heriage Acres
        - Shed Building Project (2 Letters) Request for In-Kind Donation
        - Call for Volunteers to Assist with Vintage Touring Association of Alberta
      - b) Bellcrest Day Parade
        - Request Attend Parade June 21, 2025
      - c) Lightchasers Photography Conference
        - May 23 to 25, 2025 at Heritage Acres
      - d) Water Availability Engagement
        - News Release: Making Every Drop of Water Count
        - Engagement site: Water availability engagement | Alberta.ca
        - Letter from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
        - Dates of Engagement Opportunities

- e) Beaver Mines Spring Clean Up
  - Request for Donation
  - f) Economic Development Week
    - May 12 through 16, 2025
  - g) Alberta SouthWest AGM
    - June 4, 2025

#### 2) <u>For Information</u>

- a) Large Vehicle Petting Zoo
  - Friday May 16, 2025 3 pm to 6 pm at Co-Op (MD will have staff on site)
- b) Chinook Arch Library Board Report
  - April 2025
- c) FortisAlberta
  - Early Fault Detection
- d) Pieridae WAG May 2025
- I. NEW BUSINESS
- J. CLOSED MEETING SESSION
  - a) Council Volunteer Hours FOIP Sec. 24.1
- K. ADJOURNMENT

# MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

#### Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 11:00 am Council Chambers

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

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie, Financial Manager Brendan Schlossberger, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order, the time being 11:00 am.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the agenda for the April 22, 2025, Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

#### Carried

#### 2. Delegation

a) AVAIL Chartered Professional Accountants

With AVAIL Chartered Professional Accountants, Darrin Adamson and Courtney Smith attended the meeting to present the 2024 Audited Financial Report to the Council.

They reviewed the following:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Financial Results
- Notes for the 2024 Financial Statements
- Indicators of Financial Condition
- Management Letter
- Post Audit Letter

Darrin Adamson and Courtney Smith left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:30 am.

#### 3. Closed Session

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:30 pm.

- a) Public Works Call Log FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Draft Bylaw 1358-25 FOIP Sec. 24.1

#### REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9 TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

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Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 12:51 pm.

Carried

6. Understanding What an Audit Opinion Really Means

Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie and Financial Manager Brendan Schlossberger presented to Council a discussion on understanding what an audit opinion really means.

- 7. Round Table
- 8. Adjournment

John MacGarva

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 1:54 pm.

Carried	
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	REEVE
_	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# MINUTES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 22, 2025

The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 3:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

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

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

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

#### A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/190

Moved that the agenda for April 22, 2025, be amended to include:

Finance

a) 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements (by AVAIL)

Action

a) South Canadian Rockies Tourism Information Night – May 13, 2025

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

#### B. DELEGATIONS

#### C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox

25/191

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of April 8, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2025

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/192

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 8, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

3) Coffee with Council – Summerview

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/193

Moved that the notes from Coffee with Council in Summerview be received as information.

#### D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Maycroft Residents Response Letter

Councillor Dave Cox

25/194

Moved that the letter from the Maycroft Residents, in response to our letter, be received as information.

Carried

b) Northback Response to MD Questions

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/195

Moved that the Northback response to MD questions be received as information;

AND THAT the MD's sampling results for selenium be forwarded to Northback at their request.

Carried

c) AUC Visual Impact Assessment Response Letter

Councillor John MacGarva

25/196

Moved that the letter from the AUC regarding the visual impact assessment be received as information.

Carried

#### E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Southwest Alberta Community Foundation

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/197

Moved that Southwest Alberta Community Foundation's presentation at the Committee meeting on April 8, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

b) Castle Mountain Resort

Councillor Dave Cox

25/198

Moved that the presentation from Castle Mountain Resort at the Committee meeting on April 8, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

c) AltaLink – Wildfire Mitigation Program

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/199

Moved that the presentation from AltaLink on their Wildfire Mitigation Program at the Committee meeting on April 8, 2025, be received as information.

#### F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

- 1. Councillor Tony Bruder Division 1
  - Intermunicipal Development Planning
  - Interview with Global News
- 2. Reeve Rick Lemire Division 2
- 3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
  - Pincher Creek Library
  - Special Meeting Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
- 4. Councillor Jim Welsch Division 4
  - Family and Community Support Services
- 5. Councillor John MacGarva Division 5

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/200

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

#### G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 1. Operations
  - a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Dave Cox

25/201

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period March 31, 2025, to April 13, 2025, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/202

Moved that the Utilities & Infrastructure report for April 2, 2025, through April 15, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

c) Water Shortage Response Plan - Implementation Report & Spring 2025 Revision

Councillor John MacGarva

25/203

Moved that the Water Shortage Response Plan Report & Spring 2025 Revisions, be approved as presented.

Carried

c) Bylaw 1359-25 – Amendment to Utility Bylaw

Councillor Dave Cox

25/204

Moved that Bylaw 1359-25, being the Amendment to the Utility Bylaw, be given first reading.

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/205

Moved that the Public Meeting for Bylaw 1359-25, being the Amendment to the Utility Bylaw, be scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Carried

2. Finance

a) 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements (by AVAIL)

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/206

Moved that Council approve the 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements, as presented by AVAIL.

Carried

- 3. Development and Community Services
- 4. Municipal
  - a) CAO Report

Councillor John MacGarva

25/207

Moved that Council receive for information, the CAO Report for the period March 24, 2025 to April 4, 2025.

Carried

#### H. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. For Action
  - a) South Canadian Rockies Tourism Information Night May 13, 2025

Councillor Jim Welsch

25/208

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association Information Night on May 13, 2025.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder

25/209

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act 2025
  - Letter from Municipal Affairs
- b) Community Outreach Updates from Mission and Draser Lake, BC Community Members
  - Letter from Toth Family
- c) Coffee with Council Thank you
  - Email from Phil and Esther Burpee

- I. NEW BUSINESS
- J. CLOSED SESSION

# K. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT	
Councillor John MacGarva	25/210
Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time	being 4:17 pm.
	Carried
	REEVE
	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**To:** Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Subject: WBRA April Update

Wednesday, April 30, 2025



What's new with WBRA



A GOOD DAY TO BE A BADGER - Thursday, May 1 is North American Badger Day - a day to celebrate and better understand this hardworking member of our community. This often besmirched burrowing carnivore plays an important role when it comes to rodent management. Its excavation activity also provides habitat for other species. If you're tired of doing your taxes, you can take a break and learn more about the badger (Taxidae taxus taxus) by clicking <a href="https://example.com/HERE">HERE</a>...that's punny right?. (Photo: Andy Hurly)

# Tick-tick-tock - Time to check your electric fences



IT'S BEST TO BE WELL GROUNDED - It's that time of year folks, time to go for a tour and check those electric fences. Don't let short circuits lead to shocking surprises this season. (Photo: T. Porter/WBR)

As with most fences, electric fences need some checking and maintenance after a winter with snowbanks, wildlife movement, etc.

Here are a few things to consider to give your fence the best chance of working effectively. Good fences make good neighbours, especially when trying to prevent large carnivores from causing problems.

- Clean your solar panel if using a solar fence charger
- **Test your output** to ensure that it is putting out at least 7000 volts everywhere on the fence
- Check your tension make sure your fence is 'guitar string tight'
- Check connections ensure all fencer and ground connections are solid
- Eliminate short circuits clear foliage or other debris from fence
- Check your isolation ensure all hot wires are properly insulated
- **Watch that wire spacing** is it appropriate? Is the bottom wire low enough to keep animals from getting under?
- **Secure those corners** ensure robust bracing to keep the wires tight

For more information, see our electric fencing document **HERE**.

If you think electric fencing might be a tool that could benefit you in efforts to decrease conflict with large carnivores, please contact us to discuss possible cost-shared opportunities.

If you have any additional questions, or would like to talk about a project, please contact Jeff at 403-653-2267 or email jbectell@watertonbiosphere.com



HOORAY! DAY ON THE CREEK IS NEAR - May means spring flowers, but it also means bustling parks and stream banks. Pincher Creek's annual outdoor learning extravaganza is fast approaching on May 15th. Bring your, hat, snacks and sunscreen for another amazing time in nature! The event schedule and maps will be out soon, so keep your eye on social media and the DOTC website for updates.

# **Predator Compensation Survey**



**ATTRACTIVE FIND - A grizzly bear and cubs feed on a livestock carcass** (Photo: Todd Shaw trail camera)

Are you a livestock owner that has experienced carnivore predation of your livestock? **If yes, we want to hear from you!** 

We are launching a survey about large carnivore predation of livestock. The purpose of the survey is to establish baseline data on livestock owner perceptions of, and satisfaction with, <u>Alberta's Wildlife Predator Compensation Program</u>. Your response will help make an important contribution to understanding which components of the program are working well and which components would benefit from improvement. The more responses we collect, the greater our understanding will be. If changes to the predator compensation program were to occur in the future, we would like to repeat this survey to evaluate if / how responses change.

This survey is for individuals that raise (or have raised within the last 10 years) any livestock species eligible for compensation under Alberta's Wildlife Predator Compensation Program (cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and / or bison).

#### Complete the survey by clicking **HERE**.

For questions about the survey please email Jeff Bectell at <u>jbectell@watertonbiosphere.com</u> or Andrea Morehouse at <u>amorehouse@watertonbiosphere.com</u>.

# Call for Projects SAR, SLICS, CACP



GET 'ER DONE - We're gearing up for the 2025 field season in the WBR and we want to help you! We have funding opportunities for landowners to improve their property. Above, WBR staff help land steward Doug French, center, install a base for a bat condominium last season. Program assistant Mike Meek supervises, left, while conservation technician Mackenzie Brown tightens down the anchor bolts. (Photo: T. Porter/WBR)

All three program streams at the Waterton Biosphere Region have funding to support habitat stewardship and conflict mitigation solutions on your land.

These include large carnivore solutions, beaver coexistence strategies, bat roosting supports, limber pine preservation methods, water management options, and more. If you're wanting to make your property more friendly for wildlife (or less in the case of bears), our program leads can help find a right solution for your needs.

Our programs can provided resources to offset up to half the cost of materials and labour, and give landowners credit against costs for the work they provide and equipment used during installation.

Stay tuned to social media to learn more about the kinds of things the WBR is able to do for you. If you want more information today, visit our projects web page **HERE**.

For any unanswered questions, please contact program coordinators using the information below:

Jeff Bectell - Carnivores and Communities (CACP)

Cell: 403-653-2267

Email: <u>jbectell@watertonbiosphere.com</u>

Elizabeth Anderson - Species at Risk (SAR) and Supporting Landowners in Conservation and Stewardship (SLICS)

Cell: 403-563-0058

Email: <a href="mailto:eanderson@watertonbiosphere.com">eanderson@watertonbiosphere.com</a>



Landowners are asked to share their observations with WBR. Staff will arrange follow-up visits during summer months to assess sites, and with permission install remote cameras on the location.

Information gathered will be kept in strictest confidence.

#### **CONTACT US TODAY**

**Jeff Bectell, CACP Coordinator** 

PH: 403-653-2219/403-653-2267 cell jbectell@watertonbiosphere.com

Andrea Morehouse, Science Lead

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the Carnivores and Communities Program here





The Waterton Biosphere Region's Carnivores And Communities Program (CACP) is undertaking an interesting project this year related to grizzly bear den sites on private land.

We are currently looking for landowner input on potential or suspected grizzly bear den sites. Results of this project will help fill knowledge gaps related to grizzly bear use of prairie habitats.

If you suspect you have a bear den on your property, please email Jeff Bectell at <u>jbectell@watertonbiosphere.com</u> or Andrea Morehouse at <u>amorehouse@watertonbiosphere.com</u>.

# **DONATE**









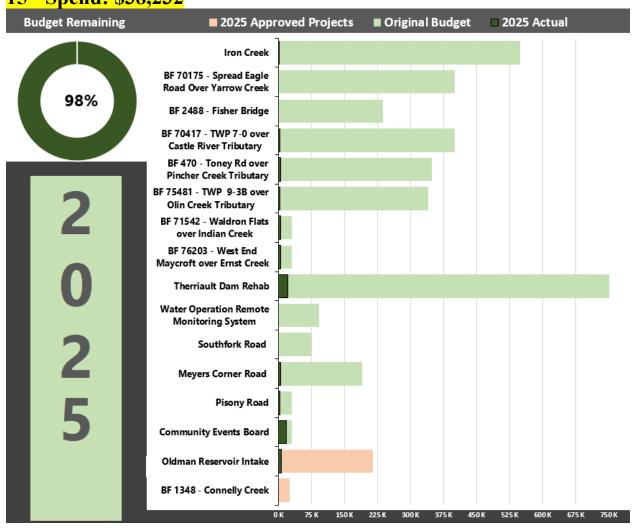


# M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9 UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

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#### **General Projects Budget Update**

2025 Approved Budget: \$3,847,000. May 2<sup>nd</sup> Spend: \$79,025 Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> Spend: \$38,232



## **Large Ongoing Projects (Pre-2025 Construction Start)**

- Beaver Mines Water Distribution, Collection System
  - o Construction complete. Awaiting rainstopper installation in a few manholes (warranty)
- Beaver Mines Waste Facility/System
  - o Final turnover package received, GIS information received Jan 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Warranty discussions
    - Septic tank experiencing infiltration (awaiting BYZ response)
    - Lagoon de-icers tripping with known GFCI breaker issue
- Beaver Mines Forcemain & Lift Station
  - Awaiting minor changes to Record drawings
  - Identified generator is missing lugs for load test. Anticipate 4-5 weeks for delivery

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#### • Oldman Reservoir Water Intake Low Level Project

- 5 \$1.68M grant application finalized Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Approval received for \$1.8M project, covering up to 75% of costs
- o DFPP (Drought and Flood Protection Program) grant application approved, topping up Capital Project and covering 70% of costs for a Drought Projects Assessment
- o Install of check valves and new sine wave filter complete week of Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>
- Programming work ongoing

#### • Bridge File 2488 – Fisher Bridge, NW-26-07-02-W5M

- o Scour identified under existing abutment. Costed plan included in 2025 budget
- o DFO, Historical Resources, Public Lands Disposition submitted
  - DFO response received Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> with additional questions on work. Additional response received Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> indicating DFO is experiencing delays and directing MD to begin work on SARA permit
    - SARA permit submitted Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Received April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - o Public Lands Disposition received Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Work pending construction window in August, 2025

#### • Watercourse Crossing Inspection & Remediation Project – 100% Grant funded

- o Funding agreement signed Mar. 28th, 2023 for \$1.55M
  - Extension received to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- o Funder confirmed prelim. eng. is acceptable on BF 1348 Connelly Creek (for use of remaining \$600,000 in funds)

#### • WCR #2: S. Todd Creek Trib. under Chapel Rock Road, SE-23-009-03 W5M

- o 100% grant funded
- Work complete
- o Reassessment of road leveling required in Spring once thawed

### **Large Projects Planned for 2025 Implementation**

#### Water Operations Remote Monitoring System Migration – 2025

SCADA System Migration to VTScada. Includes replacement of main desktop at WTP, full migration programming and HMIs (Human Machine Interfaces), and licensing software

- o Awarded Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. Desktop computer arrived. Updated and delivered to MPE
- o Kickoff meeting complete Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, anticipate on-site commissioning in June
- Major SCADA reporting outages occurred on old system for around a week at end of April, resulting in data losses, contravention of approval, and emergent programming fixes

#### **Meyers Corner Road Culvert Replacement**

Replace failed 900mm culvert via boring method

 Sizing and aquatic assessment complete by Roseke in 2024. Design complete for a bored 1.37m x 35m Smooth Walled Welded Pipe

- o Geotechnical work complete, confirmed mostly clay (suitable for drilling)
- o Survey and conceptual design drawing complete
- o Contractor has confirmed unit pricing still stands. However, design length is 10m longer than original quote, increasing boring cost about \$35,000
- o Proceeding with ROW acquisition. Revised direction underway based on legal advice for land acquisitions. Will require:
  - Public Works ROW (outside bed + banks), + Provincial Roadway Reservation/Road Plan (bed and banks portion)
    - o RDS submitted
  - o IOP Reviewed, with land agents for next steps

#### **Community Events Board, Admin Building**

Single sided electric community events board on Admin building to advertise current events and upcoming meetings

- o Project contingent on receiving required permits
  - o Sign permit send to Town Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>. Anticipate decision during May 21<sup>st</sup> MSDA
- o Quotes & comparison models reviewed by Council Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>
- o PO placed on Genoptic Smart Display P10 with Sign City, anticipate 4-6 weeks for delivery, pending receipt of down payment

#### • Bridge File 70175 – Yarrow Creek Bridge Rehabilitation, NW-22-003-030 W4M

Perform a pile splice repair on two piles in the west abutment, replace the east pile cap, place fill and riprap at the west headslope, minor wheel guard repairs & repairs to timber span, channel realignment, and west abutment riprap work

- o Preliminary Engineering & Design complete
- Sensitive stream habitat, SARA permit required. Construction window of August
   DFO SARA permit approval received Jan 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Water Survey of Canada notified regarding measurement which needs to be moved
- Land signoff taking longer than anticipated due to environmental easement questions.
   Information provided regarding environmental easement
  - SALTS approval received Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Direction given to closeout land acquisition with RDS for bed/banks portion
  - Provincial Roadway Disposition (RDS) submitted

# • WCR #1: Iron Creek under Tapay (Carbondale) Road, LSD SE-15-006-03 W5M Install new 4.7m x 2m x 15m L corrugated steel box culvert to remediate fish passage

Install new 4.7m x 2m x 15m L corrugated steel box culvert to remediate fish passage concerns on Iron Creek under the WCR program (100% funded)

- o Tender for install awarded to TA Excavating alongside South Todd Creek Tributary
- o Completion: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Permit submissions have begun. DFO has indicated review period for Species At Risk Act (SARA) permit will be 90 days despite delays in processing to date
  - DFO SARA approval received July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Revised application required due to work not occurring in 2024 per DFO request Jan. 2, 2025. Submitted Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

- Revised SARA permit received Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Land signoff complete

#### • Bridge File 70417 – TWN RD 70 over Castle River Trib., SE-05-007-01 W5M

6.1m clear span bridge with extensive rot and voids in piles and pile caps. Replace with two (2) 2m x 27m L CSPs

- o Prelim. engineering complete Oct. 8th
- Design and tender to include staged construction cost (optional), extended detour may be feasible
- o Design work kicked off Oct. 31st, 2025. STIP application submitted Nov. 26th
- o Design complete, reviewed and under finalization
- Proceeding with RDS disposition and land
  - RDS submitted
- o Flexibility with construction timing window, anticipate Fall construction

#### • Bridge File 00470 – Toney Rd over Pincher Creek Trib., SE-02-006-01 W5M

1.6m x 43m L culvert with significant perforations and minor deflections. Install Steel Wall Pipe Liner (SWPL)

- o Prelim. eng. complete Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Recommendation is installation of a steel wall pipe liner. Level 2 barrel inspection confirmed 1.4m liner is feasible
- o Design work kicked off November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. STIP application submitted Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>
- Design complete and reviewed
- o Proceeding with RDS disposition and land
  - RDS submitted
- o Flexibility with construction timing window, anticipate Fall construction

#### • Bridge File 75481 – TWN RD 93B over Olin Creek Trib., SW-23-009-01 W5M

1.5m x 24m L culvert with high deflection and corrosion. Replace with two (2) 1.2m x 36m L CSPs

- o Preliminary engineering complete Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. STIP application submitted Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>
- o Design complete and reviewed by MD, upstream detour planned
- Gave direction to proceed with RDS and land
  - RDS submitted

#### • Therriault Dam – Rehabilitation Work

Geotechnical and Hydrogeology study complete in 2023. 2024 preliminary engineering determined most economically viable solution to address undersized spillway/overtop potential. 2025 work includes detailed design work, regulatory submissions, and (pending regulatory approval and grant funding), tender/construction

o RFP released on ACP Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Due back Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> for detailed design, regulatory work, tendering, and construction administration

- o High evaluation: MPE Engineering (80% weighted)
- O Design kicked off Jan 8th. Anticipated schedule:
  - o Begin regulatory submissions mid March, 2025
  - o Design completion mid April June 2025
  - o Timing of further works dependant on grant release timing (anticipated Spring/Summer 2025) as well as regulatory approval timing
- o Design work underway, anticipate preliminary cost options and designs by May 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Large Projects Planned for 2026 Implementation**

#### • Southfork Hill Road

Emergent investigatory and repair work for the Southfork Hill slide issues

- o Geotechnical scope awarded and complete. Final geotech. report received Dec 9<sup>th</sup>
- o STIP application submitted Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with letters of support from Campground and nearby farming operation. Revision submitted Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> with additional letter of support from MLA and final geotech. report
  - Awaiting funding decision
- Propose assessing need to begin work on detailed design, tender, and regulatory approvals after assessing Spring 2025 runoff effect on road conditions. Any work done prior to a grant decision would not be eligible for external funding
  - o Condition similar to last year as of Mar. 31st, 2025

#### • WCR #3: Connelly Creek under Connelly Rd (BF 1348), LSD SW-03-008-02 W5M

Preliminary engineering to replace or remediate the  $3m \times 49m L$  (5.6m cover) structural plate corrugated steel pipe (SPCSP) and remediate fish passage under the WCR Program. Structure is #8 on 10 year capital plan.

- Received funder guidance/approval to proceed with preliminary engineering under WCR program
- o Council approval received Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- o Preliminary engineering kicked off Apr. 3rd
- Survey complete April 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Pisony Road over Cow Creek Tributary Culvert, LSD NE-01-009-03 W5M

Non-bridge sized culvert failing on dead end road. 2024 funds to assess appropriate replacement sizing and design. Stream flows all year and culvert is likely undersized

- o Preliminary engineering and basic aquatic assessment kicked off Jan. 31st, 2025 with Roseke. Reduced prelim. engine. scope compared to Bridge Files
- o Survey complete, drafted. Prelim. eng. work underway
- Anticipated construction 2026

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#### • Bridge File 71542 – Waldron Flats over Indian Creek, SE-07-010-01 W5M

2m x 2.2m x 32m L culvert with isolated perforations in the roof of 3 rings and 1 ring on the foot. Minor roof and sidewall deflection

- Preliminary engineering and aquatic assessment kicked off Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 with Roseke to determine appropriate replacement design or maintenance (liner). Currently, it is anticipated replacement will be required
- o Survey complete, drafted. Prelim. eng. underway
- Anticipate construction 2026

#### • Bridge File 76203 – West End Maycroft over Ernst Creek, NW-26-010-03 W5M

2.5m x 1.8m x 20m L culvert with 3 cracked rings in sidewall with 85mm remaining. Deflection and corrosion also present

- Preliminary engineering and aquatic assessment kicked off Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 with Roseke to determine if maintenance of cracked seams is feasible via weld, shotcrete beam, etc. or if replacement has a better lifecycle value
- Anticipate construction 2026
- o Survey complete, drafted. Prelim. eng. underway

### **Studies and Planning Work**

#### Regional Drought Strategic Implementation Strategy & Raw Water Storage Project

- o Grant application for a Drought Projects Assessment under DFPP
  - o Approval received to cover up to 70% of costs
- o Grant application for 3 month (25-year) forecasted volumes
  - o Approval received for \$3.4M project, up to 75% of costs. Signed and sent to ATEC
  - ATEC has confirmed stacking of AMMWP Raw Water Storage grant funds acceptable for the Drought Projects Assessment (Phase 2)
- o Awarded to MPE for an upset engineering fee of \$139,500 Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>
- o In person meeting complete Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss initial findings and plan for next steps
  - Working through forecasted demand discussions and actual usage data for projections vs. system capacities

#### **Transportation Master Plan**

\$200,000 grant received from ACP to complete a Transportation Master Plan, consisting of a paved, gravel road condition assessment, culvert (non Bridge File) condition assessment, gravel pit analysis, airport runway assessment

- Gravel pit report complete
- Maycroft Road report underway
  - o Cold mix areas and depth reviewed in detail internally to better inform prelim. assessment, sent to MPE along with cadastral/land acquisition details
- o Gravel road assessment field work complete. Culvert assessment up next, followed by paved road assessment. Anticipate draft reporting July 2025

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o Airport load assessment work complete, data imports issue resolved. Draft report received and under review

#### **Cridland Dam**

Geotechnical work as recommended in 2021 Dam Safety Review due to observed seepage and unknown soil properties

- o Site visit complete Apr. 1st, costed plan received Apr. 25th
- Additional historic data located including geotechnical work from 1995, details on dam closure in the 90s, and rehabilitation work
- o Reviewing to see what historic data can be used to cut proposal costs
- O Dam Safety Alberta emailed us Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>, requesting an update on the status of our high/medium priority Dam Safety Review (DSR) findings
  - Some gaps were identified in what we have tackled to date, Dam Safety Alberta seemed accepting with our overall progress to date
  - The Alberta Dam and Canal Safety Directive binds us regulatory wise to have our dams in compliance
  - The request to amend Cridland to "Low" consequence was accepted pending the 2031 DSR findings related to populations downstream

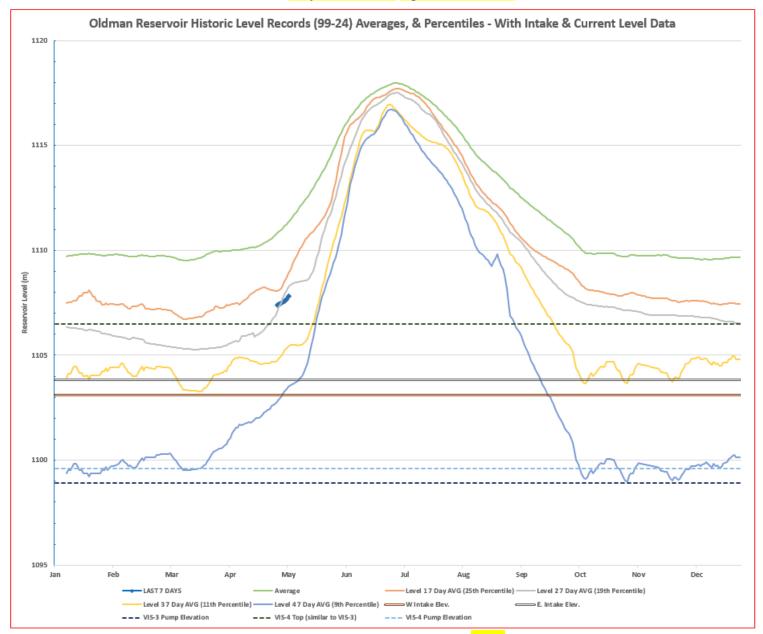
#### Miscellaneous

o 10 yr. bridge study update kicked off Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with Roseke. Data entry complete

## **Operations Updates**

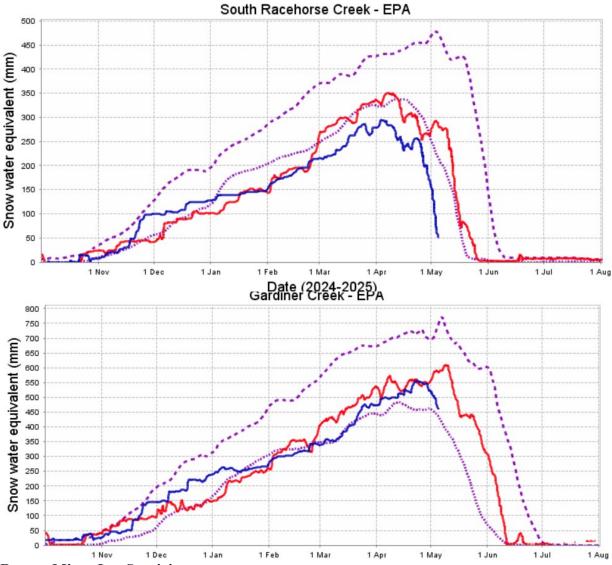
#### Reservoir & Snowpack Tracking

o Reservoir Volume May 5<sup>th</sup>: 58.14% Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>: 55.14%



- AB Environment Water Supply (Snow Accumulation) April Update:
  - O Runoff forecast: Much below average for Apr. to Sep. 2025
  - o Snowpack: much below average to below average, ranging from 59% at South Racehorse Creek to 77% at Gardiner Creek (snow station)

#### Snow water equivalent for the current year (blue), the previous year (red), and the normal range (purple) for station 05AA817



#### **Beaver Mines Lot Servicing**

- 42/68 developed applications received, 41 approved, 40 connected (59 %)
  - o Fifteen (15) undeveloped fully serviced locations
- Hydrant flow testing in BM was completed by PCES and passed for fire flow. Fire Underwriters Survey requested more info Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, sent system details Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>



#### **Standpipes**

• Last known issue: Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (global software cellular outage)

#### General Water Operations Updates May 5th, 2025:

- Castle Parks had a large system leak upon opening curbstop May 6<sup>th</sup>, draining a significant portion of downstream pipeline (over 100 m<sup>3</sup>). Resolved
- WWTP heat trace trip on one lateral failed. Issue resolved, caused corrosion in panel. Costing out fix
- BM lift station leak alarm went off May 4<sup>th</sup> overnight. Callout confirmed small leak downstream of one (1) pump. Contained within dry well. Isolated and fixed (loose flange)
- WWTP well protection systems fabricated and installed by PW
- Cowley reservoir hatch modifications complete to reduce safety hazard of opening fridge sized hatch on top of reservoir



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- Working on solution for new emergency ladder. Old ladder removed due to high hazard
- One (1) of two (2) treatment skids went down morning of Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> due to PVC fitting failure/leakage. Emergent repairs complete in house. Operational, but additional repairs required. Repairs complete week of Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Lundbreck Service Connection approved for new development on Patton Place
  - o Construction underway, initial inspection complete Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Issue with backsloping on MD side of the Service Connection, requires replacement of Sewer Service Connection and regrade
    - Work complete week of Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, excluding repaving
    - Water line service connection was struck and repaired during construction.
       No loss of service due to line strike
- Two (2) additional application packages sent for new developments in Lundbreck
  - o One (1) full application received, approved pending development permit
- Rural Transmission Line application received along Cowley-> Lundbreck line
  - o Inspection complete week of Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>
  - o Additional neighboring property had requested application info
- Utility Services Guidelines Update for Lundbreck and Rural Users drafted, awaiting backdraft of typical drawings and review by MPE
- Lundbreck/Cowley reservoir inspections & cleaning complete
  - o Overall, findings were satisfactory. Cleaning was well timed
  - Reviewing videos for future year recommendations



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- Letter sent to Cowley Mar 28<sup>th</sup> detailing various requests and proposed path forward for water assets, licenses, and amended operations contract
  - o Cowley engaging with legal on proposed path
- Shelving upgrades arrived for WTP, organization complete
- Backflow preventer inspections awarded, to be complete in May
- Investigating source of meter read discrepancy between Beaver Mines and CMR
- Lundbreck Lagoon sludge survey complete. In depth report review complete Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>
  - o Cells consist of 29%, 30%, and 8% sludge respectively
  - o All samples pass Alberta Land Application Criteria for biosolids

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#### CELLS 1 - 3 - SLUDGE THICKNESS 3D PROFILE



A 3x vertical exaggeration has been applied to the 3D isometric drawing to highlight bottom features.

Sludge build-up in Cell 1 is concentrated in the northern half and in the SW corner near the inlet.

In Cell 2, sludge accumulation is more significant and distributed throughout the bottom of the cell, with some spots of more significant accumulation in the NW and SW corners.

The average sludge thickness for Cells 1, 2 & 3 are, respectively, 0.31 m, 0.42 m & 0.10 m

- Reviewing history of dredging/surveys prior to providing long term recommendations
- Lagoon aerator reinstall complete Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>. 1 aerator was not working, resolved
- WWTP Generator having issues with level switch, servicing complete. Collicut has replaced switch on warranty
- Water crisis report + related overhaul of Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) drafted
  - Submitted to AEPA for review, received very positive initial feedback. Awaiting further review
- Plant header upgrades awarded to DMT, install complete end of April and functioning well
- Investigating cause of small amounts of CO in Lift Station generator room and dry well
- Significant operations related work planned for 2025:
  - o Plant health check for main treatment trains, sewer flushing in select BM areas
- Private water line inspection complete South of Lundbreck. Initiating transfer of ownership for UROWS to MD
  - O Site review complete Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>. Engagement with other affected landowners underway

#### General Energy Related Updates May 5th, 2025:

- OUEST net zero accelerator
  - o Second consultation on implementation strategy planned for end of May 2025
- O Clean Energy Improvement Program
  - 23 pre-qualifications received (8 MD, 15 Town). Six (6) applications fully submitted, three (3) for MD, three (3) for Town
  - 1 project completed, added to Town tax roll
  - Social media advertisement to be sent out end of Mar. 2025
  - 3 deposit payments sent out
  - ABMunis transitioned to online approval system April 16<sup>th</sup>, launching May 7<sup>th</sup>

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for April 16<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup> is received as information.

Prepared by: David Desabrais Date: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Council Meeting Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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#### **Recommendation to Council**

#### TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT



PREPARED BY: Alan McRae DATE: May 6, 2025

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS** 

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

1.Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report

**APPROVALS:** 

PW MANAGER

May 6, 2025 DATE

CAO

DATE

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council accepts the Public Works Department Report for the period of April 14th to May 3, 2025 as information.

- -Divisional maintenance-grading
- -Hard surface maintenance-snow plowing
- -Re-gravel with own forces started at Maycroft
- -Bridge inspections and documentation
- -Permanent snow fence repair/rebuild in Div 3
- -Remove and rebuild fence around dugout at AES/Airport
- -Equipment training with newer OP2's
- -Work at removing West ball diamond fence and backstop at Patton Park
- -Install guards built inhouse around monitoring wells at WWTP
- -Install markers at WTP to mark shut off valves
- -Repair deadstock bin at AES before it was moved into Div 4
- -Pothole patching at airport approach and clean up garbage around East dugout
- -Install new approach in Div 4
- -V ditching on truck route in Div 4
- -Sign maintenance- Div 3,4,5
- -Haul water to AES (airport and shop)

#### **Recommendation to Council**

#### **Events**

JHSC Meeting at PW- April 16th Op2 new hire start- April 14th Meeting with Div Op's to discuss 2025 re-gravel- April 16th Good Friday and Easter Monday-Off

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

Presented to: Council Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025

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#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE "A"

#### SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT



PREPARED BY: ALAN MCRAE	DATE: May 6, 2025
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS	ATTACHMENTS: N/A

#### SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY: April 14-May 3, 2025

#### Graders

Unit #57- Wash, harness inspection, t/s codes, unit just quits, transmission and hyd oil leak find and fix

Unit #61- Injector fault code t/s, installed new injector, snow equipment removal

Unit #65- Circle repairs- broken wear shims

Unit #70- Service call- Circle repair/shims

Unit #71- Service call-oil sample

Unit #73- Service, changed transmission and differential oil, changed tandem oil, changed circle gear oil, changed oil in both AWD housings, replace shim on moldboard, replace air filters, adjust circle

#### Heavy Trucks

Unit #421 (gravel truck)-Oil change, fuel filter change, PM checks change headlight, snow equipment removal Unit #400 (flat deck)- Complaint of steering wheel shaking, changed steering stabilizer damper

#### Light Duty and Light Trailers

Unit #22 (flat deck trailer)-T/S light not working and repair

Unit #498 (WTP 1/2 ton)- Service

Unit #504 (1/2 ton)- remove headache rack so broken rear window could be removed and new installed, reinstall headache rack and clean glass from cab. Driver noticed the window broken during morning walk-around at residence, unknown cause.

Unit #508 (3/4 ton)- Service

Unit #513 (3/4 ton)- Rig up

#### **EVENTS**

- JHSC Meeting at PW- April 16<sup>th</sup>

TITLE:	DEVELOPMENT PER	MIT No. 2025-17	
Applicant:	Larry Donkersgoed		1 583 D
Location:	SE 12-7-3 W5		OF PINCHER GREEK
Division:	5		
Size of Parcel:	64.46 ha (159.3 Acres)		The state of the s
Zoning:	Direct Control (DC)		1 2
Development:	Manufactured Home, S	inglewide (Replacement)	
PREPARED BY:	Laura McKinnon	<b>DATE:</b> May 8, 2025	
DEPARTMENT:	: Planning and Developme	ent	
Signature:		ATTACHMENTS: 1. Development Permit A 2. Manufactured Home P	
man	2005/05/	3. GIS Site Plan	
		APPROVALS;	
		fell-	. / /
		Roland Milligan	2025/05/08
Department Dir	ector Date	CAO	Date

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Development Permit Application No. 2025-17, for a Manufactured Home, Singlewide, be approved subject to the following Condition(s):

#### Condition(s):

- 1. That this development meets the minimum provisions as required in Land Use Bylaw 1349-23.
- 2. That the home be finished from the floor level to the ground within 90 days of placement. All finish material shall either be factory fabricated or of equivalent quality, so that the design and construction complements the dwelling to the satisfaction of the development authority.
- 3. That the home be placed on a permanent foundation (e.g. grade beam), or a basement which satisfies the requirements of the National Building Code Alberta edition.
- 4. That the existing manufactured home be removed upon occupancy of the new manufactured home.
- 5. That this development be constructed as per the submitted and approved plans.

#### BACKGROUND:

On April 17, 2025, the MD accepted the Development Permit Application No. 2025-17 from applicant Larry Donkersgoed. (Attachment No. 1).

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Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025

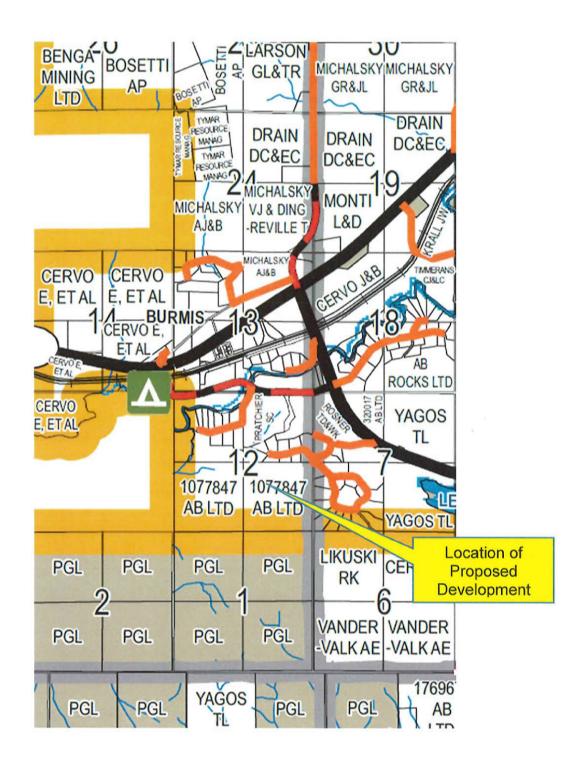
#### **Recommendation to Council**

- This application is to allow for replacement of an existing manufactured home, with a new manufactured home (singlewide) (Attachment No. 2).
- This application is being placed in front of the Council because:
  - Within the Direct Control (DC) Land Use District, a Council is the Development Authority for all proposed uses.
- This development is located within the Hiawatha Campground property, and the applicant has a lease lot in which the manufactured home was previously permitted. The new manufactured home would be located directly adjacent to the one to be removed (*Attachment No. 3*). Once occupancy can occur in the new home, the old one would be removed.
- In Land Use Bylaw 1349-23, Section 18.2 Direct Control District Applications states the following:
  - 18.12 Upon receipt of a completed application for a development permit in a Direct Control District, the Development Officer shall:
  - (a) refer the application to Council for a decision, except where the decision making authority has been delegated to the Municipal Planning Commission or the Development Officer; and
  - (b) notify adjacent landowners and other persons likely to be affected in accordance with Section 19.
  - *(c)* where the application is referred to Council ensure the notice indicates that public response may be presented in the form of written letter or verbal presentation at the meeting;
  - *(d) where the application is delegated to the Development Authority that the responses be received in accordance with Section 19.*
  - 18.13 After considering any response to notifications issued under Section 19, Council or the delegated decision making authority may:
  - (a) approve a development permit with or without conditions; or
  - (b) refuse to approve the development permit, stating reasons.
  - 18.14 In accordance with Section 685(4)(a) of the Act, there is no appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a decision on an application for a development permit in a Direct Control District where Council has not subdelegated any part of the decision process to the Development Authority.
- The application was forwarded to the adjacent landowners for comment; no responses was received at the time of this report being written.

Presented to: Council Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025

#### **Recommendation to Council**

#### **Location of Proposed Development**



Presented to: Council Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025



#### **Municipal District of Pincher Creek**

P.O. Box 279

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Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

Phone: 403.627.3130 • Fax: 403.627.5070

#### DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

All grey areas will be completed by the Planning Authority  DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2025 - 1
Date Application Received Mar 27/25.  PERMIT FER \$150 Discretionary
Date Application Accepted Apr. 17/05  RECEIPT NO. 66159
Tax Roll #
IMPORTANT: This information may also be shared with appropriate government / other agencies and may also be kept on file by those agencies. This information may also be used by and for any or all municipal programs and services. The application and related file contents will become available to the public and are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact the Municipal District of Pincher Cecek No. 9
SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION
Applicant: Donkersgoed Feeders Ltd Bonkersgoed.
Owner of Land (if different from above): 1077841 Alberta Ltd
Address: Address:
Interest of Applicant (if not the owner): 1/3 OWNER in 1077841 Alfa Ltd.
Interest of Applicant (if not the owner): 73 Owner (w 1077871 Attack)
SECTION 2: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
I/We hereby make application for a Development Permit under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. in accordance with the plans and supporting information submitted herewith and which forms part of this application.
A brief description of the proposed development is as follows:
Replace existing mobile home with new
mobile Home.
S:1- 4
Legal Description: Lot(s)
Block
Plan
Quarter Section <u>SE</u> 12-7-3- W5
Estimated Commencement Date: MAY 15t 2025
Estimated Completion Date: July 30 / 2025

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

SECTION 3: SITE	REQUIREMENT	rs			
Land Use District:	Direct (	Lortrol 1	- DC	Division: _	5
☐ Permitted Use	☐ Discretionary	Use			
Is the proposed dev or floodplain?	elopment site with	in 100 metres of :	a swamp, gully, rav	ine, coulee, natura	l drainage course
☐ Yes	⋈ No				
Is the proposed dev	elopment below a	licenced dam?			
□ Yes	No No				
Is the proposed dev	elopment site situ:	ated on a slope?			
☐ Yes	⋈ No				
If yes, appro	oximately how man	y degrees of slope	? degree	ees	
Has the applicant o evaluation of the pr	r a previous regist oposed developme	ered owner unde ent site?	rtaken a slope stabi	lity study or geote	chnical
□ Yes	□ No	□ Don't kno	ow No	t required	
Could the proposed		mpacted by a geo	graphic feature or a	a waterbody?	
☐ Yes	₩ No	☐ Don't thir	ık so		
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(7) Side Yard Setbac Direction Facin		W.	N/A 105H		
(8) Height of Buildin	ng		15'		
(9) Number of Off S	treet Parking Spac	es	NIA		
Other Supporting M	aterial Attached (e.	g. site plan, archite	ectural drawing)		
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ACCESSORY BUILDING	Proposed	By Law Requirements	Conforms
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(2) Area of Building			
(3) % Site Coverage by Building (within Hamlets)			
(4) Front Yard Setback Direction Facing:			
(5) Rear Yard Setback Direction Facing:			
(6) Side Yard Setback: Direction Facing:			
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#### MD of Pincher Creek No. 9

P.O Box 279 1037 Herron Avenue Pincher Creek Alberta T0K 1W0 (403) 627-3130 Website: www.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

Email: info@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

Larry Dokergeod

#### **PAYMENT RECEIPT**

Receipt Number:

66159

Date:

4/17/2025

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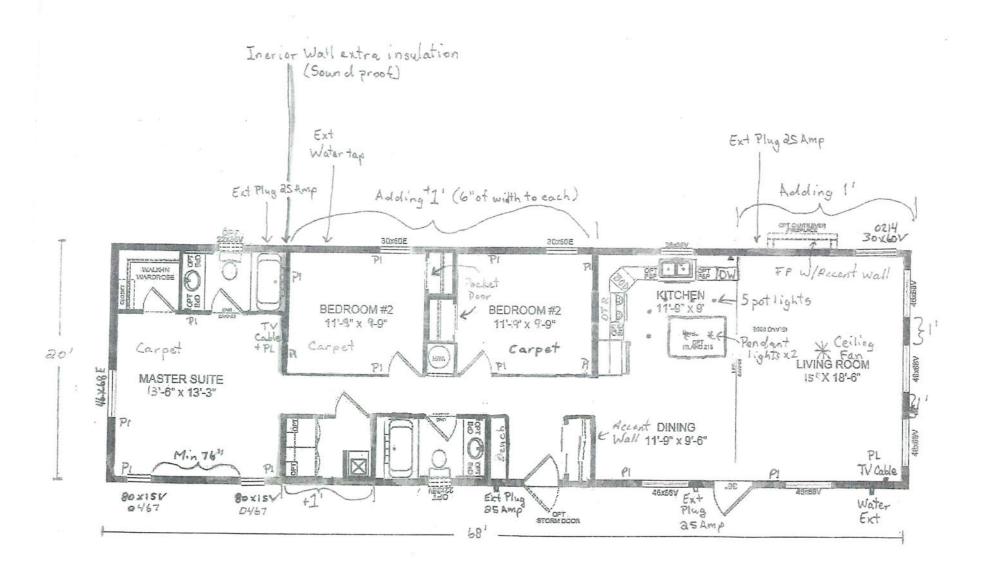
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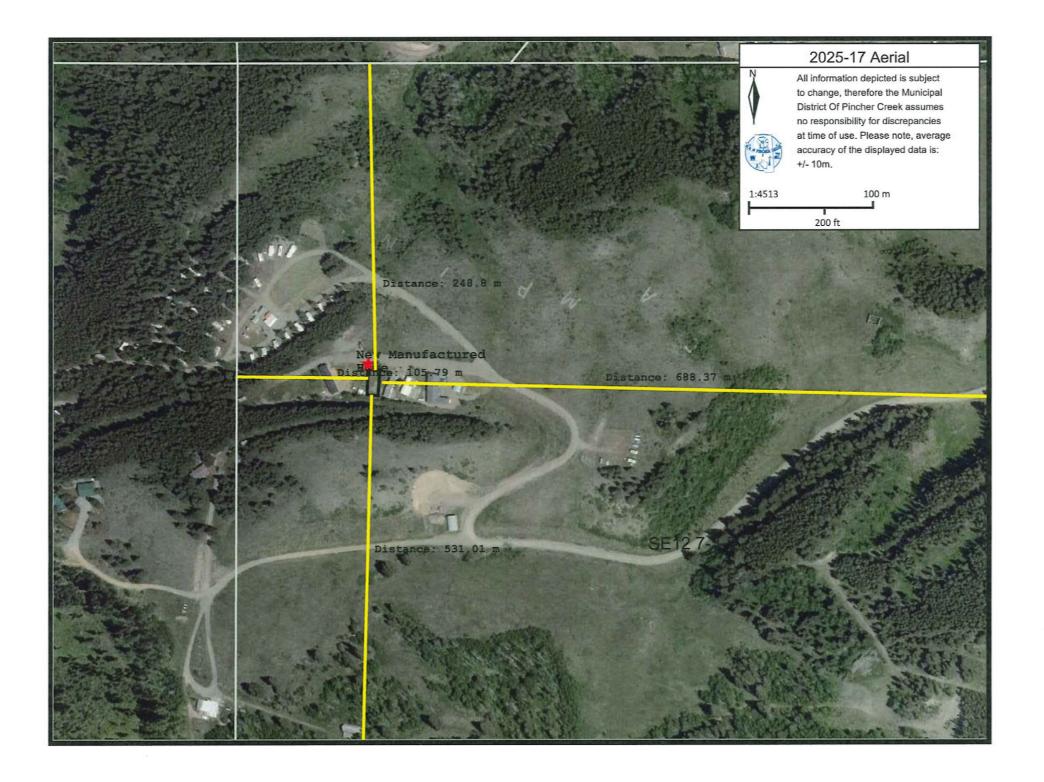
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#### 20' Wides









#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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April 22, 2025, to May 9, 2025

#### **Discussion:**

Apr 22 Apr 24 Apr 25-26	Council Committee and Council Meeting Admin Staff and Safety Meetings Tradeshow
Apr 28	Senior Management Team Meeting
Apr 30	Volunteer Appreciation Event
May 1	PCREMO Core Working Group Mtg.
May 6	Labour/Management Mtg.
May 6	Planning Session
May 6	Municipal Planning Commission Mtg.
May 7	Public Work Safety Mtg.
May 7	Mtg. with Town and TSI to review PCESC Bylaw Review Report
May 8	Safety Inspection – Water Treatment Plant
<u>Upcoming</u>	
May 13	Council Committee and Council Meeting
May 14	JHSC Meeting
May 19	Senior Management Mtg.
May 20	Utility Bylaw Public Mtg.
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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive for information the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period April 22, 2025, to May 9, 2025.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, CAO Date: May 7, 2025

Respectfully presented to: Council Date: May 13, 2025

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

April 18, 2025 to May 8, 2025

#### **Correspondence from the Last Council:**

- Northback Response with Selenium Trending
- Castle Mountain Resort Thank you for Attending
- Southwest Community Foundation Thank you for Attending
- AltaLink Thank you for Attending

#### Advertising/Social:

- Notice re: Tax Notice Error
- Alberta Emergency Alert Test Notification
- Courtesy Post for Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill
- Volunteer Appreciation Evening Feedback Survey
- Notification Annual Highway Cleanup
- Voter Registration Information
- Financial Statements Available
- Community Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Notification for Highway 3 Construction
- Utility Rate Open House
- Day of Mourning
- Notification MPE Driving the Roads
- Respect our Staff Post
- Trade Show
- Taxes Mailed
- 2025 Gravel Supply RFQ
- Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award Deadline
- Dust Control Program Deadline
- Courtesy Post TC Energy
- Hamlet Spring Clean Up Dates

#### **Other Activities:**

- Trade Show Set-up and Take-Down
- National Day of Mourning
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Easter at Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village
- Alberta Emergency Alert Refresher Training Monthly Practice Now Mandatory
- Pricing out Logo Items

#### **Invites to Council:**

Rural Crime Watch – Booking a Date to Attend Council

#### **Upcoming Dates of Importance:**

- Regular Committee, Council May 13, 2025
- May Long Weekend Offices Closed May 19, 2025
- Utility Rate Open House May 20, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm
- Regular Committee, Council May 27, 2025
- ReUse Fair June 7, 2025







April 3, 2025

Dear MD of Pincher Creek Reeve and Council:

As you are aware, Heritage Acres Farm Museum (HAFM) has received approval for the building permit for our Harvest Shed Building project.

During the planning process, we obtained three bids for the project and have accepted a local contractor's bid to proceed with the construction.

Our fundraising and grant efforts initially put us well within our budget, including an allocation for unexpected expenses and gravel purchases to complete the base and interior of the building.

Unfortunately, the committee organizing the build did not anticipate the need for engineered drawings to meet the building permit requirements. This oversight resulted in an unexpected expense of \$22,500, which depleted the funds we had allocated for gravel necessary to prepare the site for construction. Consequently, HAFM is facing a shortfall that jeopardizes our ability to commence the project. The greatest risk of this shortfall is that, without breaking ground soon, we may lose our grant funding.

We estimate needing about 250 yards of fill gravel, which may include up to 6-inch crushed rock to create a solid base. We sincerely appreciate the support that the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 has provided in the past and is currently offering. We hope the MD can assist us with an in-kind donation of the gravel required for this project.

This Harvest Shed project is integral to HAFM's mission of storing and preserving our rich agricultural heritage. Currently, we face challenges with inadequate storage facilities, which limit our ability to accept artifact donations and put our existing restorations at risk due to potential deterioration.

We look forward to discussing this matter further and are happy to provide a delegation for upon request. Please feel free to contact Sharla Dyck, our Executive Director, at executive.director@heritageacres.org for any arrangements.

Thank you for considering our request.

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Sincerely,

Anna Welsch

President, Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club







Date: April 3, 2025

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 Box 279 1037 Herron Ave. Pincher Creek, AB T0K1W0

To: Borad and Council

As you are aware Heritage Acres Farm Museum(HAFM) has had our Building Permit approved and we are full steam ahead to complete our new Harvest Shed Building project.

HAFM had three bids from local contractors all in the range of \$185,00.00 plus GST. Due to building size, to attain the permit to build we had to get an engineered drawings complying with building code within Pincher Creek area. The fee was an unexpected cost of \$22,500.000 in materials less labour.

This has left HAFM nothing in the budget for the gravel and sight preparation. HAFM needs about 250 yards of fill gravel, which could include 6" crushed rock from the Pass that would make a nice hard base.

HAFM appreciates the help that the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 has provided in the past. HAFM is hoping the MD would assist us with the gravel for this project. The Harvest Building will be a great asset in preserving out rich agricultural heritage.

We await your reply, In Collecting, Preserving, Educating and Demonstrating Pioneer Life in Alberta.

Sincerely,

Anna Welsch



#### **Heritage Acres Car Show**

From Event Planner @ Heritage Acres < event.planner@heritageacres.org>

Date Wed 2025-04-30 11:16 AM

To MDInfo < MDInfo@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

#### Good Morning,

Heritage Acres will be hosting the Vintage Touring Association of Alberta with their rare collection of pre 1932 autos on May 31 from 9am-2pm. We have invited local car enthusiasts to show off their unique cars and trucks.

We are looking for a few extra volunteers to help with gate admissions and directing the parking of the show cars. If anyone from the MD has a few hours to spare, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to seeing everyone soon. Sincerely,

Anita Beemsterboer Event Planner Heritage Acres Farm Museum event.planner@heritageacres.org 403-627-7403



#### Parade Invite for Bellecrest Days

From Francine Penrod <fpenrod1980@gmail.com>

Date Tue 2025-04-29 10:32 AM

To MDInfo < MDInfo@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

#### All Business are Invited

#### To join us in our Parade for Bellecrest Days!!





The Bellecrest Days Committee would like to personally invite you to join in the festivities and celebrations of our long-standing towns. On June 21 we will be parading downtown Bellevue to celebrate supporting our local & surrounding communities. We would love it if you would enter a float in support of your local business and it's the best way to have free advertising for your business.

It's simple.

- 1.Click on the application link as we need a few minor details of what you will be entering and what business you are representing.
- 2. Have a get together with your friends and have a blast decorating a float.
- 3. Show up at 9 am on June 21 with your float and have some fun!!

  (Directions and more precise details will be sent out in a confirmation letter)

**Application Link** 

https://forms.gle/3W4D3UpirD4HqGor5

Please Contact Francine Penrod ~ Parade Coordinator



#### Fw: Lightchasers Conference in the MD of Pincher Creek this May

From Rick Lemire < CouncilDiv2@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Date Tue 2025-05-06 11:50 AM

To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Jessica

Should we put on the next agenda?

Thanks Rick

#### Get Outlook for iOS

From: Lightchasers Conference < lightchasers conference@gmail.com >

Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 6:23:01 AM

To: Marie Everts < Marie. Everts@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Rick Lemire < CouncilDiv2@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Subject: Re: Lightchasers Conference in the MD of Pincher Creek this May

Hey Rick, it's nice to meet you! Thanks so much for connecting us, Marie!

Please let me know if you're up for coming out and saying a few words before the conference kicks off on Friday, May 23rd! It would be around 1030am. If you have any questions about the event, I'm happy to answer!

Shane

On Thu, May 1, 2025 at 1:33 PM Marie Everts < Marie. Everts@gov.ab.ca > wrote:

Hi Rick.

Great to see you last night, thank you to the MD for dinner and celebrating volunteerism in our community!

I'd like to connect you with my friend, Shane Turgeon (cc'd) who is the mover and shaker behind the Lightchasers Photography conference being held at **Heritage Acres** May 23 to 25, 2025.

Lightchasers has been held at the Heritage Inn for the last few years but will be moving in the MD this year. When I was at the Town I organized Mayor Don to bring greetings and welcome on behalf of the Town, now that it's in your neck of the woods- your turn!

Below is a little bit about the conference- it's a pretty big deal and Shane is a very responsible (& awesome) conference organizer! Happy connecting.

Marie

The Lightchasers Nature Photography Conference is unlike any other event in Canada. Held over three unforgettable days in the stunning landscapes of **Pincher Creek**, Alberta, the conference brings together many of the country's leading nature photographers. Attendees enjoy world-class presentations, a Brand Expo featuring major photography companies, hands-on field sessions in breathtaking local environments, and more.

Originally founded on the principles of **Education, Community, and Exploration**, Lightchasers has grown into something much more meaningful.

It's the only all-encompassing nature photography conference in Canada, and what sets it apart is its focus on inspiration over technical instruction. The conference highlights how personal experience, emotional depth, and a strong connection to the natural world are what truly shape powerful photographic art.

For 2025, the conference has already sold out with 175 tickets and is expecting around 225 people in total—including presenters, brand partners, returning past speakers, and attendees. Many return year after year because the event has such a lasting impact.

This year's lineup is especially impressive:

- **Alex Noriega**, widely regarded as one of today's foremost contemporary landscape photographers, joins as the keynote speaker from the American Southwest.
- Rachael Talibart, a globally exhibited fine art landscape photographer from England.
- Sarah Matthews, an astro photographer, educator, and YouTuber from the U.S.
- Past keynote speakers **Alister Benn** (Scotland) and **Adam Gibbs** (Vancouver Island) are returning after falling in love with the event and the area. Both are international educators and workshop leaders with large global audiences.

You can find the full speaker lineup—including ambassadors for Canadian Geographic, Sony, Nikon, and Kase Filters—at <u>lightchasersconference.com/speakers</u>.

Also part of the team are Nikon Canada ambassadors **Viktoria Haack** and **Monika Deviat**, who offer additional workshops around the event, drawing even more visitors to the region. Notably, the conference's founder, **Shane Turgeon**, was named *Canadian Geographic's 2024 Photographer of the Year*—with several winning images captured in the Pincher Creek area.

Each year, Lightchasers pairs globally recognized photographers with emerging Canadian talent, offering a rare platform for both while showcasing the remarkable beauty of the region.

The conference also enjoys the support of every major global camera brand. **Fujifilm, Nikon, Sony, Canon, OM System, Kase Filters**, and major Canadian retailers **McBain** and **The Camera Store** all participate in the Brand Expo, sending reps to Pincher Creek to share their latest innovations.



Water and Circular Economy 9915 108 St NW Edmonton AB T5K 2G8 Canada Telephone 780-203-0844 www.alberta.ca

H1d

April 29, 2025

I am writing to municipalities across Alberta regarding a second phase of engagement to enhance water availability in Alberta.

As part of the province's ongoing work to increase water availability, the government engaged Albertans in fall 2024 to early 2025 to hear ideas on how to strengthen the water management system to enhance availability for years to come. While the feedback was wide-ranging, it was clear that Alberta's water management system and the *Water Act* generally serve us well and should not be changed. However, some opportunities and barriers identified raised some limitations of the *Water Act* for supporting water availability.

Based on the feedback, the Government of Alberta is proposing changes to the *Water Act* and complementary policy to increase the availability of water licences to Alberta municipalities, businesses, agricultural producers and others, while continuing to protect the aquatic ecosystem.

The proposed changes focus on:

- 1. Streamlining decision making for water licensing and transfers
- 2. Enhancing water use information to support effective and transparent management of water by all users, including licensing and licence transfers
- 3. Enabling lower risk inter-basin transfers
- 4. Enabling the use of alternative water sources (e.g., rainwater, stormwater, wastewater)

The Government of Alberta remains committed to maintaining the following policies, approaches, and principles:

- Alberta's priority system for licenced water allocation, based on principles of first-in-time, first-in-right, will remain.
- Existing water licence allocations will not be reduced.
- The Water for Life strategy and its goals and directions remain, where water is managed for community, economic and environmental needs, including traditional use needs and environmental objectives to support ecosystem health.
- Water allocation transfers will remain enabled in basins with approved water management plans (Milk, Battle, Bow, Oldman and South Saskatchewan River basins).
- Alberta will continue to manage water on a watershed basis, where any large or higher risk inter-basin transfer would continue to require approval by special act of the legislature (except, as established in the act, during a Cabinet-declared water emergency under section 107).
- No new royalties, bulk or volumetric pricing of water will be introduced.
- No new terms and conditions will be added to existing older licences regarding requirements to support water conservation objectives (WCOs).

Details on the proposed engagement, scope and changes are the outlined in the discussion document on Enhancing Water Availability: Engagement on Proposed Amendments to the Water Act to Improve Availability – accessible online at alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement.

Classification: Protected A

We will soon invite you/your organization to join us for an in-person information session where we will share more information about the proposed changes and give you an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. Sessions are planned to be in person in May in Lethbridge, Brooks, Calgary, Red Deer and Grande Prairie (locations are being confirmed as venues are secured). We will also arrange an online session. The same information will be shared across all sessions. (In addition to issuing this letter to each municipality, we are sending correspondence to organizations including Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities or Alberta, Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators' Association, Local Government Administrators; Association of Alberta, Mid-sized Cities Mayors' Caucus)

In preparation for these information sessions, we encourage you to review the discussion document to prepare questions, comments and feedback.

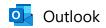
We ask that all feedback be provided through the online survey, which will remain open until June 30, 2025.

For more specific information, please visit the online engagement page at alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement.

Sincerely,

Kate Rich

**Assistant Deputy Minister** 



#### Fw: Register Now: Water Availability Engagement - Phase 2

From Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Date Mon 2025-05-05 11:49 AM

To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

1 attachment (154 KB)

Water Availability Engagement Phase 2 Letter.pdf;

#### Second Part for Info Action

#### **Roland Milligan**

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From: EPA Water < EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: May 2, 2025 4:54 PM

To: EPA Water < EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Kate Rich <Kate.Rich@gov.ab.ca>; Gary Sandberg <gary.sandberg@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: Register Now: Water Availability Engagement - Phase 2

Sent to: all municipal CAOs contacts in the Municipal Officials Directory

In addition to our earlier correspondence, we would like to invite you and members of your organization to join us at an in-person engagement session regarding proposed amendments to the *Water Act* to increase water availability. The invitation is to water using sectors to enable a cross-sectoral discussion.

The sessions will include sharing information on the proposed changes, an opportunity to ask questions, and an opportunity to provide your feedback and input. In preparation, we ask that you review the <u>Discussion Document on Enhancing Water Availability – Engagement on Proposed Amendments to the Water Act to Improve Availability</u> and come prepared with any questions or feedback you may have.

In-person sessions will be held over the coming weeks in Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Calgary, Brooks and Lethbridge. A virtual session will also be offered. The same information will be shared at all sessions.

Please use the links below to register for a session that works best for you:

- Red Deer, May 12, 6:00-9:00 pm Pioneer's Lodge, 4324 46a Ave https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1339153286529?aff=oddtdtcreator
- Grande Prairie, May 14, 6:00-9:00 pm Tara Centre, Evergreen Park, 55051 Township Rd 710 <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1339154339679?aff=oddtdtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1339154339679?aff=oddtdtcreator</a>
- Session being planned in Calgary, May 20, 6:00-9:00 pm <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1339152032779?">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1339152032779?</a> aff=oddtdtcreator
- Session being planned in Brooks, May 21, 6:00-9:00 pm <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1310505199329?">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1310505199329?</a> aff=oddtdtcreator
- Session being planned in Lethbridge, May 22, 6:00-9:00 pm <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1339151370799?">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1339151370799?</a>
   aff=oddtdtcreator
- Virtual session, May 26, 1:00-4:00 pm https://zoom.us/meeting/register/UyoZcAPBTbaP3X2X-LT6RA

We appreciate your feedback on the proposed changes through the online survey, which will remain open until June 30, 2025.

For more specific information, please visit the online engagement page at alberta.ca/water-availability-engagement. If you have any questions, please let me know or contact <a href="mailto:epa.water@gov.ab.ca">epa.water@gov.ab.ca</a>.

Kathleen Rich

Assistant Deputy Minister, Water and Circular Economy Division, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Government of Alberta

Level 12, South Petroleum Plaza, 9915-108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

**Classification: Protected A** 

From: EPA Water < EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: April 29, 2025 10:21 AM

To: EPA Water < EPA.Water@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Kate Rich <Kate.Rich@gov.ab.ca>; Gary Sandberg <gary.sandberg@gov.ab.ca>

**Subject:** Water Availability Engagement - Phase 2

Sent to: all municipal CAOs contacts in the Municipal Officials Directory

I am writing to inform you that the next phase of water availability engagement launched today. It focusses on proposed changes to the *Water Act* and complementary policy to increase the availability of water licences to Alberta municipalities, businesses, agricultural producers and others, while continuing to protect the aquatic ecosystem.

Please see the attached letter with details. Also, here are the links to the news release and to the engagement website:

- News release: Making every drop of water count | alberta.ca
- Engagement site: Water availability engagement | Alberta.ca

Thank you for your feedback during the first phase to identify opportunities and barriers to enhance water availability, and we appreciate your feedback on these proposals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or EPA Water with any questions.

Thanks.

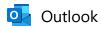
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E: <u>kate.rich@gov.ab.ca</u> I M: 780-203-0844



#### **Beaver Mines Spring Clean Up Lunch Donation**

From Beaver Mines Community <beaverminescommunity@gmail.com>

Date Wed 2025-04-30 12:46 PM

**To** Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; David Desabrais <AdminInfra@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

#### Hello,

Beaver Mines Community Association is holding our annual Spring Park Clean Up on Saturday May 17th this year. In the past years the MD has provided a lunch donation for our Spring Clean up crew. Will we be able to count on this lunch donation again this year? It would be appreciated. Please let us know so we can organize the final details of our volunteer event. Thank you,

Shelley Middleton BMCA President

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BEAVER MINES COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
beaverminescommunity@gmail.com

To become a member of the BMCA or sign-up for the Contact List click on the link below:



<u>Link to BMCA Membership and Contact List Form - NEW MEMBERS/CONTACTS ONLY</u>

<u>If you want to be removed from the mailing list click here to send an e-mail to BMCA</u>



#### Sample City/Town/Village Resolution

### Economic Development Week May 12-16, 2025 Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the largest professional organization dedicated to serving economic developers worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) has been Alberta's leading economic development network, committed to advancing the profession through resources, training, and networking opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that drive growth, build wealth, and strengthen the local tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, economic developers support entrepreneurship and innovation, helping to launch the next generation of businesses that shape Alberta's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, economic developers work across diverse settings, including rural and urban areas, at all levels of government, and through partnerships with chambers of commerce, post-secondary institutions, and other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, economic developers play a vital role in attracting and retaining quality jobs, developing vibrant communities, and enhancing the quality of life in their regions; and

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WHEREAS, economic developers serve the City/Town/V	/illage of;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to forward an official copy of this resolution to Economic Developers Alberta in support of provincial celebrations.

Mayor			



#### Fw: RSVP: YOU ARE INVITED: AlbertaSW AGM 2025

From Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Date Thu 2025-04-24 10:18 AM

To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

#### **Roland Milligan**

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From: Bev Thornton <bev@albertasouthwest.com>

Sent: April 24, 2025 10:12 AM

Subject: RSVP: YOU ARE INVITED: AlbertaSW AGM 2025

#### Dear AlbertaSW CAOs,

Time to celebrate another successful year of regional collaboration!

On behalf go the Board of AlbertaSW, you are invited to our upcoming AGM.

#### We also ask that you

- 1. please extend this invitation with your Councils and
- 2. Please let me know before Monday, May 12
  - a. the name/e-mail for members of Council will be able to attend
  - b. and will participate (or not!) in the optional museum tour before dinner.

CAOs and councilors have the priority.

Once we have this list, we can then open up any remaining invitations to other guests

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday June 4, 2025
Remington Carriage Museum, Cardston AB

#### **♦3:15 (OPTIONAL) complimentary tour of Carriage Museum**

- **❖4:45** Meet and Greet in the Main Foyer
- **♦5:15** Welcome, and introductions; Seating for Dinner
- ❖6:30 Program, Presentations, and Business Meeting (details in progress!) Guest presenters will include
  - o The Hon. Joseph Schow, Minister of Tourism and Sport
  - o Dr. Brad Donaldson, President and CEO, Lethbridge Polytechnic
- **♦8:20** Adjourn

**Bev Thornton** 

Executive Director, Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

\*International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Accredited Organization (AEDO)

\*Green Destinations Global Top 100 and Gold Award

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#### Bike Rodeo and Large Vehicle Display

From Napi Friendship Association <napiyouthwellness19@gmail.com>

Date Tue 2025-04-29 1:45 PM

MDInfo < MDInfo@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; Reception < reception@pinchercreek.ca>; administration@pinchercreek.crs <administration@pinchercreek.crs>; bylaw@pinchercreek.ca <br/><bylaw@pinchercreek.ca>

I would like to invite you to join us for a large vehicle display (Large Vehicle Petting Zoo) Friday May 16th in the CO-OP parking lot on the South/West end of the building near the Brick. The idea is to have equipment/vehicles parked for families to look at and even ask questions if they have any. I would like it to be a space as well to discuss safety around different types of vehicles/Farm Equipment. Pincher Creek Emergency Services and Pincher Creek and Piikani RCMP have also been invited to join us.

We will have a Bike Rodeo set up and also be hosting a BBQ for the community. The event falls during National Police Week and my thought was it will be a great kick off to the summer season. Looking at starting at 3:00 and going to 6:00 or 6:30 depending on the traffic for the event and weather.

We hope you can join us.

#### Soka'pii

**Kimberly Hurst Iikaa Kiimaa Kii (Tries Hard Women) Napi Friendship Association Pincher Creek, Alberta** 403-627-4224 Napi Youth Wellness Coordinator



# BOARD REPORT



Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting - April 3, 2025

## **Chinook Arch Library Board Receives Clean Audit Report**

Chinook Arch has received a clean audit report for the 2024 fiscal year from auditors Insight LLP. While the Board was unable to bolster its reserve funds in 2024, it did make some significant capital investment in its IT infrastructure (\$160,000) and delivery fleet (\$65,000). The cost of the IT upgrade was defrayed by a \$75,000 grant from the Government of Alberta's CIP program. Chinook Arch continues to find efficiencies in order to address flat revenues. Provincial operating grants continue to be paid based on the 2019 population lists, which is causing increased budgetary pressures.

#### **Annual Reports Approved**

The Board approved the 2024 Annual Reports for Chinook Arch and the Sylvia Hirsche Memorial Library (Wrentham). The report shows a slow but steady increase in most indicators, though libraries purchased fewer books and other library materials in 2024, despite spending a higher than average amount. This suggests that the high inflation of the past few years is placing stress on the book purchasing budgets of Chinook Arch member libraries.

#### Chinook Arch Board Recognizes Longtime Trustee Vic Mensch

Long-time library supporter and trustee Vic Mensch was recognized at the April meeting of the Chinook Arch Library Board. Vic was one of the first people in this area to see the importance of regional library



service. Starting in the mid-1980s, he served on the Steering Committee and has been on the Board and Executive Committee since that time, serving as Chair on several occasions. Vic's contribution to public library services in southwestern Alberta cannot be overstated. Thank you, Vic, for everything!

#### **Board Members Present**

Corry Walk - Village of Arrowwood LeGrande Bevans - Cardston County Blanche Anderson - Village of Carmangay Terry Penney - Village of Champion Lyndsay Montina - Town of Coalhurst Stephen Pain - Village of Coutts Doreen Glavin - Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Jim Monteith (Treasurer) - Town of Fort Macleod Linda Allred - Village of Glenwood Jenn Schmidt-Rempel - City of Lethbridge Tory Campbell - Lethbridge County Marie Logan (Vice Chair) - Village of Lomond Darryl Christensen (Chair) - Town of Magrath Anne Michaelis - Town of Milk River Amanda Bustard - Town of Nanton Melissa Jensen - Town of Nobleford Crystal Neels - Town of Picture Butte Mark Barber - Town of Pincher Creek Dave Cox - Pincher Creek MD Kelly Jensen - Town of Raymond Chelsey Hurt - Town of Stavely Justin Davis - Village of Stirling Merrill Harris - Taber MD Marilyn Forchuk - Town of Vauxhall Doug Logan - Vulcan County Derek Baron - Village of Warner Morgan Rockenbach - County of Warner Maryanne Sandberg - Willow Creek MD Allan Quinton - LPL Resource Centre

#### Regrets

Marsha Jensen – Town of Cardston Monica McLean – Town of Taber Lorraine Kirk – Town of Vulcan

#### **Not Present**

Jane Johnson - Village of Barnwell Ron Gorzitza - Village of Barons Brad Schlossberger - Town of Claresholm Vacant - Town of Coaldale Sue French - Village of Hill Spring Christopher Northcott- Village of Milo Vacant - ID #4 Waterton

#### **Policies Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following policies. All of the Board's policies and by-laws are reviewed on a three-year cycle. All policies can be found on the Chinook Arch website at <a href="https://chinookarch.ca/about-us/board-policies">https://chinookarch.ca/about-us/board-policies</a>

- Capital Assets Policy
- Accounting Policy
- Value Statement
- Committees and Committee Mandates Policy

#### **Member Satisfaction Survey**

Chinook Arch conducts a regular satisfaction survey of its member libraries, with the goal of ensuring that the needs of the members are being met in an effective way. The survey touches on all aspects of the System's service: cataloguing support, online resources, delivery, marketing, training and professional development, consulting, technology, and more. An aggregate score of 4.36/5 shows that members are overall very happy with the service they receive from Chinook Arch.

#### **Contact Us**

Chinook Arch Regional Library System 2902 7th Avenue North Lethbridge, AB T1H 5C6 | 403-380-1500 www.chinookarch.ca | arch@chinookarch.ca







# EARLY FAULT DETECTION

FortisAlberta uses Early Fault Detection (EFD) technology to monitor the electricity distribution infrastructure throughout its service area.

# How does it work?

**Risk detection:** EFD can detect broken conductors, compromised insulators, failing transformers or other defects that can impact functioning.

Location sensors: These are placed approximately every five kilometres to maximize coverage and ensure precise fault location detection.

Radio frequency: Devices recognize abnormal radio frequency noise and use triangulation between sensors to pinpoint the issue.

**Analysis:** Combining FortisAlberta data with external sources supports the generation of system visuals to aid in triage analysis.

**EFD installation focus**: EFD is installed in high-risk fire areas with a high level of ignition risk, as well as in areas within proximity to AltaLink's Public Safety Power Shut-off zones.

## What can EFD detect?

- Broken and damaged conductors
- >> Vegetation encroachment
- >> Leakage current
- Crossarm failures

- >>> Loose clamps
- Failing high-voltage cables
- >>> Internal defects in transformers and lightning arrestors





#### Pieridae WAG - May 2025

From Darrell Archibald <darrell.archibald@pieridaeenergy.com>

Date Wed 2025-05-07 2:14 PM

#### Folks.

We hope you are having a good spring; it has been a busy 2025 for Pieridae, and we have a few items here to update you on.

#### **Darrell Archibald**

Production Superintendent, Waterton Complex



Hello again; we have some exciting updates for you now that we're through the first quarter of 2025!

#### **BUSINESS UPDATE**

The Company's Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2024 Results were released earlier in March with the following highlights:

- Generated \$64.6 million in NOI during a challenging year for natural gas markets.
- Completed disposition of legacy Goldboro assets for gross cash proceeds of \$12.0 million, simplifying the Company's strategic focus.
- Raised \$33 million in equity to repay long term debt, fund working capital and invest in value accretive production and optimization projects.
- Reduced operating expense by 17% compared to 2023 on continued efforts to reduce field and facility operating cost structure.

Check out the full press release and results on our website: <a href="https://www.pieridaeenergy.com/investors/financial-documents">https://www.pieridaeenergy.com/investors/financial-documents</a>

In anticipation of our Annual General Meeting, on Thursday May 8, the Company also announced its intent to rename to Cavvy Energy. "At the beginning of 2023 and with the support of our board of directors, our leadership team announced our intent to concentrate on our western Canadian upstream and midstream business, shifting away from east coast LNG," said Darcy Reding, President and CEO. "We have now come to a significant inflection point in the Company's strategy and believe it is appropriate to adopt a new brand to support our corporate identity and the values of the organization.

The word Cavvy draws its inspiration from the western ranching tradition, referring to a carefully selected group of working horses chosen for their strength, reliability, and specific capabilities. The name evokes an identity synonymous with our corporate values and mission, and one that is proudly connected to our western Canadian corporate roots."

#### WATERTON 61 HEARING UPDATE

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) released its decision in February, confirming that Pipeline License 62559, issued to Pieridae, will be upheld with no additional conditions. This pipeline, which is intended to support the safe transportation of sour gas to the Waterton gas plant, is important for extending the plant's operational life and supporting local economic stability. In late November, the AER held a public hearing to carefully consider the concerns raised about the project.

Following this thorough review, the Panel confirmed that Pieridae met all regulatory requirements for emergency response planning, environmental protection, safety systems, and stakeholder engagement. We remain committed to operating safely and responsibly, and we appreciate the AER's



recognition of our efforts to protect public safety and deliver long-term benefits to the community.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Please see below for some highlights from our Environmental Coordinator at Waterton:

- The annual regulatory reporting for the Waterton Gas Plants
   Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) approval is
   proceeding with the report submissions to the Alberta Energy
   Regulator (AER) being in the months of March to May 2025. The
   reporting on the EPEA requirements completed in 2024 is for ambient
   air monitoring and emissions, groundwater/surface water monitoring,
   soil monitoring, wastewater & surface runoff monitoring.
- The Waterton Gas Plant EPEA approval renewal application work is currently underway and will be submitted to the AER in Q4 2025, as the current EPEA approval is expiring in Q3 2026.
- Planning for the upcoming invasive species and vegetation control programs are underway, and work will start again in May 2025.
- The 2025 spring groundwater and surface water monitoring programs will commence between April and June at the plant and other field licensed facilities.

#### What's Next

We are looking forward to the AGM and Day 1 for our 2025 summer students coming up at the end of April!



