

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
August 26, 2025
3:00 pm
Council Chambers**

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 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated August 20, 2025
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 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated August 20, 2025
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 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated August 20, 2025
 - 2. Finance
 - a) 7160.000 Bad Debt Expense
 - Report from Corporate Services, dated July 29, 2025
 - 3. Planning and Community Services
 - a) Quarter 1 Reporting RCMP
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 - Pincher Creek Detachment
 - b) Notice of Public Hearing - Bylaw No. 2025 from MD of Willow Creek
 - Report from Development, dated August 21, 2025
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 - a) CAO Report
 - Report from Administration, dated August 21, 2025

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1) For Action

- a) Heritage Acres Musical Ride
 - Resolution Needed for Council's Attendance
- b) Pincher Creek Community Volleyball
 - Request for Sponsorship
- c) ALUS - Ecosystem Services Grant Program Application
 - Request for Letter of Support
- d) Pincher Creek Municipal Library
 - Request for Partnership
- e) Meeting Request with Minister Williams
 - RMA Fall Convention 2025

2) For Information

- a) Orphan Well Association
 - Letter dated July 18, 2025
- b) Introduction of New Commanding Officer
 - Letter from RCMP dated July 17, 2025
- c) 2025 Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) Allocations
 - Letter from Municipal Affairs dated August 8, 2025
- d) Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Response
 - Letter dated July 23, 2025
- e) Maycroft Road Funding Response
 - Email from MLA Chelsae Petrovic
- f) Economic Impacts of Implementing Pincher Creek's Community Energy and Emissions Plans
 - Report from QUEST
- g) Chinook Arch Regional Library System
 - August Board Report

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, July 8, 2025,
11:00 am
Council Chambers

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

Staff: Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie, Public Works Assistant Manager Alex Elliot, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Finance Manager Brendan Schlossberger, 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 July 8, 2025, Committee Meeting be amended to include:

- Closed: c) PCESC Agreement Review – ATIA Sec. 24.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Information Introduction of Community Peace Officer

Robyn Potter was introduced as the new Community Peace Officer for the MD of Pincher Creek. She is excited to return to her hometown and start the Community Peace Officer program. A public meeting will be scheduled to inform residents about the program, mainly what can be handled by a Community Peace Officer.

2. Delegation

Pincher Creek Water Co-op

Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais discussed the current water shortage. There are currently no changes to the water restrictions. Pincher Creek Water Co-op was not present at the meeting at that time. Council has questions for them regarding raw water storage. The Pincher Creek Water Co-op will attend the Council meeting this afternoon.

David Desabrais left the meeting at this time.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:39 am.

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- a) Public Works Call Log – ATIA Sec. 24.1
- b) Restricted vs Unrestricted – ATIA Sec. 24.1
- c) PCECSC Agreement Review – ATIA Sec. 24.1

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 12:33 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

- Talking points for meeting with Waterton (ID #4)
- BMO Farm Family Award

5. Adjournment

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 1:05 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, July 8, 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 Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie, Public Works Assistant Manager Alex Elliot, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Finance Manager Brendan Schlossberger, Health and Safety Officer Michelle Stuart, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor John MacGarva 25/345

Moved that the agenda for July 8, 2025, be amended to include:

- Ba) Delegation – Pincher Creek Water Co-op
- H2c) Restricted vs. Unrestricted Surplus
- H2d) Police Commission Review Information

Removing Ja) Public Works Strategic Plan – ATIA Sec. 24.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

a) Pincher Creek Water Co-op

Linden Willms and board members from the Pincher Creek Water Co-op attended the meeting to discuss with the MD Council any suggestions the Co-op could offer to assist the MD with water issues.

The Alberta Government's temporary licenses could be a potential solution, but only until the creek's water levels become too low, which could be in the next couple of weeks. The Co-op is not currently interested in selling water licenses, as they are at near capacity.

The MD is rumoured to have shares of 5 gallons per minute through the Pincher Creek Water Co-op, and there is a possibility of unused shares that could also be accessed. Administration will look into this further.

Currently, the Pincher Creek Water Co-op is showing records of 93% usage through their system; however, this could be due to the time and day the tests were recorded. They are unsure of the numbers for the whole year, as this was just a snapshot in time.

The Co-op suggested filling a dugout to create a line at the end of the main line, which would help with pumping for local ranchers. However, because of logistical issues and the small size of the line, this approach was considered not feasible.

The MD is actively considering the construction of a raw water storage facility at the Cowley site. This facility, although not yet engineered, could serve as a long-term solution for water management, demonstrating the MD's proactive approach to future water needs.

The Pincher Creek Water Co-Op left the meeting at this time, the time being 3:25 pm.

C. MINUTES

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1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/346

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of June 24, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes - June 24, 2025

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/347

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 24, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Healthcare Committee – Terms of Reference

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/348

Moved that the Terms of Reference for the Healthcare Committee be tabled pending further information regarding budgeting from the Town of Pincher Creek.

Carried

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Draft Policies: C-Safety-001A Violence Prevention Policy & C-Safety-001B Harassment Prevention Policy

Councillor John MacGarva 25/349

Moved that due to changes in legislation, the current policy C-Safety-001 Violence and Harassment Prevention, be replaced with Council approved C-Safety-001A Violence Prevention and C-Safety-001B Harassment Prevention Policies.

Carried

Michelle Stuart left the meeting at this time, the time being 3:40 pm.

b) 2026-2030 Intermunicipal Library Agreement for Councils to Discuss and Approve

Councillor Dave Cox 25/350

Moved that the Intermunicipal Library Agreement for 2026-2030 be amended to the following:

1. Consists of a Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Reserves, and any other relevant statements. Appropriate financial notes shall accompany these in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards.

2. Provide a Summary of the Financial Review and Opinion to the Board.

3. Be prepared and reviewed by a person who is not a Library employee, nor a Board Trustee, nor a Councillor of a municipality that is party to this agreement. They shall be certified, at minimum by a Public Business Accountant; however, a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) is preferred;

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AND FURTHER that the Board explore the possibility of reducing the number of members appointed by the Council from four to three in the future.

Carried

c) Pincher Creek & District Food Bank

Councillor Dave Cox 25/351

Moved that the Pincher Creek & District Food Bank delegation from June 24, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

a) Brownfield Report

Massif Energy will be invited to return to the Council once the requested information and an update are available.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/352

Moved that the MD donate \$250 towards the Town of Cardston for the Kainai Fair and Rodeo Pancake Breakfast, for their July 19, 2025, event, with the amount to be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations;

AND THAT Councillor Dave Cox attend to assist with the breakfast.

Carried

- Crowsnest Pass Pincher Creek Landfill Association
- Agricultural Service Board
- 2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
 - Intermunicipal Development Plan with the Town
- 3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
 - Canada Day at Kootenai Brown
- 4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Agricultural Service Board
 - Police Funding Model Focus Group
 - Castle Mountain Fire Guard
- 5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Staff Pancake Breakfast
 - Municipal Planning Commission

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/353

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

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Councillor Jim Welsch 25/354

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period June 16, 2025, to June 29, 2025, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/355

Moved that the Utilities & Infrastructure report for June 19, 2025, through July 2, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

Alex Elliot left the meeting at this time, the time being 4:41 pm.

2. Finance

a) Public Auction - Conditions & Reserve Bid - Tax Roll 2456.010

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/356

Moved that Council approve the Terms and Conditions for the 2025 Public Auction regarding tax roll 2456.010 as presented;

AND THAT Council set the tax arrears Public Auction Date as follows:

Date: November 17, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: 1037 Herron Ave, MD Council Chamber, Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

AND THAT Council, pursuant to Section 5 5 3(1)(f) of the Municipal Government Act, approve the addition of all tax recovery costs relevant to tax roll 2456.010;

AND FINALLY, the Council set a reserve bid of \$750,000 for the above-said tax roll.

Carried

b) Q2 Financial Summary

Councillor John MacGarva 25/357

Moved that Council receive the Q2 Financial Summary as information.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/358

Moved that Council restrict 700k into the Regional Community Initiative Reserve and 500k into Pincher Creek Emergency Services Reserve from the MD's unrestricted surplus.

Carried

Brendan Schlossberger left the meeting at this time, the time being 5:12 pm.

3. Development and Community Services

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- a) Southern Alberta Land Trust Society (SALTS) Conservation Easement - Thompson S 2

Councillor John MacGarva 25/359

Moved that Council acknowledge the receipt of the notice of the Conservation Easements for Southern Alberta Land Trust Society's Thompson S 2 project,

AND THAT Council waive the 60-day notice period prior to registration for the Conservation Easement.

Carried

4. Municipal

- a) CAO Report

Councillor Dave Cox 25/359

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period June 9, 2025, to June 20, 2025, as information.

Carried

- b) Repealing Bylaw 1272-17

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/360

Moved that as chickens are covered under Bylaw 1360-25, Animal Control, Council repeal Bylaw 1272-17.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

- a) Heritage Acres Requests for Annual Show – July 25-27, 2025

Request for Council Pancake Breakfast

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/361

Moved that any interested Councillors be authorized to attend the Heritage Acres Annual Show for the Pancake Breakfasts on July 26, 2025 and July 27, 2025,

AND THAT Public Works will supply a water truck with one load on the road for the Heritage Acres Events on July 15, 2025 and July 25, 2025.

Carried

- b) Pincher Creek Chamber - Request for election forum budget

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/362

Moved to table the Pincher Creek Chamber request pending further clarification on the election forum budget.

Carried

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c) Transportation Network Companies Regulation Invitation

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/363

Moved that the Transportation Network Companies Regulation Invitation be received as information.

Carried

B. For Information

a) Father's Day Show and Shine: A Remarkable Success - Thank you from Pincher Creek Cruisers

Councillor John MacGarva 25/364

Moved that the thank you from Pincher Creek Cruisers be received as information.

Carried

b) Joint Budget Meeting Information - Letter from Town of Pincher Creek

Councillor Dave Cox 25/365

Moved that the Joint Budget meeting information letter from the Town of Pincher Creek be received as information.

Carried

c) Chief Mountain Gas Golf Invitation - Staff Appreciation Golf Day

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/366

Moved that the Chief Mountain Gas Golf Invitation be received as information.

Carried

d) Police Commission Review Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/367

Moved that the Police Commission Review be received as information.

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Planner Gavin Scott attended the meeting at this time, the time being 5:30 pm.

RECESS

Councillor John MacGarva 25/368

Moved to recess the Council meeting, the time being 5:32 pm.

Carried

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Councillor Dave Cox

25/369

Moved to reconvene the Council meeting, the time being 6:00 pm.

Carried

B. PUBLIC HEARING 1361-25

1. Public Hearing Called to Order

Reeve Rick Lemire called the public hearing to order, the time being 6:00 pm. And read the following information:

- A Public Hearing is Council's opportunity to hear from anyone who is affected by the proposed bylaw. General rules of conduct when a Public Hearing is held are as follows:
 - The developer and/or proponent is given the first opportunity to present to the Council and the public. After the public has made their statements, the developer has the opportunity to rebut or answer any questions.
 - Members of the public will be invited to speak to the subject matter. I will ask members of public who wish to speak to state their name for the record. The speaking time limit is 5 minutes per speaker. If you have previously submitted a written response, unless you have new information to present, be assured that Council has read your letter. Please do not come to the podium to read your submitted response.
 - We will call for any additional speakers to make sure everyone wishing to speak has had the opportunity to do so. As this is not a situation for debate, speakers may come up one time only.
 - Following all presentations from members of public, the developer has the opportunity to rebut or answer any questions, Council may ask questions to Administration and/or developer.
 - Council will then close the Public Hearing. This ends the opportunity for the public or Administration to provide information on the matter.

3. Advertising Requirement

Reeve Rick Lemire stated that this Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act. This Public Hearing was advertised in Shootin the Breeze on June 25 and July 2, 2025, as well as the MD website and MD Social Media pages.

4. Purpose of the Hearing

Planner Gavin Scott provided an overview of the purpose of Bylaw No. 1361-25. The Bylaw, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 1349-24, proposes amendments, among other general clean-up items, to allow for adjustments in parking for Tourist homes proposed at Castle Mountain Resort, clarify the procedure for conducting open house meetings, and introduce Data Centre Operations.

5. Presentations:

VERBAL:

Don Hill, resident in the MD Division #5. He is questioning whether this amendment allows a data centre to be approved for an approved use, compared to a discretionary one. His concern is that discretionary use is on a case-by-case basis and approved or denied by Council, versus an approved use.

Given the environmental problems, he questions why the MD would blanket approve a use such as a data centre. His further concerns are with low-frequency noise, which isn't considered sufficiently addressed in the approval for a data centre. Additional problems

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are water usage, land fragmentation, loss of agricultural land, environmental disasters, and legal risks. He believes that stricter rules are needed around data centres.

Planner Gavin Scott explained that it is being proposed as Direct Control, not as an approved or discretionary. Which means that Council would have the power to assign with conditions or deny altogether. Among other regulatory bodies, there is a referral to Alberta Environment, which has the authority to identify environmental issues. This also includes taking in comments from the public, Direct Control allows Council to put stricter rules on any permit, by considering any and all comments. Many other concerns are covered in the Land Use Bylaw, for example, water usage. The change with Bylaw 1361-25, is not based on a single site, but to allow for Council to address concerns as applications come forward.

WRITTEN:

Reeve Rick Lemire asked if there were any written responses, there were none.

6. Closing Comments

7. Adjournment from Public Hearing

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/370

Moved to adjourn the public hearing, the time being 6:28 pm.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 25/371

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 6:30 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Re: All Candidates elections forums

From Pincher Chamber <info@pincherchamber.ca>
Date Tue 2025-07-22 4:38 PM
To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Hi Jessica,

Thank you so much for the questions and response. The Chamber is very grateful for the support the MD has provided over the years, both financially, in kind and many other ways!

We are more than happy to have a conversation if it is easier, as this is our first time building a budget for an event like this, too. Responses below- thanks!

- Is the budget for a combined MD and Town forum? If so, are you asking for 50% of the \$2,940?

This budget is per event. The Town and MD would need to be separate events as they are separate municipalities/votes etc.

- Please provide more context regarding the salaries and wages for Admin Support Setup, Honorarium for Volunteers, and Admin for on-site events. There is a

The Chamber manager is a paid role, hours can be tracked and could be invoiced at the actual number. This was a ball park number of hours to get a budget amount going- probably an overestimate but we think it's better to overestimate when budgeting. In talking to those who have organized forums with new candidates in the past they said that there was a significant amount of back and forth for setup and arranging the event. Admin time would also include booking a space, finding volunteers, arranging set up, booking a sound system, live stream etc. The hours for this event are not included in our yearly budget.

As volunteerism is declining we have been thanking our volunteers with small locally purchased gift cards (or food). This is based on 9 volunteers each donating 4-5 hours of their time. For this event, it would likely be dinner purchased as the volunteer time would be right after work and likely not end until after 9 p.m. Volunteers could be replaced by staff if the MD preferred?

- Since the Town and the MD already have half-page ads in the paper, can we utilize what we are already paying to reduce this number?

Absolutely! Happy to work with any tools in the box!

Please let me know if there are any questions or if you would like to sit and chat further about this.

Thank you!

Kind Regards,



On Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 3:38 PM Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

MD Council is surprised to learn that the Pincher Creek & District Chamber of Commerce is requesting funding to provide the community with an election forum. In previous years, a forum was always offered to our community without additional funding.

After reviewing your letter and proposed budget, we have some questions regarding the proposed budget:

- Is the budget for a combined MD and Town forum? If so, are you asking for 50% of the \$2,940?
- Please provide more context regarding the salaries and wages for Admin Support Setup, Honorarium for Volunteers, and Admin for on-site events. There is a significant number of Admin Hours, which we expect is already covered off in your annual budget. Volunteers typically don't receive payment.
- Since the Town and the MD already have half-page ads in the paper, can we utilize what we are already paying to reduce this number?

The MD has been a strong supporter of the Pincher Creek & District Chamber of Commerce and understands the financial challenges faced by all businesses and organizations in our community. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Jessica McClelland

Executive Assistant
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From: Pincher Chamber <info@pincherchamber.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 4:12 PM
To: Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: All Candidates elections forums

Hi Jessica,

The Chamber has previously hosted and/or co-hosted election forums in 2021 and 2022, and organized the Provincial forum in 2023, which was unfortunately cancelled on the day of the event. We are aware that the municipal election is approaching quickly and the board has discussed the potential of hosting a municipal forum again this year.

We strongly support the community's access to candidate information and the ability to make an informed vote.

However, forums are not zero-cost events, and given our current budget situation, the Chamber Board is unable to offer a complimentary community forum for the 2025 municipal election.

Please find attached a projected budget outlining the estimated costs for the Chamber to host such an event. While it is possible that some volunteers may choose to donate their honorariums back to the Chamber, we want to ensure we are prepared to recognize their contributions appropriately.

We would welcome a conversation about hosting a forum this year and the options for funding an event.

The Town of Pincher Creek reached out asking if we were hosting a forum, this information and the budget projection has been shared with their administration as well.

Can you please let us know the best contact for this conversation?

We welcome any questions, concerns, and the opportunity to discuss this change from our previously hosted forums.

Regards,

The Chamber Board

Fw: WBRA July Update

From Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Date Fri 2025-08-01 8:10 AM
To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Can you please ad to the next agenda

Thank you

Tony

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From: Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association <info@watertonbiosphere.com>
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 12:07:06 AM
To: Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: WBRA July Update

Thursday, July 31, 2025



What's new with WBRA



RURAL HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING - Under certain circumstances like a necessary exclusion of a bat colony, a bat house can have value. This bat house (the black rectangle, center top) went up in early spring as part of exclusion efforts on this outbuilding. A recent visit by WBR staff confirmed over 150 bats have taken up residence inside!
(Photo: L. Rance/WBR)

Berta Bat's Big Move

Contributed by Berta, The Little Brown Bat

Someone has been doing renovations over the winter, and I wanted to write to Waterton Biosphere Region to express my appreciation for the beautiful craftsmanship of our new home.

Black and warm, with room for me and couple hundred of my gal pals and our kids – whoever built it must have consulted with the bat experts! I presume it was a couple of those two-leggeds; they're always building things.

I was born in the roof of this building 12 years ago, and my grandma was born in the roof of a building that was here before that. She told us about the spring they returned to find their old roof was gone, but luckily there was a new structure in the same spot and they all managed to find their way into the roof. Grandma used to tell us of many a gossip session held inside the rafters of that old porch roof!

It seemed as though the humans were trying to keep us out of our roost. Apparently, the humans didn't really appreciate our 'mess' and the sounds we made when trying to wrangle pups and converse with our neighbours. So they did try a few things to block our entrance – we are pretty small though and can fit through a hole the size of a dime – so we always found a way back in. We were a bit worried that our roost might not be here when we got back from our winter home this year, so we were relieved to find our two-legged friends built a home just for us!

Folks from WBRA showed up the other night to watch us start flying at dusk. You should have seen the looks on their faces when they counted 141 of us exiting the roost that night! They seemed excited that we accepted this new box and were still around, but really where would we go? As building dwellers we're a pretty traditional bunch.

In closing, I know we can be a little intimidating with our excessive chatting and scratching, and that whole flying around at night that two-legged's find so disconcerting, but we are sincerely grateful for those who help make sure we have a home to come back to every year.

Thanks!
Berta Bat

Recap - Limber Pine Workshop



GROWTH THROUGH LEARNING - Local landowners and ranch staff, First Nations, and industry representatives learned about and discussed management options for limber pine habitats within the landscape. (Photo: L. Rance/WBR)

On July 16th, Waterton Biosphere Region (WBR) hosted an outdoor workshop in the Porcupine Hills in partnership with the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada (WPEFC) facilitated by limber pine specialist, Jodie Krakowski.

Thirteen participants learned about the importance of the limber pine ecosystem, threats facing the species, and how to implement best management practices for grazing in these sensitive areas.

In addition to supporting biodiversity, limber pine contribute to valuable landscape processes such as regulating runoff and reducing soil erosion. Land managers can implement grazing practices to help support limber pine in the landscape over the short and medium term as recovery plantings will require several decades to reach maturity.

At a recent site visit, Cody Spencer showed WPEFC and WBR staff how he was using electric fencing to create a separate pasture along a limber pine slope that can be grazed with a quick pass and longer rest period since it has lower forage availability. In addition, Spencer created a small exclusion zone to reduce hoof impact in an area with limber pine regeneration. These techniques are two examples of best management practices that should help maintain limber pine in the local ecosystem.

The WPEFC and WBR can help support your conservation efforts with a cost-sharing projects. This can help landowners implement BMP's such as temporary

fencing options for enhanced grazing management in areas with limber pine.

For more information about limber pine and funding support, contact Elizabeth Anderson at eanderson@watertonbiosphere.com. For more information about efforts to recover limber pine, visit our website [HERE](#).



POSITIVE CONNECTIONS - Cody Spencer checks an electric fence used to exclude grazing in a small area containing both mature and regenerating limber pine.
(Photo: J.Krakowski/WPEFC)

Out and About with WBR



MELODIC MOMENTS - Staff from the Waterton Biosphere Region have been out in communities this summer, spreading the word about WBR programs and projects. Above, Communications Coordinator Thomas Porter takes a moment to harmonize with the ever-talented Linda Davies at the Pincher Creek Farmer's Market in Cenotaph Park on July 23rd. Make sure you drop by our booth in Cardston on August 19th and in Pincher again on August 20th. Strike up a conversation and have your biosphere questions answered.
(Photo: T. Porter/WBR)



SHARING KNOWLEDGE - Staff from the Waterton Biosphere Region were out spreading the message in Twin Butte this month as Part of the Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women, facilitated by Cows and Fish. Carnivores and Communities Program coordinator Jeff Bectell, above, spoke on bear safety and attractant management while Species at Risk program coordinator Elizabeth Anderson discussed management for species at risk in WBR.

(Photo: A. Morehouse/WBR)

Beavers on the Move in Southern Alberta



Join [Waterton Biosphere Region](#) and [Cows and Fish](#) for a discussion around beaver relocation – what are the challenges in Alberta compared to elsewhere, what practices increase success for the beaver and the human neighbours, and what makes a good recipient site.

Scan the QR code above or visit <https://shorturl.at/gILJz> to register:

Mon, August 25th from 9 - 11 am at Spring Point Hall
Wed, September 3rd from 7 - 9 pm at Lundbreck Hall



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On average our summers are getting hotter and drier (this July aside...) leading to increasing concern about water availability for livestock producers, crop producers, and homeowners relying on wells. But we also experience the old adage of 'when it

rains, it pours', leaving many folks wondering how to capture that rainwater for the leaner times.

Beavers are one of nature's ways of solving both challenges. Their ponds, underlying soils, and surrounding vegetation filter and store water from rainfall and overland flow. By forcing water sideways onto the stream's floodplain, water slows and absorbs into the ground, buffering flood impacts. This stored water then percolates downward, replenishing ground water supplies. It also seeps out the dam slowly and moves downstream providing prolonged water flow, benefitting both aquatic systems and agricultural producers.

Many landowners and managers are recognizing these potential benefits and are investigating coexistence tools to address conflict while still maintaining beavers on the land. Pond levelers and culvert protection are common strategies, but some are taking a bolder step. Some landowners and managers are also considering beaver relocation to improve landscape resilience in the face of climate extremes. While regulations around lethal beaver removal are clear (they can be hunted or trapped without a license by a landowner on private land or by those holding a Fur Management License or Animal Damage License), the path to relocating live beavers is less defined. Government response may vary regionally, and applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis.



In Alberta, guidance on humane handling and relocation considerations is lacking, specifically formal guidance around habitat, disease transmission, and local community concerns. These need to be addressed to ensure relocation success for both the beavers and human neighbours.

Over the next two years, southwestern Alberta will host a pilot project examining the feasibility of beaver relocation. The work will outline considerations that can be applied across the province. Although relocation is not the appropriate option in all

cases, it represents another tool to promote watershed resilience while addressing conflict issues.

Waterton Biosphere Region, Cows and Fish, and Miistakis Institute are partnering to examine regulatory requirements in other jurisdictions where beaver relocation occurs. The project will identify recommended best practices for humane relocation, communicate recommendations to the provincial government, and ultimately move beaver to a new home where human neighbours support the move.

Two upcoming community meetings will be held to review how beaver relocations occur elsewhere, to discuss considerations in southwestern Alberta, and to recruit interest from landowners of potential recipient sites.

Interested landowners are invited to attend meetings at Spring Point Community Hall on August 25 from 9:00-11:00 am or at Lundbreck Community Hall on September 3 from 7:00-9:00pm. The event is free, with participants asked to register via EventBrite at <https://shorturl.at/gILJz>

Funding for this project is provided by Alberta Ecotrust Foundation, Land Stewardship Centre of Canada, and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

(Photographs courtesy California Department of Fish & Wildlife)

Resources for Landowners

STEWARDSHIP SUPPORTS HUB

A FREE ONLINE HUB FOR LANDOWNERS & STEWARDS

Find local organizations offering tools, funding, services, and learning opportunities to support stewardship efforts—all in one place.



The Stewardship Supports Hub was built for landowners, ranchers, and agricultural producers, in and around the Waterton Biosphere Region. It brings together information on local programs that offer funding, technical advice, training, and other resources to support your conservation and land management efforts.

The Hub was created to make it easier to access support that's already out there and will continue to improve as needs are identified.

Explore the Hub: watertonbiosphere.com/stewardship-hub

Thanks to Alberta Real Estate Foundation and Environment and Climate Change Canada for funding, and to the [Kootenay Conservation Program](#) for inspiring the hub creation.

Thank You for Your Support



HAPPY PEOPLE, HAPPY BEARS - A dark variant grizzly bear appears to smile for the camera. She must have got wind of all the good work being done to reduce conflict in the Waterton Biosphere Region. Remember to take your bear spray with you when out on the land. Be wary when berry picking as bears are out there doing the same thing.

(Photo: Adobe Stock)

The Waterton Biosphere Region and staff would like to thank area landowners and managers for their support in bolstering our understanding of producer needs and the activities of large carnivores in your areas.

This year's Livestock Predator Compensation Survey and Bear Den Project have received valuable feedback from stakeholders.

More than 50 area livestock producers have contributed input for the Livestock Compensation Survey. This information will help inform future decisions and programming. The survey closes today, July 31st.




The Bear Den Project, asking for landowner input on potential denning sites on private land, has had feedback from several stakeholders. Suspected sites will be evaluated, with potential monitoring efforts to be initiated in August and September. If you, or someone you know, has a suspected bear den on your property, please contact us at the email addresses below.

For questions about the Carnivores and Communities Program, or to inquire about a project, please email Jeff Bectell at jbectell@watertonbiosphere.com or Andrea Morehouse at amorehouse@watertonbiosphere.com

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Recommendation to Council

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TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT			
PREPARED BY: Alan McRae		DATE: August 19, 2025	
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS			
ATTACHMENTS: 1. Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report			
APPROVALS:			
 PW MANAGER		 CAO	
August 19, 2025 DATE		2025/08/20 DATE	

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council accept the Public Works Department Report for the period of June 30 to August 17, 2025 as information.

- Gravel road maintenance (6-7 graders).
- Hard surface maintenance- pothole patching Div 3 and 5.
- Dust control program- main program was completed August 6th with Castle Mountain completed on August 11th.
- Sign maintenance- replace damaged, missing or faded signs and straighten signposts.
- Re-gravel program (completed July 23).
- Culvert maintenance- clean outs and repairs.
- Texas gate maintenance/repairs.
- Water to AES shop and office.
- Soft spot repair on Maycroft Road (gravel section).
- Bridge and guardrail maintenance.
- Culvert and approach install in Div 4.
- Brush clean-up from ditch in Div 2.
- Hand slashing- Div 1, 3 and 5.
- Deadstock bin removal from Div 3.
- Assembly shelving for organization in Quonset.
- Install 60km/hr signage on Twp 60 as per Council resolution.
- Scraping of paint on shed in PW yard and repaint.
- Bridge guardrail weed whipping.
- Clean-up garbage on the North side of PW fence with CPO.
- Ditch mowing started week of July 28th.

Recommendation to Council

- North Pincher Station (capital project) started week of August 4th – Grass mowing and drainage/ditching work.
- Haul fleet equipment/vehicles to Michener Allen in Calgary.
- Install temporary fencing around work zones at Meyers Crossing project and remove existing fence.
- Remove traffic counter from Maycroft west end after east one had the chain and locks cut and the counter stolen.
- Skid steer with sweeper to clean shoulders, approaches and along guard rail on Tower Road and Airport Road.
- Install gate posts/bracing and gate at McCulloch pit and place rocks along perimeter for gravel pit security.
- Bridge maintenance- Secure strip deck planks access Bridge deck in Div 1 for strip deck patching.
- Bridge maintenance- Replace west bridge rail on BF 74175 in Div 2.
- Assess culverts in Div 3 and 4 and submit reports to management.
- Try new mulcher out on some brush in Div 2 after mechanic and FAE rep rigged it up to skid-steer.

EVENTS

JHSC inspection and meeting July 16
Safety/Crew meeting August 6th
JHSC worksite inspection August 7th
JHSC meeting August 13th
Safety BBQ- August 14th

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE "A"

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT



PREPARED BY: ALAN MCRAE

DATE: August 19, 2025

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

Graders

Unit #26- Repairs to steering column lock

Unit #26-Field call for hyd leak on mower

Unit #59-T/S misfire-found new harness that was installed from Finning had a bad connection to Cyl 6

Unit #59-Field call-T/S and repair hydraulic pressure issue

Unit #61- Differential noise T/S and repairs

Unit #64-Circle inspection

Unit #71-Field call (no start)- Battery issue/replace batteries

Heavy Trucks/Trailers/Equipment

Unit #8 (RT Backhoe)-Service

Unit #13 (gravel pup)- T/S and repair ABS system

Unit #21 (lowboy)-Replace both trailer wiring cord ends

Unit #37 (skid-steer/mulcher)- Rig new mulcher up to unit and run through operations of it with FAE rep.

Unit #41 (tractor)- Repair wiring for lights and temperature switch

Unit #41 (tractor)-Field call for tire service- Fountain tire was called to do a repair

Unit #445 (picker truck)- CVIP and service

Light Duty and Light Trailers

Small tools- maintenance and repairs on jumping jack, weed trimmers

Bobcat mower- Welding cracks, R&R hydraulic block.

CPO Vehicle- T/S for continued battery discharge.

Unit #14 (tandem flat deck)- Field Call- T/S brakes locked on, repairs made to trailer cord

Unit #15 (flat deck trailer)- CVIP

Unit #401 (flat deck truck)- T/S and repair beacon light issue- pinched wires

Unit #415 (hooklift)- A/C repairs and recharge

Unit #431 (tank truck)- R&R coolant valve that runs to DEF tank

Unit #434 (tank truck)- T/S lowbeam headlight issue and repair

Unit #435 (tank truck)-T/S and R&R electrical fault, replace ujoints in driveline, R&R transmission and clutch

Unit #477 (flat deck 1 ton)-Repair emergency brake issues, T/S squishy brakes, replace master cylinder

Unit #484 (3/4 ton)-remove winch/air compressor/slip tank- get it ready for sale

Unit #493 (3/4 ton)- de-rig so it could be sold

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE “A”

Unit #494 (3/4 ton)-T/S blower motor and repair

Unit #495 (1/2 ton)-T/S and repair beacon light

Unit #499 (3/4 ton)-Service and repairs

Unit #510 (1/2 ton)-Service and take to have recalls completed

Unit #660 (3/4 ton)-R&R tailgate latch

Unit #670 (3/4 ton)-T/S fault codes, R&R wheel speed sensor, replace tires

EVENTS

JHSC Inspection and meeting July 16th

JHSC worksite inspection August 7th

Asset management meeting




Work with H&S to finalize the information needed for a digital DVI

JHSC meeting August 13th

Safety Bbq- August 14th

Recommendation to Council

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TITLE: SINNOTT FARM SERVICE DUST CONTROL TRIAL	
PREPARED BY: Alan McRae	DATE: August 19, 2025
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS	
ATTACHMENTS:	
1.MD Corporate Policy C-PW-009	
APPROVALS:	
 PW MANAGER	August 19,2025 DATE
 CAO	2025/08/20 DATE

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council reviews dust control trial proposal and wave clause 13 of Corporate Policy C-PW-009 for a trial of C20+ dust control product.

Public Works received an email from a local business owner who expressed support for the MD’s exploration of alternative dust control products. They introduced a product called C20+, which they refer to as “wax.” This product is a paraffin-like substance derived from natural gas, manufactured at a facility east of Red Deer. It remains liquid above 10°C and solidifies into a Vaseline-like consistency below that temperature.

The individual operates a company within the MD and has supplied this product exclusively to the County of Foothills for 11 years. It has also been used by the County of Vulcan for the past 5 years and was trialed by Alberta Transportation in 2022 on a 2 km stretch of Hwy 506 south of Raymond. Additionally, the towns of Okotoks and High River currently use this product.

They have offered to provide a 200-meter trial application, valued at approximately \$1,500, at no cost to the MD.

However, it’s important to note that C20+ does not currently meet the Alberta Transportation highway maintenance specifications, which are referenced in our corporate policy C-PW-009 (Dust Control).

As per MD policy (see highlighted Section 13), “all dust control products will meet the approved requirements of the Alberta Transportation highway maintenance specifications.”

Recommendation to Council

Given that this company's product has not yet received formal approval, I recommend that Council review the proposal and provide direction on whether to proceed with the trial under these circumstances.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None



M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-PW-009

TITLE: DUST CONTROL

Approved by Council
Revised by Council
Revised by Council
Revised by Council
Revised by Council
Revised by Council
Revised by Council

Date: February 22, 2011
Date: June 26, 2018
Date: May 14, 2019
Date: May 26, 2020
Date: November 24, 2020
Date: February 27, 2024
Date: April 8, 2025

PURPOSE OF POLICY

To identify areas in which approved dust control suppressants be applied on Municipal District (MD) controlled roadways in ongoing efforts to ensure public safety, quality of life, and to realize road maintenance cost reductions.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The intent of this policy is to ensure appropriate usage and maintenance of MD roadways. The dust control program is an applied surface treatment for roadway sections that have been requested by ratepayers. Application will be during the spring or summer months, weather permitting and scheduled in accordance with local gravelling to maximize the effectiveness of the dust control agent.
2. The MD does not guarantee that the dust control product will be effective in eliminating dust but only to control it. Dust control locations will be maintained at the MD's sole discretion. The drivability and the safety of the road is the MD's top priority, and the MD reserves the right to grade any sections of dust control product applied during normal grading operations. The maintenance will be deemed necessary for road conditions that may present a risk to general traffic using said roadway.
3. Residents requesting dust control services shall be charged a fee, as per MD policy C-FIN-529, Fees and Charges, each time the dust control product is applied on the road. Cost adjustments to the subsidized dust control rate shall be estimated by the Public Works Manager or designate yearly in March and amended through Council resolution in the MD policy C-FIN-529, Fees and Charges.
4. The minimum treatment area length will be 100m adjacent to the residents/applicants property. Approximate typical spray width will match the existing road width to a maximum width of 8 metres.
5. Refunds will not be issued in the event that the dust control application is deferred due to road construction, delay in delivery of product, weather conditions, equipment breakdowns or any other circumstance that may postpone application. On MD road construction projects where the road surface has been disturbed and surface gravel has been placed, adjacent landowners will receive a one-time application in the year of construction.

6. The MD hires contractors to spray chloride base products at their respective rate (litres/sq. m.). When Lignosulfonate is the dust control product requested, the MD will apply the product with MD staff and equipment.
7. No person shall apply any product, whether it be for dust control purposes or other purposes, to roads in the MD without the approval of the Public Works Manager or designate.

APPLICATION PROCESS

8. An advertisement shall appear in the local newspaper, posted to the MD website and social media each year, prior to the onset of the dust control program, advising ratepayers of application deadlines and program costs. The deadline for applications shall be set to the 1st of May of each calendar year or the first Monday thereafter.
9. The MD shall enter into an agreement with the Applicant prior to any application of dust control. Payment of full amount shall be required by the Applicant(s) prior to commencement of work.

CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE

10. The MD will not apply dust suppression product to private property and will only apply dust suppression product for corporate entities with Council approval.
11. Companies having a road use agreement will be required to control dust with water as and when required. The Public Works Superintendent will monitor their activities and dust levels.
12. Dust suppression on roads using water only is at the discretion of the Public Works Manager.
13. The primary dust control suppressants of the MD will be Lignosulfonate, MG 30 (magnesium), and Calcium Chloride. All dust abatement products will meet the approved requirements of the Alberta Transportations highway maintenance specifications.
14. Testing of new dust suppressant and/or aggregate stabilization products will be conducted annually to determine if they provide a more durable surface, or are more cost effective.
15. Public Works will apply dust control to the roads as outlined in Schedule "A" to Policy C-PW-009 as approved by Council annually.
16. Prior to residential dust control being applied, the resident must fill out and sign an agreement to purchase materials or services form.



Rick Lemire
Reeve



Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer

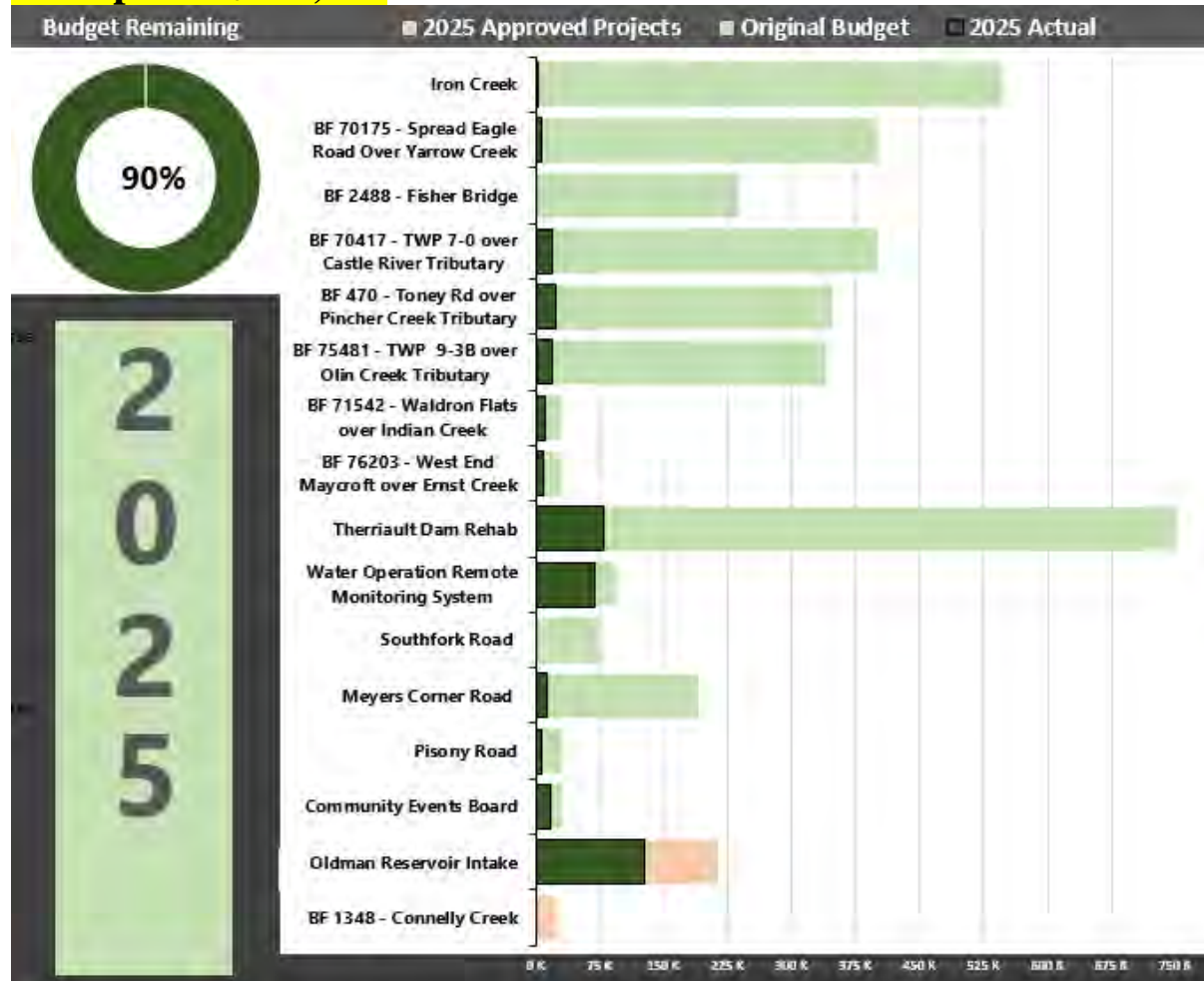


M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
 UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

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General Projects Budget Update

2025 Approved Budget: \$3,847,000. Aug. 8th Spend: \$402,637 June 30th Spend: \$322,707



Large Ongoing Projects (Pre-2025 Construction Start)

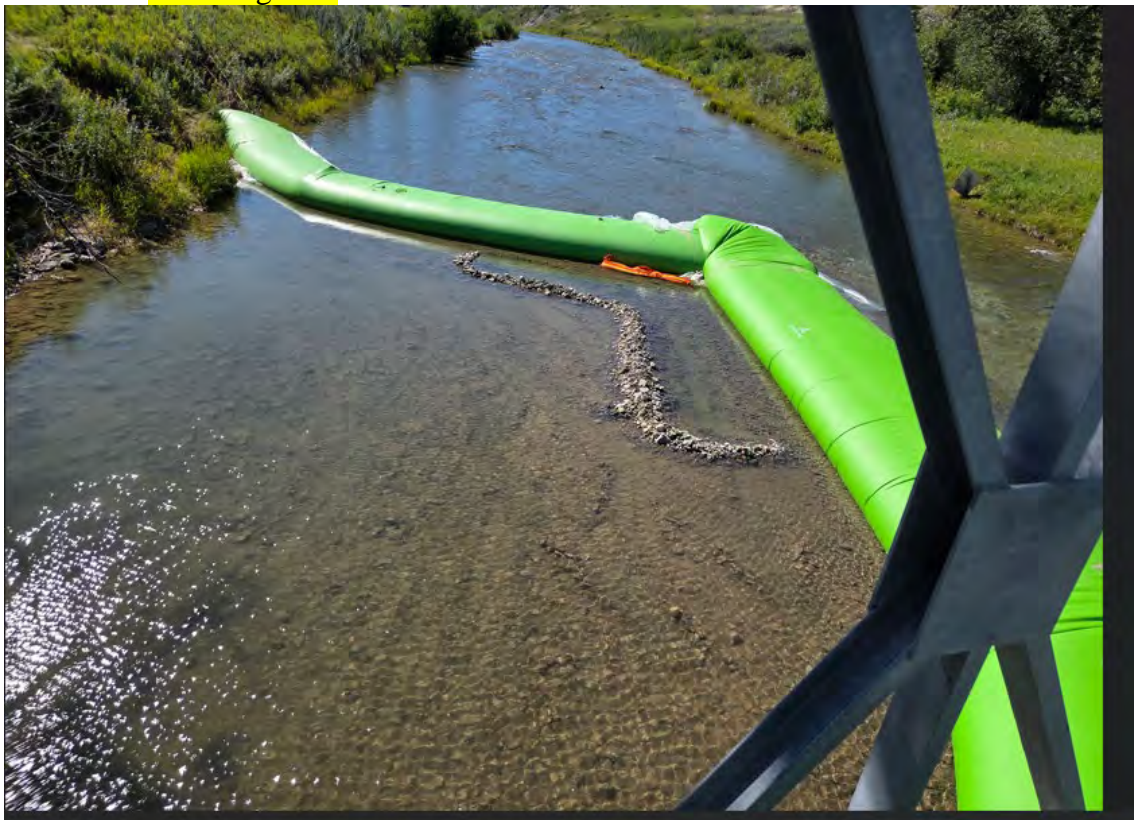
- **Beaver Mines Water Distribution, Collection System**
 - Construction complete. Awaiting rainstopper installation in a few manholes (warranty)
 - Significant rainfall event July 13-15 (100mm+) saw increased infiltration into system

- **Beaver Mines Waste Facility/System**
 - Final turnover package received, GIS information received Jan 20th
 - Warranty discussions
 - Septic tank experiencing infiltration. Fix work planned for week of Sep. 2nd
 - Lagoon de-icers tripping with known GFCI breaker issue. On-site troubleshoot day occurred June 25th, issue with wiring still exists. Local contractor brought in to help assess. Plan to address panel issue locally. Two (2) agitators sent for warranty, re-installation planned week of Sep. 2nd

- **Beaver Mines Forcemain & Lift Station**
 - Awaiting minor changes to Record drawings
 - Identified generator is missing lugs for load test. Install complete Aug 5th, load test to be complete by Aug 20th

- **Oldman Reservoir Water Intake Low Level Project**
 - \$1.68M grant application finalized Jan 30th, 2024
 - Approval received for \$1.8M project, covering up to 75% of costs
 - DFPP (Drought and Flood Protection Program) grant application approved, topping up Capital Project and covering 70% of costs for a Drought Projects Assessment
 - Troubleshooting difficulties with reaching flow capacity of VIS' continues
 - Upper pipeline pressure test complete, passed. Issue appears to be isolated to lower pipeline sections or structures
 - TFA received Jul. 25th to access structure once levels drop
 - Discussion held with hydrogeologist and original driller Aug. 18th to discuss plan to pull pumps, perform lower pressure test (once accessible)

- **Bridge File 2488 – Fisher Bridge, NW-26-07-02-W5M**
 - Scour identified under existing abutment. Costed plan included in 2025 budget
 - Approvals in place to begin work
 - Re-kickoff complete Jul 22nd. Work started Aug 5th, completion by end of August
 - Surrounding residents have expressed concerns regarding stairs increasing traffic of people, issues of trespassing/garbage, and construction related items including bank erosion
 - Challenges with isolation/pumping delayed physical work. Abutment work complete as of Aug. 19th





- **Watercourse Crossing Inspection & Remediation Project – 100% Grant funded**
 - Funding agreement signed Mar. 28th, 2023 for \$1.55M
 - Extension received to March 31st, 2027
 - Funder confirmed prelim. eng. is acceptable on BF 1348 Connelly Creek (for use of remaining \$600,000 in funds)

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

- Awarded Jan 22nd. Desktop computer arrived. Updated and delivered to MPE
- Received draft copy of new HMI interfaces, reviewed with MPE May 29th. Final comments being incorporated prior to implementation
 - Site install occurred week of June 16th. Troubleshooting computer crash issues prior to full swapover. **Unable to resolve computer issues with Dell technician callout, computer shipped to Dell for more in-depth troubleshooting - complete. Anticipate re-installation Aug. 20th.**

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
- 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)
 - RDS submitted
 - Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) submitted and approved to access site prior to RDS approval
- Land UROW and easement acquisition complete
- Contract awarded Jul 17th. Kickoff held Jul. 29th. Temp. fence setup by MD forces. Work scheduled to begin Aug. 20th

Community Events Board, Admin Building

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

- Project contingent on receiving required permits
 - Sign permit send to Town Apr. 11th. Approved during May 21st MSDA, appeal period complete June 11th
 - PO placed on Genoptic Smart Display P10, holding on shipment until we are ready
 - Confirmed no building permit required. Electrical permit will be required
 - Preliminary structure check indicates angled setup requires additional support. Working with installer on plan to keep costs in check. Approval modifications may be necessary
- **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

- Sensitive stream habitat, SARA permit required. Construction window of August
 - DFO SARA permit approval received Jan 15th
- Water Survey of Canada (WSC) notified regarding measurement which needs to be moved
- Direction given to closeout land acquisition with RDS for bed/banks portion
 - Provincial Roadway Disposition (RDS) submitted, awaiting approval. TFA submitted July 15th while awaiting RDS approval, received Aug 6th. RDS received Aug. 8th
 - Revised land UROW acquisition complete
 - SALTS approval received Oct 3rd
- Tender closed July 5th. Two (2) bids received
- Awarded to low bidder (Volker Stevin) for **\$277,682 (Eng. Est. \$362,500)**
- DFO notified Aug. 12th of intent to start work Aug. 18th. Working on plans to move WSC gauge
- Landowner notified of award
- Traffic and Eco Plan reviewed and approved Aug 12th
- Pre-construction kickoff held Aug 15th, Phase 1 (stream/riprap work) starting Aug. 19th. Phase 2 (bridge repairs) to occur starting end of Sep. Less than 5 min. closures expected

- **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 concerns on Iron Creek under the WCR program (100% funded)
 - Tender for install awarded to TA Excavating alongside South Todd Creek Tributary
 - Completion: September 30th, 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
 - Revised SARA permit received Mar. 11th
 - Kickoff meeting complete Jul. 28th. Contractor mobilized. Single lane on-site detour bridge in place for entire month
 - Fish isolation and bird sweep successful
 - Concrete footings poured, riprap and assembly underway

August 6 2025
 Detour bridge being placed



August 15, 2025
 1st footing concrete pour



- **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

- Prelim. engineering complete Oct. 8th

- Design and tender to include staged construction cost (optional), extended detour may be feasible
- Design work kicked off Oct. 31st, 2025. STIP unsuccessful
- Design complete, reviewed and under finalization
- Proceeding with RDS disposition and land
 - RDS submitted, received Jul. 25th
 - Land package received Jun. 18, signed and sent back Jun. 27th
- Flexibility with construction timing window, anticipate Fall construction
- Tender released Jul. 29th, closed Aug 13th. 6 bids received.
- Awarded to low bidder (NLSS) for **\$325,660 (Eng. Est. \$367,749)**
- Council to be presented with option for road closure/detour at Aug. 26th meeting
- Anticipate October 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)

- Prelim. eng. complete Oct. 7th. Recommendation is installation of a steel wall pipe liner. Level 2 barrel inspection confirmed 1.4m liner is feasible
- Design work kicked off November 5th, 2024. STIP unsuccessful
- Design complete and reviewed
- Proceeding with RDS disposition and land
 - RDS submitted, received Aug 8th.
 - Land package received Jun. 18, signed and sent back Jun. 27th
- Flexibility with construction timing window, anticipate Fall construction
- Tender released Jul. 23rd, closed Aug. 8th. Four (4) bids received.
- Awarded to low bidder (Volker Stevin) for **\$198,744.46 (Eng. Est. \$282,471)**
- Anticipate kickoff over coming few weeks

- **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

- Preliminary engineering complete Oct. 11th. STIP unsuccessful
- Design complete and reviewed by MD, upstream detour planned
- Gave direction to proceed with RDS and land
 - RDS submitted
 - Land package received Jun. 18, comments sent back for discussion. Direction given to proceed with fixing road plan misalignment within entire ¼ section. Working with surveyor to finalize
- Initial sampling complete, confirmed DFO review not required. Flexible construction timing window

- **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

- Design kicked off Jan 8th. Anticipated schedule:
 - Begin regulatory submissions mid March, 2025 (pending grant release)
 - Design completion mid April – June 2025
 - Timing of further works dependant on grant timing and regulatory approval timing
- Design, specifications, and costed estimate received Jun. 23. Reviewed and discussed Jun. 25th. Awaiting further comment/action on tightening estimate
- Grant funding stream released with round 1 funding deadline of Jul. 8-Aug. 19th, **passed. 2nd call due Oct. 9, 2025**
 - Requested pre-application form Jun. 17th. Meeting held with funder Jun. 25th. Indicated project total must be under \$1M to be funding eligible
 - **Unable to achieve project total under \$1M, disqualifying project from funding. Dedicated discussion to be held Aug 26th with Council**

Large Projects Planned for 2026 Implementation

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

Preliminary engineering to replace or remediate the 3m x 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 prelim eng. under WCR program
- Council approval received Mar. 11th, 2025
- Preliminary engineering kicked off Apr. 3rd
- Survey complete Apr. 25th

- **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

- Preliminary engineering and basic aquatic assessment kicked off Jan. 31st, 2025 with Roseke. Reduced prelim. eng. scope compared to Bridge Files
- Preliminary engineering assessment received Jun. 16th. Under review
- Anticipate construction 2026

- **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. 31st, 2025 with Roseke to determine appropriate replacement design or maintenance (liner). Currently, it is anticipated replacement will be required
- Survey complete, drafted. Prelim. eng. 90% complete
- 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. 31st, 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
- Survey complete, drafted. Prelim. eng. 20% complete

- **Southfork Hill Road**

Emergent investigatory and repair work for the Southfork Hill slide issues

- Geotechnical scope awarded and complete. Final geotech. report received Dec 9th
- STIP application submitted Nov. 28th, 2024 with letters of support from Campground and nearby farming operation. Revision submitted Dec. 19th with additional letter of support from MLA and final geotech. report
 - Response received June 2nd, 2025: Unsuccessful
- Project paused pending further deterioration or future grant opportunities. No capital spend planned for 2025

Studies and Planning Work

Regional Drought Strategic Implementation Strategy & Raw Water Storage Project

- Grant application for a Drought Projects Assessment under DFPP
 - Approval received to cover up to 70% of costs
- Grant application for 3 month (25-year) forecasted volumes
 - 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)
- Forecasted demand and water requirement scenarios presented to Council June 10th
- Draft water resource assessment received Aug. 8th, comments sent back Aug. 12th
- Starting engagement on solutions and land siting

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

- Awarded August, 2024
- Gravel pit report complete
- Maycroft Road draft prelim. assessment received May 26th
- Gravel road assessment field work complete. Culvert assessment field work complete, paved road assessment underway. Draft report received
 - Gravel road assessments 80% complete
 - Culvert arterial road assessments complete, GPS locating remaining culverts
- Airport load assessment work complete, data imports issue resolved. Draft report received and reviewed (May 7th), final report received May 25th
 - Concerns identified regarding Spring loading of taxiway, apron, and runway with the Lockheed L-188 Electra. Concerns discussed with Alberta Forestry June 4th
 - Working with MPE to cost out additional assessment to define max. loading requirement of taxiway, Summer loading capability, etc.
- Draft TMP report received Jul. 21st, significant amount of comments on new sections of report. Finalizing internal reviews before sending back to MPE for incorporation

Cridland Dam

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

- 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
- Dam Safety Alberta emailed us Apr. 23rd, 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
 - Upcoming provincial audit this year on Cridland Dam
- Geotechnical analysis and spillways survey work kicked off with MPE May 16th, 2025
 - Geotechnical work complete June 4th/5th. Well observations ongoing
- Draft report for spillway discussed Jul. 22nd. Geotechnical report discussed Jul. 30th. Draft received and reviewed Aug. 19th
 - Initial results indicate spillway requires some (relatively minor) earthworks and spillway culverts are undersized
 - Confirmed observed dam face seepage coming from reservoir. Dam face does not meet long term Factor of Safety (FoS) requirements

Miscellaneous

- 10 yr. bridge study update kicked off Jan. 27th, 2025 with Roseke. Data entry complete
 - Estimate August completion

Operations Updates

WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

Implemented Stage: **Stage 1 (July. 15th)**

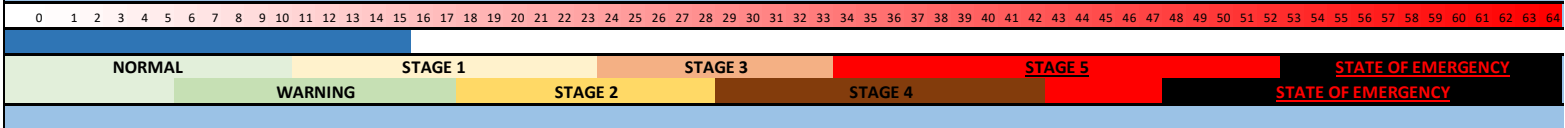
TOTAL WATER SHORTAGE RISK SCORE		
RESERVOIR LEVEL RISK	3.0	Score
WATER AVAILABILITY RISK	8.3	Score
FAILURE RISK	0.0	Score
SUPPLY/DEMAND RISK CALCULATION	4.6	Score
TOTAL	15.9	Score

WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN TOTAL RISK SCORING & RECOMMENDED STAGE

SCORE: 15.9

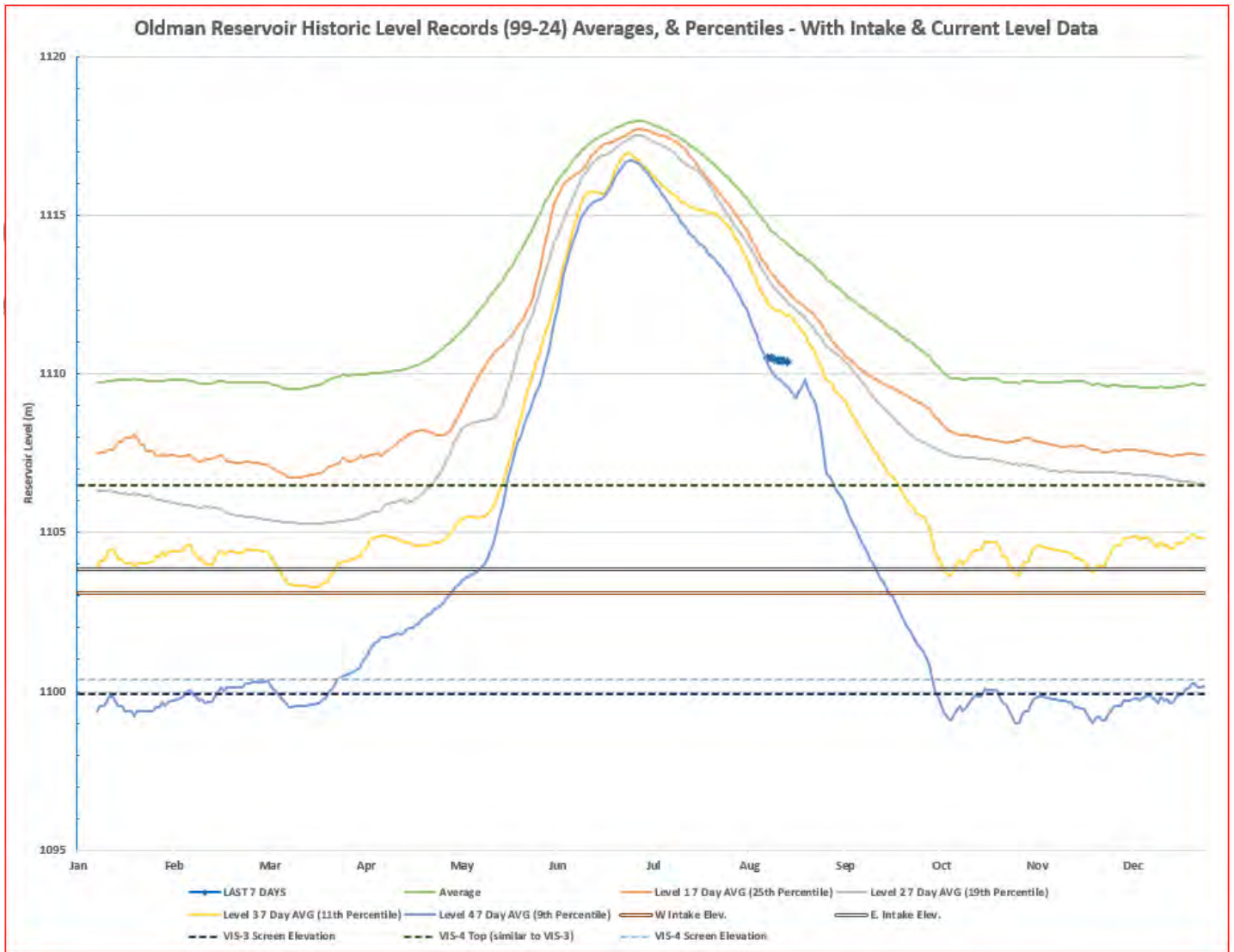
RECOMMENDED STAGE:

Warning or Stage 1



- Reservoir levels are again declining over last week, but at a slower pace
 - Levels increased over the majority of the Council break
- Demand has been stable over last few weeks:
 - Average 48 hr. demand: m³/d
 - Average 7 day demand: m³/d
- As of Aug. 12, Alberta Water Infrastructure & Operations Branch (WIOB) predicting water to fall below original intakes between Sep. 7-14, which will likely be pushed back further (continued improvement from previous forecasts)
 - Internal forecasting predicting loss of intakes pushed back to Sep. 24-Oct. 8, LNID demand dependant
- Original intakes remain available (6.5m of water over intakes)
- New intakes being ran about 2 days at a time currently prior to switching to old
 - Manganese continues to be high while running. Shutting off to stay under maximum allowable concentration (MAC). Discussing options with AEPA
- Working on plans to access intakes once levels drop

Reservoir & Snowpack Tracking

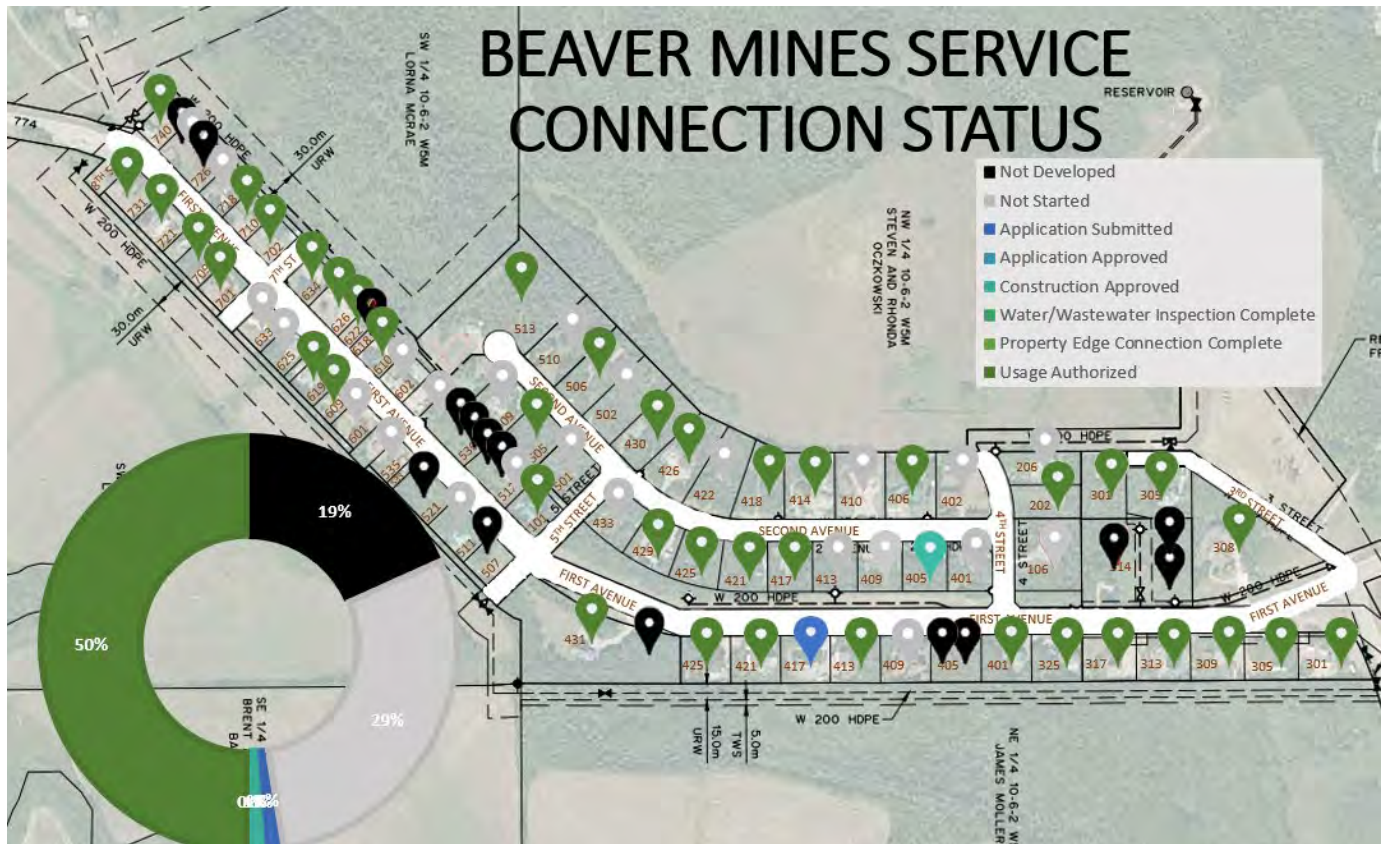


Reservoir Volume **Aug 18th: 66.6%** **June 30th: 66.3%**

- AB Environment Water Supply (Snow Accumulation) **Aug.** Update:
 - Runoff forecast: Much below to below average (between 6th and 12th of 99 yrs)
 - **Only sites not above 2024 values are St. Mary and Belly River**
 - Snowpack: much below average, runoff complete

Beaver Mines Lot Servicing

- **45/66** developed applications received, **43** approved, **42** connected (**64 %**)
 - Fifteen (15) undeveloped fully serviced locations, **One (1) exempt with conditions (no plumbing exists)**
 - Water Service Line issue at attempted connection in Beaver Mines. No water to curbsstop. Emergent excavation complete **July 9th** to fix connection. No longer under warranty. **Connection was not drilled to main**
- Fire Underwriters Survey acknowledgement received June 5th, 2025 that the water system is now recognized, but the fire hall is unrecognized at this time. PCES working directly to investigate



Standpipes

- Last known issue: Jul. 11th (control line sedimentation/solenoid reaction issue at PC standpipe). Resolved Jul. 14th. A few minor outage and calibration issues occurred over course of Council break

General Water Operations Updates August 19th, 2025:

- Sewer backup resolved in Lundbreck residential site. Issue on our side of Service Connection
- Annual 3rd party instrumentation calibrations complete
- Rural Transmission Line application approved between Beaver Mines and Park
- Water hydrant flushing complete in Lundbreck and Beaver Mines
- Switching to direct chemical drum orders for WTP. Significant cost savings being achieved
- Working on operational budgetary preparations
- Waste pond gate valve not sealing properly. Costing out repairs
- WWTP and Collection system was increased flow during mid July rain event. Took about 3 days to catch up. Infiltration occurred on Manhole on NE side of Hamlet
- Two (2) inspections complete week of June 30th in Lundbreck for new private services
- Plant health check awarded for main treatment trains, planned for mid October
- WWTP heat trace trip on one lateral failed. Issue resolved, caused corrosion in panel. Costing out fix
- Working on solution for new emergency ladder for Cowley reservoir. Old ladder removed due to high hazard
- 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
 - Reviewing options for repair work in Lundbreck Reservoirs B & C in next 1-3 years
- Letter sent to Cowley Mar 28th detailing various requests and proposed path forward for water assets, licenses, and amended operations contract
 - Cowley engaging with legal on proposed path
- Lundbreck Lagoon sludge survey complete. In depth report review complete Apr. 30th
 - Reviewing history of dredging/surveys prior to providing long term recommendations
- Remaining significant operations related work planned for 2025:
 - Sewer flushing in select BM areas

General Energy Related Updates August 19th, 2025:

- QUEST net zero accelerator
 - Economic impacts of Energy & Emissions Plan received
- Clean Energy Improvement Program
 - 25 pre-qualifications received (9 MD, 16 Town)
 - 11 cancelled
 - 2 projects completed for Town, 1 added to tax roll
 - 3 projects authorized for MD, 1 for Town
 - Community outreach being coordinated for Farmers Market July/August

Recommendation:

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for July 3rd – August 19th is received as information.

Prepared by: David Desabrais

Date: August 19th, 2025

Council Meeting

Date: August 26th, 2025

Recommendation to Council

G1d

TITLE: Therriault Dam Rehabilitation – Spillway & Wave Mitigation Upgrades Capital Discussion			
PREPARED BY: David Desabrais		DATE: August 19th, 2025	
DEPARTMENT: Utilities & Infrastructure			
 Department Supervisor	25/08/19 Date	ATTACHMENTS: 1. Therriault Dam Deficiency History	
APPROVALS:			
 David Desabrais _____ Department Director	25/08/19 _____ Date	 Meghan Dobie _____ Deputy CAO	AUG 25, 2025 _____ Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council direct Administration to approve finalizing design drawings and specifications for the current rehabilitation scope and to pursue alternative funding options (DFPP) for the Therriault Dam Rehabilitation Project for 2026 Capital Budget discussions, and further;

That Council direct Administration to expand the scope of the Therriault Dam Rehabilitation Project for 2026 Capital Budget discussions to consider drought water supply issues.

BACKGROUND:

- The 2025 Capital Budget included up to \$910,000 in *total project cost* funding to complete design work, regulatory submissions, and (pending grant funding & regulatory approval) tender/construct:
 - An expanded spillway and protection to handle predicted flood events in line with Dam Safety standards
 - Berm low point earthworks and gravel for erosion mitigation
- A brief summary of why this work is being proposed is shown in *Attachment #1*
- The intent was to apply for grant funding under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation stream, with potential for the project to proceed under LGFF if not successful
 - Round 1 funding opened Jul. 8th and closed Aug. 19th (passed)
 - Round 2 closes Oct. 9th
 - Funding is only available under this stream if total project cost is under \$1M (among other lengthy and detailed requirements)

Recommendation to Council

- Detailed design work resulted in an updated cost estimate of \$1.5-1.7M, primarily due to significant quantities of Class 3 Riprap required to control velocities
 - Through further discussion and trimming of design/estimate, a minimum project cost of \$1.2-1.3M was deemed potentially feasible, exceeding the funding stream threshold
 - Further trimming of design would heavily impact the function of construction measures and a successful grant application would be unlikely

OPTIONS

- A) Increase budget \$600-800,000 and fund project through LGFF. Construction would be anticipated in 2026 at this point
- B) Cancel project
- C) Finalize design and specification to “Issued for Tender/Construction” quality, postpone project and apply for alternative Provincial Drought and Flood Protection Program (DFPP) until successful
 - There have been a few municipalities whom have received DFPP funding for separate projects. Our raw water projects would be priority
 - *There is also potential that the design could be expanded as a drought project too for livestock watering (seasonal or permanent raw water fill station) or similar*

FURTHER THERRIAULT BACKGROUND

- 1 of 2 significant consequence dams owned and operated by the MD
- Water license for 453,000 m³ consumptive use (community water supply)
 - The MD’s largest water license
 - *Potential* to apply for new license still feasible under South Saskatchewan Basin Order as this is a Pincher Creek tributary
- Reservoir capacity: 709,000 m³
- Catchment area of 54 km² with Inflow Design Flood (IDF) of 64 m³/s
 - Next largest is Cridland at 7 km² with IDF of 4 m³/s

Administration recommends proceeding with Option c) and investigating the potential of a permanent/seasonal raw water fill station at the Therriault Dam for 2026 Capital Budget discussions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Total spend to date: \$133,274
- DFPP funding covers up to 70% of project costs

Therriault Dam Deficiency History – 2025 Capital Project

By: David Desabrais

Date: Aug 18th, 2025

- Therriault Dam classification reconfirmed as "significant" during 2021 legislated Dam Safety Review (DSR)
- 2021 DSR report provides the following priority ratings to (among others) findings:
 - High: Capacity of emergency spillway deemed insufficient to pass Inflow Design Flood (IDF)
 - Recommend completing survey of channel to confirm width and update hydraulic capacity as necessary along with updated freeboard assessment (*complete; confirmed spillway does not pass IDF*)
 - High: Factor of Safety (FoS) of downstream slope may be inadequate
 - Recommended conducting further geotech information and monitoring over time (*geotech. complete, some internal monitoring occurring*)
 - Medium: Seepage/standing water issue on downstream slope
 - Recommend that geotechnical investigation be complete (*complete*) and potential install of French drain to help improve drainage, enhance stability (*deemed not required at this time*)
- 2023 Hydrotechnical Spillway + Freeboard Study and geotechnical report complete based on 2021 DSR recommendations. Additional findings (ratings given by us):
 - High: Elevation of dam/embankment found to be inconsistent with low spot. IDF reconfirmed to be insufficient with risk of overtop outside spillway. Freeboard not achieved at Full Supply Level (FSL)
 - Recommend completing detailed wind/wave run-up analysis to determine lowest cost solution to address issues (*complete*)
 - High: Geotechnical study confirms slope appears "stable", but instrument data and tracked visual inspections required to monitor results (*AES has been tasked with this*)
- 2024 Wind/wave run-up analysis findings:
 - IDF refined with wind-wave run-up potential
 - Recommend constructing a gravel berm along NE dam crest near spillway where large wave action predicted and low spot exists (*underway – current scope*)
 - Recommend expansion of spillway and chute to reduce erosive forces (*underway – current scope*)

Recommendation to Council

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TITLE: Bridge File #70417 TWP RD 70 (Landfill Rd) Replacement – Road Closure vs. Staged Construction			
PREPARED BY: David Desabrais		DATE: August 19th, 2025	
DEPARTMENT: Utilities & Infrastructure			
 Department Supervisor	25/08/20 Date	ATTACHMENTS: 1. Site & Detour Map	
APPROVALS:			
 David Desabrais Department Director	25/08/20 Date	 Meghan Dobie Deputy CAO	AUG 25 2025 Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve a fall 2025 closure and detour on a section of TWP RD 70 (Landfill Rd) required for Bridge File 70417 construction.

BACKGROUND:

- The replacement of a 6.1m bridge (BF 70417) with dual 2m x 27m L culverts on the landfill road over a Castle River tributary was approved as part of the 2025 Capital Budget assuming a staged construction approach, with acknowledgement that a detour/closure may be feasible
- Tender for the project closed Aug. 13th, and has been awarded to NLSS for **\$325,660** (Eng. Est.: **\$368,000**)
- Land/easement has been acquired to complete either approach

OPTIONS

- The staged construction approach and additional site occupancy was included as a delectable item in the Tender
- Awarded bid has a minimum \$40,000 savings to proceed with the detour/closure instead of staged construction

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- In Summer 2024, the road saw an **ADT of 86**
- Based on the tendered occupancy, a 10-14 day closure/detour would be expected
- A detour route was not prescribed in the tender, **Attachment #1** shows the available detour routes and lengths. Posted detour length would be 18km minimum
- NLSS is proposing construction timing in October if the detour/closure route is chosen

Recommendation to Council

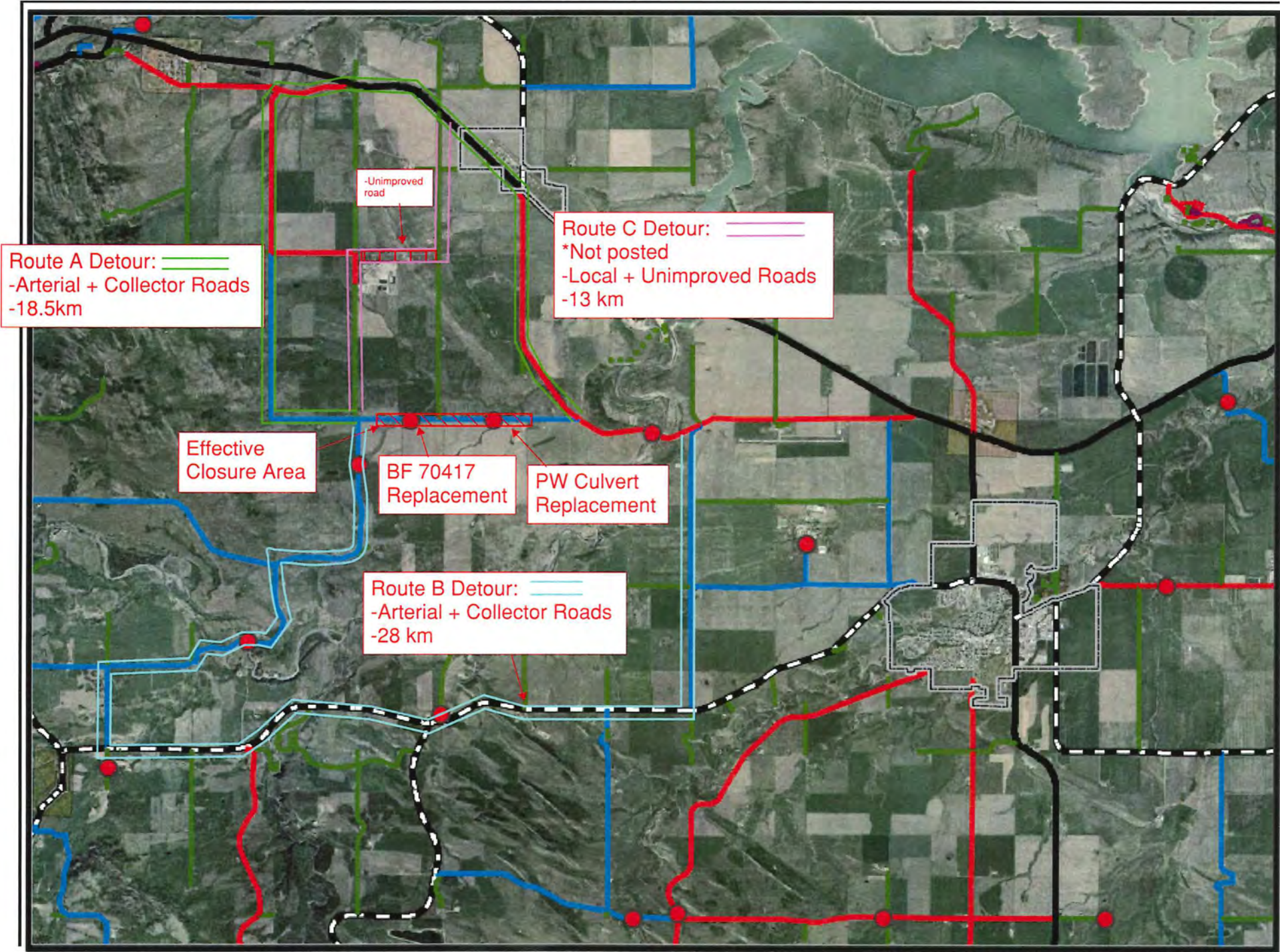
- This will potentially effect five (5) children's bus routes per LRSD. LRSD has indicated this is going to be a major inconvenience and arrangements will need to be made with the families. We are working to obtain more details
- If closure route is chosen, Public Works is planning to piggyback on the closure to replace nearby smaller dual culverts on the landfill road (*Attachment #1*)

Administration recommends proceeding with deleting the staged construction optional tender task from the scope and proceeding with a closure/detour.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The project is being funded from the Bridge Repair and Replacement Reserve (STIP application unsuccessful)
- \$40-50,000 reduced cost for closing road

BF 70417 Road Closure Map



Recommendation to Council

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TITLE: 7160.000 Bad Debt Expense			
PREPARED BY: Meghan Dobie		DATE: July 29, 2025	
DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services			
		ATTACHMENTS: 1. N/A	
Department Supervisor	Date		
APPROVALS:			
	<u>July 30, 2025</u>		<u>2025/07/31</u>
Department Director	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agree to fund a bad debt expense of \$80,534 related to tax roll 7160.000 through the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (6-12-0-735-6735).

BACKGROUND:

Based on the information below, until such time that Tri-Energy Resources Ltd is insolvent, there is still a chance the MD could collect something. However, since this account has not been paid since 2009, it is not advisable to rely solely on the penalty revenue we earn year after year. Therefore, to create a more accurate financial picture, the MD has recorded both bad debt expense and an allowance for doubtful accounts to offset this balance.

Tax Roll 7160.000 consisted of two wells:

- #11863 – Tri Energy Resources Ltd. – Status Suspension
- #20876 – Tri Energy Resources Ltd – Status Abandoned

The tax arrears on tax roll 7160.000 (originally 1444.001) dates back to 2009, when the tax rolls were under Pennine Petroleum Co. They were then sold to Nomad and subsequently sold to Tri-Energy Resources. The well sites have since been sold to Tuktu Resources Ltd. Part of the purchasing agreement stated that taxes would be apportioned based on the sale. This means that Tuktu Resources Inc. wasn't responsible for the taxes owing prior to the sale. All tax accounts under Tuktu Resources Ltd are in good standing. The current taxes related to this well site (7470.000) are being paid.

Tax roll 7160.000 owes \$80,534. \$19,714 is from annual levies, while \$60,820 is penalty related.

Recommendation to Council

The Alberta Energy Regulators (AER) has not received any notification that Tri-Energy Resources Ltd. has entered any court-appointed insolvency.

Bill 77, the Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021, was introduced in the Alberta legislature to address the issue of unpaid property taxes owed by oil and gas companies to municipalities. The bill aims to restore municipalities' ability to place a special lien on properties to recover unpaid taxes, a power that was previously limited. Any recourse here would require legal.

Under GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), when the amount of a loss is known with sufficient precision, and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, the receivable should be reduced by the amount of that loss.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

TBD

* Voided Journal Entry

Batch ID: mdobie
 Batch Comment:

Approved: No	Batch Total Actual:	\$0.00	Batch Total Control:	\$0.00
Approved by:	Trx Total Actual:	0	Trx Total Control:	0
Approval Date:				

Journal Entry	Transaction Type	Transaction Date	Reversing Date	Source Document	Transaction Reference	Audit Trail Code	Reversing Trail Code	Audit
User-Defined 1			User-Defined 2					
96,031	Standard	5/31/2025		GJ	CUR vs ARR Adjust	GLTRX00024530		

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
5-12-0-210-5210	Property Taxes - Current	\$24,715.65	
5-12-0-211-5210	Property Taxes - Arrears		\$24,715.65
Total Distributions:	2	Totals: \$24,715.65	\$24,715.65

Total Journal Entries: 1

MD
July 30, 2025

* Voided Journal Entry

Batch ID: mdobie
 Batch Comment:

Approved: No Batch Total Actual: \$0.00 Batch Total Control: \$0.00
 Approved by: Trx Total Actual: 0 Trx Total Control: 0
 Approval Date:

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96,031	Standard	5/31/2025		GJ	CUR vs ARR Adjust	GLTRX00024530		
	Account Project ID	Description Entry Type	Phase	Cost Type	Debit	Credit		
	5-12-0-210-5210 None	Property Taxes - Current			\$24,715.65	\$0.00		
	5-12-0-211-5210 None	Property Taxes - Arrears			\$0.00	\$24,715.65		
Total Distributions:		2		Totals:	\$24,715.65	\$24,715.65		

	Tax roll	Amount	YTD	Reason
Jan		25,292.93	25,292.93	year end grid transfer
Feb	5142	-1.67	25,291.26	applied TIPP to ARR should have been CUR
Mar	NOTE A	-531.63	24,759.63	Grid transfer apply credits month end process
		-59.92	24,699.71	unknown - Immaterial
Apr		0	24,699.71	
May	3379.1	15.94	24,715.65	2024 Penalty void 10.70 + 5.24 GL in2025
Jun				
Jul				
NOTE A	33	66.17		
	2271	73.99		
	2272	68.78		
	4537	29.18		
	4537.01	20		
	4764.01	-59.92		
	4975.02	399.6		
	33	-66.17		



2025-08-12

Rick Lemire
Reeve
MD of Pincher Creek, AB

Dear Reeve Lemire,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report covering the period from April 1st to June 30th, 2025. This report provides a snapshot of human resources, financial data, and crime statistics for the Pincher Creek Detachment.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Commanding Officer, Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux. Many of you may be familiar with Deputy Commissioner Daroux as he was the Criminal Operations Officer in Alberta before taking on this new role. He believes all Alberta RCMP employees are empowered to lead, collaborate, and contribute at all levels, and knows that they are the strength of the service. Through collaboration and partnership with the communities we serve, Deputy Commissioner Daroux knows together we are supporting safer, stronger, and more connected communities across Alberta.

Deputy Commissioner Daroux has 37 years of policing experience and has also served with the Calgary Police Service. He has served as a Deputy Chief in Charge of the Bureau of Community Policing in Calgary, and as the Director General National Crime Prevention and Indigenous Policing Services for the RCMP, among many other operational and administrative roles. Deputy Commissioner Daroux is focused on continuing to build a modern, progressive police service – one that values innovation, embraces change, and reflects the diverse needs of Alberta.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. As your Chief of Police for your community, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Sgt Ryan Hodge

Sgt Ryan Hodge
Chief of Police
Pincher Creek RCMP





Crowsnest Pass Provincial Detachment

Crime Statistics (Actual)

Q1 (April - June): 2021 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

July 8, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		1	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Robbery		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Sexual Assaults		1	0	0	1	3	200%	200%	0.5
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Assault		25	12	14	24	13	-48%	-46%	-1.2
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Extortion		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Criminal Harassment		2	14	5	16	12	500%	-25%	2.2
Uttering Threats		5	11	5	17	14	180%	-18%	2.4
TOTAL PERSONS		35	37	25	59	43	23%	-27%	3.8
Break & Enter		10	9	8	7	9	-10%	29%	-0.4
Theft of Motor Vehicle		2	1	6	12	2	0%	-83%	1.1
Theft Over \$5,000		0	1	2	3	3	N/A	0%	0.8
Theft Under \$5,000		14	21	16	17	9	-36%	-47%	-1.4
Possn Stn Goods		1	2	2	1	5	400%	400%	0.7
Fraud		9	15	9	12	9	0%	-25%	-0.3
Arson		2	4	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.8
Mischief - Damage To Property		22	22	14	24	19	-14%	-21%	-0.4
Mischief - Other		6	13	15	12	21	250%	75%	2.9
TOTAL PROPERTY		66	88	73	88	77	17%	-13%	2.2
Offensive Weapons		0	2	4	3	2	N/A	-33%	0.5
Disturbing the peace		9	20	11	7	20	122%	186%	0.9
Fail to Comply & Breaches		4	4	4	8	18	350%	125%	3.2
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		8	10	6	7	10	25%	43%	0.1
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		21	36	25	25	50	138%	100%	4.7
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		122	161	123	172	170	39%	-1%	10.7



Crowsnest Pass Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) Q1 (April - June): 2021 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

July 8, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		2	0	1	1	4	100%	300%	0.5
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		1	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		3	1	1	1	4	33%	300%	0.2
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		2	3	3	2	2	0%	0%	-0.1
TOTAL FEDERAL		5	4	4	3	6	20%	100%	0.1
Liquor Act		4	5	4	1	3	-25%	200%	-0.6
Cannabis Act		0	0	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Mental Health Act		37	17	23	25	32	-14%	28%	-0.2
Other Provincial Stats		29	24	29	31	24	-17%	-23%	-0.3
Total Provincial Stats		70	46	57	58	59	-16%	2%	-1.0
Municipal By-laws Traffic		1	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Municipal By-laws		4	10	12	10	6	50%	-40%	0.4
Total Municipal		5	10	13	10	6	20%	-40%	0.2
Fatals		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Injury MVC		9	5	8	5	2	-78%	-60%	-1.4
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		44	52	49	30	30	-32%	0%	-5.0
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		13	8	3	4	17	31%	325%	0.4
TOTAL MVC		66	65	60	40	49	-26%	23%	-5.9
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		1	3	3	0	4	300%	N/A	0.3
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		317	112	391	145	211	-33%	46%	-17.9
Other Traffic		2	0	2	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Criminal Code Traffic		7	6	17	7	5	-29%	-29%	-0.3
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		7	5	9	12	21	200%	75%	3.5
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		1	6	7	5	14	1300%	180%	2.5
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		32	18	28	24	28	-13%	17%	-0.2
Persons Reported Missing		1	2	6	9	1	0%	-89%	0.7
Search Warrants		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		25	25	23	34	29	16%	-15%	1.7
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		4	0	3	1	3	-25%	200%	-0.1



Pincher Creek Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) Q1 (April - June): 2021 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

July 8, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		2	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Sexual Assaults		1	0	1	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Assault		18	8	20	17	14	-22%	-18%	0.1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	1	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Extortion		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Criminal Harassment		9	4	8	5	6	-33%	20%	-0.5
Uttering Threats		8	4	8	4	7	-13%	75%	-0.2
TOTAL PERSONS		38	16	39	30	27	-29%	-10%	-0.8
Break & Enter		6	8	10	2	4	-33%	100%	-1.0
Theft of Motor Vehicle		6	4	3	3	2	-67%	-33%	-0.9
Theft Over \$5,000		0	0	4	3	1	N/A	-67%	0.5
Theft Under \$5,000		35	19	28	23	14	-60%	-39%	-3.8
Possn Stn Goods		2	2	1	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.4
Fraud		11	14	8	9	5	-55%	-44%	-1.7
Arson		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		12	8	23	11	5	-58%	-55%	-1.1
Mischief - Other		9	13	11	1	12	33%	1100%	-0.6
TOTAL PROPERTY		81	68	88	54	44	-46%	-19%	-8.8
Offensive Weapons		4	6	5	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.3
Disturbing the peace		18	14	24	15	14	-22%	-7%	-0.7
Fail to Comply & Breaches		7	6	30	24	4	-43%	-83%	1.2
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		5	1	5	10	2	-60%	-80%	0.3
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		34	27	64	50	20	-41%	-60%	-0.5
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		153	111	191	134	91	-41%	-32%	-10.1



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July 8, 2025

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		1	1	2	4	0	-100%	-100%	0.1
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		2	0	1	4	2	0%	-50%	0.4
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	2	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
Total Drugs		3	3	4	8	2	-33%	-75%	0.3
Cannabis Enforcement		0	1	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Federal - General		0	8	3	1	1	N/A	0%	-0.5
TOTAL FEDERAL		3	12	8	9	3	0%	-67%	-0.3
Liquor Act		18	14	3	10	7	-61%	-30%	-2.6
Cannabis Act		2	2	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.5
Mental Health Act		18	19	22	18	14	-22%	-22%	-0.9
Other Provincial Stats		22	11	29	31	19	-14%	-39%	1.4
Total Provincial Stats		60	46	54	60	40	-33%	-33%	-2.6
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Municipal By-laws		11	2	4	1	4	-64%	300%	-1.5
Total Municipal		11	2	4	1	4	-64%	300%	-1.5
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		2	4	2	8	5	150%	-38%	1.0
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		47	44	30	36	46	-2%	28%	-1.0
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		6	3	5	11	5	-17%	-55%	0.6
TOTAL MVC		55	51	37	55	56	2%	2%	0.6
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		5	2	2	1	1	-80%	0%	-0.9
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		271	323	278	261	345	27%	32%	8.6
Other Traffic		0	0	0	3	0	N/A	-100%	0.3
Criminal Code Traffic		17	10	15	16	6	-65%	-63%	-1.6
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		20	8	8	10	16	-20%	60%	-0.6
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		14	13	13	9	4	-71%	-56%	-2.4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		22	17	21	23	20	-9%	-13%	0.2
Persons Reported Missing		11	2	5	3	5	-55%	67%	-1.1
Search Warrants		1	1	0	0	1	0%	N/A	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		8	11	16	22	15	88%	-32%	2.5
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0



August 12, 2025

Roland Milligan
CAO
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No.9, AB

Dear CAO Milligan,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report covering the period from April 1st to June 30th, 2025. This report provides a snapshot of human resources, financial data, and crime statistics for the Crowsnest Pass Detachment.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Commanding Officer, Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux. Many of you may be familiar with Deputy Commissioner Daroux as he was the Criminal Operations Officer in Alberta before taking on this new role. He believes all Alberta RCMP employees are empowered to lead, collaborate, and contribute at all levels, and knows that they are the strength of the service. Through collaboration and partnership with the communities we serve, Deputy Commissioner Daroux knows together we are supporting safer, stronger, and more connected communities across Alberta.

Deputy Commissioner Daroux has 37 years of policing experience and has also served with the Calgary Police Service. He has served as a Deputy Chief in Charge of the Bureau of Community Policing in Calgary, and as the Director General National Crime Prevention and Indigenous Policing Services for the RCMP, among many other operational and administrative roles. Deputy Commissioner Daroux is focused on continuing to build a modern, progressive police service – one that values innovation, embraces change, and reflects the diverse needs of Alberta.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. As your Chief of Police for your community, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Sgt. Mark Amatto
Detachment Commander
Crowsnest Pass Detachment





Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Crowsnest Pass

Detachment Commander

Sergeant Mark Amatto

Report Date

August 12, 2025

Fiscal Year

2025-26

Quarter

Q1 (April - June)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Traffic Safety - Aggressive Driving**Updates and Comments:**

Enhancing road safety has remained a priority for Members of the Crowsnest Pass Detachment due to the amount of calls for service in relation to aggressive driving, the number of serious motor vehicle collisions that require an emergency response from police, the respective Fire Departments from the Municipality of the Crowsnest Pass, Hamlet of Lundbreck, MD of Willow Creek and MD of Pincher Creek, as well as Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances), inclusive of the time and expertise of both the nursing staff and doctors at local hospitals. Members will be drawing a focus to Traffic Safety by means of enforcement on the highways, increased visibility during peak traffic times and community presentations.

Priority #2: Property - Theft**Updates and Comments:**

Property theft may be influenced by many factors, however targeted property crime and crimes of opportunity are the two main crime trends that are being addressed by Crowsnest Pass Detachment Members. The Lock It Or Lose It program has remained an effective tool that has been successfully implemented wherein the 70 patrols that were conducted throughout the jurisdiction resulted in only 1 vehicle that had been found with the engine running, keys inside the ignition and unoccupied; the owner had been educated in regard to the concern and responded appropriately - those are numbers the community can be proud of in regard to crime reduction. With the implementation of Citizens on Patrol (COP), community volunteers are observing and reporting suspicious activity. In Lundbreck, a COP member reported a suspicious male that led to the recovery of a stolen vehicle / several break-in





instruments and the deployment of an RPAS (drone) and Police Dog Service (PDS), resulting in a dog bite and successful arrest / charges.

Priority #3: Violence - Violence in relationships

Updates and Comments:

During the Quarter 1 reporting period, 28 Domestic Violence calls for service were responded to, wherein charges were laid in 5 of those occurrences. Victim Services was offered in all instances and was accepted the vast majority of those files. Domestic Violence is an area where Crowsnest Pass Detachment Members wish to see an increase in the amount of files that are received, as there is a large dark figure of crime that goes unreported, placing the victim(s) of those crimes at even greater risk. Detachment Members are partnering with Victim Services to roll out presentations throughout the community in regard to defining Domestic Violence, how to report it, best practices in regard to implementing safeguards and continued follow up with victims of crime. Victims of Domestic Violence need help, information / enforcement / assistance is available, your local Detachment is where those supports are located. This endeavor for increased reporting will be monitored over a 2-year span.

Priority #4: Safety - Off-road vehicles / snowmobiles

Updates and Comments:

Patrols were made to the McGillvray, Sartoris, York Creek and Atlas staging areas resulting in a reduction of calls for service in regard to all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-highway vehicle (OHV) concerns. Good behaviour and compliance were re-enforced with those accessing the numerous trails throughout the Crowsnest Pass and Kananaskis Highway areas. Quarter 2 will draw focus to insurance and registration compliance checks.

Priority #5: Police / Community Relations - Visibility of police

Updates and Comments:

The following enhanced patrols were conducted in this reporting period:

8 patrols in Lundbreck
3 on Highway 40
9 on Highway 22
1 on Sartoris,
3 on throughout Crown land

School patrols:
4 at Horace Allan





1 at ISS
2 at Lundbreck
3 at CCHS
2 at Ecole des Grands-Vents





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
April 15, 2025	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Drugs	
Notes/Comments:	
Alberta Sheriffs SCAN (Safer Communities And Neighbourhoods) consultation in regard to a partnered approach to drug activity.	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
April 22, 2025	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives(2): Regular reporting information sharing(3): Education Session	
Notes/Comments:	
Pincher Creek, Ft Macleod and Crowsnest Pass Case Development Group Meeting to discuss, plan and provide monitoring for prolific offenders who affect all areas of the policing jurisdiction and surrounding areas.	

Consultation #3

Date	Meeting Type
May 7, 2025	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing(2): Education Session(3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Meeting with Crowsnest Community & Wildlife Watch in regard to reporting procedures in regard to Citizens On Patrol (COP) and preventative wildlife measures.	



Consultation #4

Date	Meeting Type
June 3, 2025	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing(2): Education Session(3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander attended MD of Ranchland No. 66's Council Chambers and provided Quarter 4 Reporting.	

Consultation #5

Date	Meeting Type
June 24, 2025	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing(2): Education Session(3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander and Operations NCO attended the Municipality of the Crownsnest Pass' Council Chambers and provided Quarter 4 Reporting.	





Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	9	7	0	2
Detachment Support	3	3	0	1

Notes:

1. Data extracted on June 30, 2025 and is subject to change.
2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: Of the nine established positions, seven officers are currently working with none on special leave. There are two hard vacancies at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the three established positions, three resources are currently working with none on special leave. There is one resource that is Surplus to Establishment. There is one hard vacancy at this time.





Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Pincher Creek

Detachment Commander

Sgt Ryan Hodge

Report Date

August 12, 2025

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Q1 (April - June)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Police / Community Relations - Police Visibility**Updates and Comments:**

Despite resourcing challenges and the G7 commitment, the Pincher Creek Detachment remained focused on community involvement and have been regularly attending community events.

Priority #2: Traffic**Updates and Comments:**

Traffic enforcement for the quarter was consistent with 318 violations being issued and 65 Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) demands made. With increasing traffic in the area the focus remains on the primary highways for aggressive driving such as speeding and dangerous operation.

Priority #3: Crime Reduction**Updates and Comments:**

Target of Maintain Clearance Rate of 25%+ for theft related offences. Current clearance status 37%. Property crime in the Pincher Creek area has been the lowest in 5 years for reporting between January and June. With only 83 investigations for the 6-month period and of that 44 were related to online frauds or mischief. This noticeable decline in comparison to the two previous years is directly related to enforcement actions involving prolific offenders.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
May 21, 2025	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
Regular Reporting to the Police Advisory Committee	
Notes/Comments:	
No community consultations identified.	





Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	11	6	3	2
Detachment Support	3	2	1	0

Notes:

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2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: At the time of this report of the 11 established positions, six officers are currently working in the field with two working administrative duties, one on maternity leave and two hard vacancies.

Detachment Support: Of the three established positions, two resources are currently working with one resource on Leave Without Pay. There is no hard vacancy at this time.



Recommendation to Council

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TITLE: Notice of Public Hearing – Bylaw No. 2025 from MD of Willow Creek

PREPARED BY: Laura McKinnon

DATE: August 21, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development

[Handwritten Signature]

Aug 21/25

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Notice of Public Hearing
2. Bylaw No. 2025 Link

Department Supervisor

Date

APPROVALS:

Date

[Handwritten Signature]

CAO

2025/08/21

Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Public Hearing Notice and Bylaw No. 2025 from MD of Willow Creek as information and direct Administration if comments are required.

BACKGROUND:

Per Bylaw 1310-19 Intermunicipal Development Plan with the MD of Pincher Creek and the MD of Willow Creek, Section 4.2 Referral Policies, MD of Willow Creek has circulated the Public Hearing Notice (*Attachment No. 1*) and Bylaw No. 2025 [Land Use Bylaw Review](#) (www.whatshappening.mdwillowcreek.com)

The purpose of the Proposed Bylaw No. 2025, a new Land Use Bylaw, is to update and establish standards and procedures regarding the use and development of land within the municipality; integrate the former Town of Granum Land Use Bylaw; establish new Land Use Districts with respective uses for designation of lands within the Municipal District to direct development; amend the existing Land Use District Map to reflect new land use designations and new districts; and comply with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended

Council is not required to provide comments on Bylaw No. 2025, however Council for the MD of Willow Creek welcomes them. The MD of Pincher Creek's Senior Planner has no comments or concerns.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WILLOW CREEK NO. 26
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 2025

1:30 p.m., September 10, 2025
Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26
Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 216.4, 606, 606.1 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, Chapter M-26, 2000, as amended, the Council of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to consider Bylaw No. 2025 being a new Land Use Bylaw.

THE PURPOSE of the Proposed Bylaw No. 2025, a new Land Use Bylaw, is to update and establish standards and procedures regarding the use and development of land within the municipality; integrate the former Town of Granum Land Use Bylaw; establish new Land Use Districts with respective uses for designation of lands within the Municipal District to direct development; amend the existing Land Use District Map to reflect new land use designations and new districts; and comply with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to contemplate the proposed Bylaw No. 2025 will be held in the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. on the 10th day of September 2025. A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 office during normal business hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed Bylaw should provide written comments to the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 5, 2025. Those that wish to participate in the hearing virtually shall contact the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 5, 2025, to obtain a link to the hearing. The Council may hear from persons who did not indicate in writing to the Municipal Administrator their intention to make a submission.

Copies of the bylaw are available to the public for viewing during regular office hours or online on the municipal website.

DATED at the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 in the Province of Alberta this 24th day of July, 2025.

Derrick Krizan
Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26
Box 550
273129 Secondary Highway 529 West
Claresholm, Alberta
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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July 14, 2025, to August 22, 2025

Discussion:

July 14	Senior Management Team Mtg.
July 16	JHSC Facility Safety Inspection – Admin Building
July 16	JHSC Meeting
July 17	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
July 18	Property Line Issue Discussion
July 18	I.D. # 4 Council Meeting
July 22	Planning Session
July 23	Fleet Lease Discussion
July 29	Finance Meeting - ALUS reporting
July 31	Admin Safety Meeting
July 31	Draft Community Standards Bylaw Review
Aug 6	Public Works Safety Meeting
Aug 6	Townhall - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Acts
Aug 7	Mobile Work Site Safety Inspection
Aug 7	Fleet Lease Discussion
Aug 8	Draft Community Standards Bylaw Review with Consultant
Aug 8	Contractor Management - Health and Safety Requirements
Aug 13	ALUS Catch up – Christine Campbell
Aug 13	JHSC Meeting at the Airport
Aug 15	Final review of DRAFT Community Standards and Traffic Bylaws
Aug 18	Senior Management Team Meeting
Aug 20	Property Line Issue Meeting with Landowner
Aug 21	ICF Committee Meeting with Town
Aug 21	All Season Resorts Meeting

Upcoming:

Aug 26	Council Committee and Council Meetings
Aug 26-28	ARMAA Conference

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period July 14, 2025, to August 22, 2025.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, CAO 

Date: August 21, 2025

Respectfully presented to: Council

Date: August 26, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

July 4, 2025 to August 20, 2025

Correspondence from the Last Council:

- Town – Healthcare Committee clarification
- Pincher Creek Food Bank – Thank you for attending
- Pincher Creek Library – Intermunicipal Library Agreement
- Heritage Acres – July events
- Pincher Creek Chamber – Forum clarification

Advertising/Social:

- Various courtesy posts for other community organizations, as they request
- Various Public Works notifications of work in areas
- Water Advisory in place

Other Activities:

- Pincher Creek Parade
- Joint Council Grant program
- Webinars on new Information Act changes

Invites to Council:

- Rural Crime Watch – Booking a Date to Attend Council

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

- Joint Council Grant Decision Meeting – September 3, 2025
- Regular Committee, Council – August 26, 2025
- Regular Committee, Council – September 9, 2025
- Joint Budget Meeting – September 10, 2025
- Cowley Dino Days Parade – September 6, 2025
- Coffee with Council – Lundbreck – September 16, 2025
- Regular Committee, Council – September 23, 2025



RCMP Musical Ride at Heritage Acres Farm Museum

July 16, 2025

Heritage Acres Farm Museum is honoured to host the world-renowned RCMP Musical Ride, featuring the Alberta Quadrille, on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

There will be two performances:

- 2:30 PM
- 6:30 PM

You are cordially invited to attend this special event. A reserved dignitary section will be available for your comfort and viewing pleasure.

We kindly request that you RSVP at your earliest convenience to confirm your attendance and your preferred performance time.

We look forward to welcoming you for this iconic celebration of Canadian heritage and horsemanship.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Welsch' in a cursive style.

Anna Welsch

President, Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club

Re: Pincher Creek Community Volleyball

From Amia Lazo <amiazlazo@gmail.com>

Date Mon 2025-07-28 11:27 AM

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

Thank you for the information. Can I use the same figures as what I applied last year ?
We'll file our application by Aug 1.

On Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 11:23 AM Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

There is no stipulation on being a non-profit; anyone can apply - It all comes down to how many applications they receive, with the amount of funds available. I can still take the request to Council at the end of August, but I am sure that will be the first question (as its the same pool of money used for these types of requests).

Jessica McClelland

Executive Assistant

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

1037 Herron Drive, PO Box 279

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From: Amia Lazo <amiazlazo@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 11:18 AM

To: Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Subject: Re: Pincher Creek Community Volleyball

Unfortunately, we didn't, as we were not granted funding last year since we didn't register as a Non-profit organization. Since we're just a small group doing this on a volunteer basis. :)

On Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 11:13 AM Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

I certainly can, have you applied for Joint Grant funding for 2026 yet? Deadline is August 1.

Jessica McClelland

Executive Assistant

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From: Amia Lazo <amiazlazo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 11:12 AM
To: Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: Pincher Creek Community Volleyball

Hi Jessica,

No problem. would you be able to bring it up in your meeting by the end of Aug, if that's ok.
Thank you.

On Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

Good Morning Amia,

Unfortunately, the MD Council is on break and won't have a meeting until the end of August.

Jessica McClelland

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From: Amia Lazo <amiazlazo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 10:49 AM
To: Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: Pincher Creek Community Volleyball

Hi Jessica,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing with a request on behalf of our Community Volleyball. We've been holding small volleyball games to keep the community active and connected, and we were wondering if the MD of Pincher Creek might be able to help us by providing a few volleyballs.

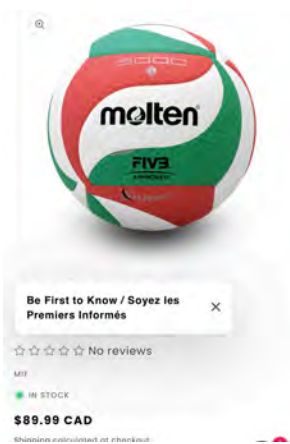
We were wondering if the town might be able to support us by providing a few volleyballs. Each ball cost \$89.99 (please see attached as reference) and any help would be greatly appreciated.

We also have an upcoming community tournament on Aug 8 & 9 at the Ice Arena, having enough proper volleyballs would be a huge help in making it a fun and successful event for everyone.

We truly appreciate all the support the MD of Pincher Creek has extended to the community. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Amia Lazo
Pincher Creek Community Volleyball



Subject: Request for Letter of Support: Ecosystem Services Grant Program Application

Dear Roland Milligan,

I hope this message finds you well.

On July 15, the Government of Alberta announced its new **Ecosystem Services Grant Program**—an exciting and long-anticipated step that signals a major shift in how Alberta is investing in environmental outcomes. As you know, ALUS has long championed a model that recognizes and rewards the delivery of ecosystem services on working lands. With this new program, the province has not only validated the importance of ecosystem services, but also effectively endorsed the kind of community-led, producer-driven approach that ALUS has been delivering for nearly two decades.

We are writing to request your municipality's **collaboration in the form of a letter of support** for ALUS's application to this new grant program.

We believe this is an important moment—not just for ALUS, but for all of Alberta's municipal partners who have built strong, locally governed, and results-driven ALUS programs. Together, we've demonstrated the power of community in delivering real, measurable outcomes for water, soil, biodiversity, and climate resilience. Now, with this new funding opportunity, we have the chance to take that impact even further.

Why a Collaborative Proposal with ALUS Makes Sense

ALUS is uniquely positioned to lead a province-wide, collaborative application that reduces administrative burden for municipalities while enhancing flexibility and funding potential. Here's how:

- **Legitimacy & Leadership:** The Government's funding of ecosystem services confirms the legitimacy of ALUS' philosophy and model. ALUS has long been a pioneer in this space and is recognized nationally for its leadership.
- **Turnkey Delivery Partner:** ALUS is more than a grant recipient—we are a delivery partner, offering:
 - Established networks of producers already engaged in environmental stewardship
 - Long-term monitoring and data systems
 - National brand recognition and credibility
 - Administrative infrastructure to support and streamline delivery

- **Support for Municipal Partners:** Our approach ensures that municipalities can co-deliver ecosystem service programs without taking on the full weight of project management. ALUS will:
 - Lead development of the proposal and navigate reporting requirements
 - Provide technical and administrative support
 - Offer shared tools, expertise, and troubleshooting capacity across our provincial network
 - Deliver producer engagement and accountability systems that reduce risk and cost
- **Efficiency & Accountability:** ALUS brings efficiency, transparency, and accountability. Our proven model of producer-led governance, robust outcomes tracking, and national coordination aligns exactly with what the Province is seeking.

We are in the very early stages of designing our response to this new grant program, but we want to ensure that **your community's voice is reflected**. To that end, we kindly ask you to consider providing a **letter of support by September 1, 2025**. We recognize this is an early ask following the program's recent announcement, and we're more than happy to share more information as our proposal evolves.

Your continued partnership means the world to us, and we believe this funding opportunity could bring even more value to the important work we are doing together. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you'd like to discuss how this program could benefit your local ALUS program.

Thank you again for being part of the ALUS community.

Warm regards,
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Partnership Opportunity

Greetings!

The Pincher Creek Municipal & District Library is happy to announce that we have the opportunity to once again host Dark Sky Guides' Planetarium this fall. This program was hugely popular the last time we hosted, and we are excited the opportunity has presented itself again.

This year, we plan to increase the open hours of the event so that more school classes and members of the public may take advantage of this great experience. We have booked the Town Office Gymnasium from 11am-8:30pm on Tuesday, November 18th. Because of the increase in run time, the cost of putting this event together this year will be \$3000.

So far, the library has been able to raise \$1,500 through grants to put towards this event and are glad to be half way to our goal.


We are reaching out to our community, seeking monetary support and partnership for this event. When Dark Sky Guides last visited Pincher, we were grateful for the support that local businesses and organizations like yours offered, as it allowed us to provide an educational, unique, and popular experience to our community, and we are excited to be able to offer it again.

Please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to Samantha Bonwick, Outreach Coordinator by email: outreach@pinchercreeklibrary.ca or by phone 403.627.3813. Thank you for your time and continued support of the Pincher Creek Library.

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Fw: Meeting request with Minister Williams – RMA Fall Convention 2025

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Dear Chief Administrative Officer:

I am writing to inform you of a potential opportunity for municipal councils to meet with the Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the 2025 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall Convention, scheduled to take place at the Edmonton Convention Centre from November 17-20, 2025. These meetings will be in person at the convention centre or the Alberta Legislature, as scheduling permits.

Should your council want to meet with Minister Williams during the convention, please submit a request by email with three potential topics for discussion to ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca no later than **September 19, 2025** (Attachment 1).

We generally receive more requests than can be reasonably accommodated over the course of the convention. Requests meeting the following criteria will be given priority for meetings during the

convention:

- Municipalities that identify up to three discussion topics related to policies or issues directly relevant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the department.
 - Please ensure details on the discussion topics are provided.
- Priority will be given to requests from municipalities at a distance from Edmonton and to municipalities that Minister Williams has not yet had an opportunity to meet with.

Meeting requests received after the deadline will not be considered for the convention.

Meeting times with the Minister are scheduled for approximately 15 minutes. This allows the Minister to engage with as many councils as possible. All municipalities that submit meeting requests will be notified at least two weeks prior to the convention as to the status of their request.

Municipal Affairs will make every effort to find alternative meeting opportunities throughout the remainder of the year for municipalities the Minister is unable to accommodate during the convention.

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Meeting Request:
Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall 2025 Convention

If you have questions, require support and to submit form, please email: ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca

Municipal Information

Municipality Name: _____

Meeting Topics

Please provide additional details about the topic for discussion

Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3

Meeting Participants

- 1 _____ Mayor/Reeve
- 2 _____ Chief Administrator
- 3 _____ Councillor
- 4 _____ Councillor
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Dear Reeve Lemire,

As a neighbour in Pincher Creek No. 9, and a partner with Alberta businesses, I wanted to let you know that we have released the Orphan Well Association (OWA) annual report for 2024/25. It outlines our work across the province in the principled, safe, efficient and environmentally responsible closure of oil and gas sites that we have in our orphan inventory or that we have agreed to close on behalf of a minority interest partner. **We have supplemented province-wide summaries in this letter with information specifically about Pincher Creek No. 9.**

In the 2024/25 fiscal year, our typical cost for closing an orphan site, combining decommissioning and reclamation categories, was about \$71,300. However, it should be noted that these two categories may span over several fiscal years, and specific projects vary significantly depending on technical complexity.

While we carry on our work, we are also putting Albertans to work. A study by Enserva, which represents energy service companies, found between 41 and 57 people are employed in the closure of a single well. In the three fiscal years from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025, the OWA invested about \$5,288,000 in Pincher Creek No. 9, hiring 61 vendors to safely perform a variety of activities, ranging from inspections and decommissioning to remediation and reclamation, but also including other related spending such as accommodation and food services.

There remain other orphan properties under OWA management in Pincher Creek No. 9, with 13 sites that require decommissioning and then reclamation, including 12 wells under OWA management. There are also 8 sites that require reclamation only. Of the sites that require reclamation only, we have completed our work on 7, or about 88 per cent, and are waiting on vegetation to be fully established before we apply for a reclamation certificate from the AER. Our complete inventory is available on our website at orphanwell.ca, and I can provide more specific information if requested.

In addition to orphan properties, Pincher Creek No. 9 also has 24 inactive well licenses. These properties have solvent owners and operators and are not the responsibility of the OWA.

With the support of the oil and gas industry, as well as provincial and federal government loans from several years ago, we have decommissioned more than 5,000 orphan wells over the past five years, ensuring they are in a safe state for Albertans and our shared environment. The loan funding, initiated in 2021, has been completely deployed for field activities, and we have already repaid nearly 50 per cent of the Alberta loan from industry levies, as of July 2025.

Following a surge in decommissioning, we have seen a larger portion of our expenditures shift toward the final stages of site closure – remediation and reclamation. This builds on previous years of work, which has resulted in substantially more sites closed in the last year than any previous year of operations.

Although Alberta’s energy sector remains relatively stable, it hasn’t been immune to the current global economic turmoil, and we expect to see new sites added to our inventory. However, it should be noted that recent additions to the orphan inventory and those on the horizon are largely legacy operations predating significant regulatory enhancements aimed at reducing the risk of future orphans.

For more than two decades, meeting our mandate and investing in our economy has been funded nearly entirely by the oil and gas industry. This truly takes accountability to an elevated level, with diligent and responsible operators conducting their own site closure planning and operations, while paying to clean up orphans left by others. There is no other industry in Canada that I’m aware of that does this. In 2024/25, these active companies provided \$132 million of funds, bringing the total industry contribution to nearly one billion dollars with the current year’s levy.

Underpinning all the OWA’s efforts is our relationships with industry partners and contractors – more than 900 large and small businesses across Alberta over the last three years. They are critical to how we do our job, meet our goals and perform our mandate.

We’ve had a successful year of reducing environmental liabilities, focusing on cost-efficiencies, supporting local communities and building our role as a trusted partner of government, industry and landowners – and we are confident we will meet the challenges ahead.

For more information, I invite you to read our annual report, available under the “About Us’ tab at www.orphanwell.ca or contact me directly at 403-297-3398.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lars De Pauw', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lars De Pauw
President
Orphan Well Association

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Dear Reeve Rick Lemire:

I'm writing to introduce myself as the new Commanding Officer of the Alberta Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). It is an incredible honour to step into this role and lead a police service with such an extensive history of service to the communities and citizens of Alberta.

People are at the heart of everything we do. That includes the dedicated employees on the front lines and behind the scenes, the citizens we serve, and the communities and governments we proudly partner with. None of our work is possible without the commitment, support and collaboration of people.

With 37 years of policing experience - much of it in Alberta - I have seen firsthand how people working together can shape strong communities. I have witnessed the remarkable impact that this committed partnership can have, not only during moments of crisis, but in the everyday interactions that build trust and strengthen public confidence.

Trust is not something that is given; it is earned, day in and day out. My leadership is grounded in public trust, transparency, accountability, and meaningful results. These principles will guide how we serve you and the citizens you represent. I firmly believe that our success is rooted in the strength of our relationships with the communities we serve and the partners we stand beside. That is why I am committed to fostering strong, open, and meaningful connections with you, listening actively, and ensuring our work reflects the needs and values of your community.

While I am proud of the high-quality policing services the Alberta RCMP delivers, I also recognize that there is always room to evolve. We are embracing innovation and leveraging technology to enhance effectiveness. You can see through initiatives like the Real Time Operations Centre (RTOC) and the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) program, that the Alberta RCMP is embracing innovation and applying technology in ways that enhance how we serve, protect, and connect with the public.

One of the most pressing challenges we face today is staffing. Recruitment continues to be a top priority - but it is only part of the solution. Retention is equally critical. We are actively exploring new strategies to attract and retain dedicated employees who see the Alberta RCMP as not only a great place to work, but a place to grow, lead and make a difference.

We have an exciting path ahead. While challenges exist, so too do opportunities to modernize, to collaborate and to build an even stronger, more community-focused provincial police service.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. I look forward to working alongside each of you to build safer communities and ensure they remain the best place to live, work and raise our families.

Yours truly,



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Reeve Rick Lemire
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Dear Reeve Lemire:

I am pleased to confirm your allocation for the 2025-26 Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). In 2025, Canada allocated Alberta \$276 million; this partnership between the province and the federal government will help ensure local governments in Alberta can continue to make needed investments in local infrastructure.

For the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, your 2025 CCBF allocation is \$246,787.

Both the CCBF and Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) funding amounts for all municipalities and Metis Settlements are posted on the Government of Alberta website at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/canada-community-building-fund-allocations>.

I look forward to working together with you to support your local infrastructure needs, and building strong, vibrant communities across Alberta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Williams'.

Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Roland Milligan, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipal District of Pincher Creek

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Dear Rick Lemire:

I am writing in response to your letter to the Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, co-addressed to the Honourable RJ Sigurdson, Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, regarding drought and the situation in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9. Please be assured that your comments have been brought to Minister MacDonald's attention. I appreciate the opportunity to reply.

Drought can take a serious toll on producers, their families and rural communities. The Government of Canada recognizes the hardships caused by severe weather conditions and remains committed to supporting those affected during these challenging times.

Producers have access to a robust suite of business risk management (BRM) programs including AgrilInsurance, commonly known as crop insurance, which serves as a first line of defence especially when facing drought conditions.

After the 2021 drought, federal and provincial governments worked closely with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to review and improve forage insurance programs for livestock producers. Since that time, Alberta's Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) has adopted several changes to make these programs more predictable, timely and responsive.

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In addition to existing programs, the Livestock Tax Deferral provision provides owners of breeding livestock in designated areas, who are forced to sell all or part of their breeding herd due to drought, with a one-year tax deferral on part of the income from those sales. In this way, the proceeds of the sale will be available to fund the acquisition of replacement livestock. Municipalities are prescribed for Livestock Tax Deferral when forage yields are less than 50% of the long-term average and the affected area is large enough to have an impact on the industry.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is closely monitoring the drought situation. Conditions in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 will be assessed as part of this process. Producers are encouraged to consult AAFC's [Livestock Tax Deferral](#) webpage for updated information on the list of designated regions for the 2025 growing season.

Thank you for writing on this matter. I trust that the information I have provided is helpful.

Sincerely,



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Fw: Update on Maycroft Road and Funding Opportunities

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Subject: Re: Update on Maycroft Road and Funding Opportunities

Thank you Chelsae. Most of this information we knew and, certainly, the additional maintenance costs are the present concern. With the increased traffic the ideal solution is a road surface which requires less maintenance. Not wanting to reiterate too much, the majority of traffic is from non MD sources. Let's continue to work on this issue together and we know it's on your radar. we've always wondered why a previous MD council chose to "take back" the old secondary 517. But who would have guessed our present traffic counts?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2025, at 11:47 AM, Livingstone-Macleod

<Livingstone.Macleod@assembly.ab.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon John,

I'm writing to provide an update regarding Maycroft Road, following our office's inquiry on behalf of the MD of Pincher Creek and the Maycroft Group.

We have confirmed that Maycroft Road is a local road under the jurisdiction of the MD and is not designated as a provincial highway.

The Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) has advised that the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) offers capital grants to support local municipal transportation infrastructure. The MD is eligible to apply for funding under this program to improve the pavement condition of Maycroft Road as part of the 2026 intake, which closes on **November 30, 2025**.

Please note that STIP funding is intended for capital improvements only and does not cover routine maintenance.

In addition to STIP, the MD may wish to explore other funding opportunities available through Municipal Affairs, such as the Local Government Fiscal Framework and the federal Canada Community-Building Fund.

This information is being shared for your awareness, and we encourage the MD to follow up directly with the relevant departments for further details or assistance.

Sincerely,



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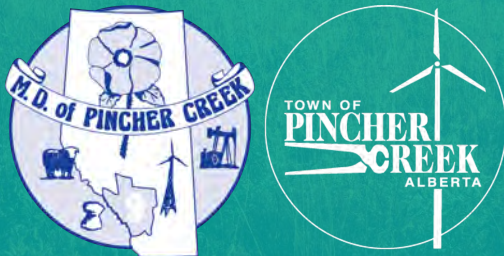
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The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre was founded in 2009 as a collaborative initiative of Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Government of Alberta. The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre provides funding, technical assistance, and education to municipalities and community-related organizations, helping them lower energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve climate resilience. Visit us at www.mccac.ca

About the Community Energy Association

CEA is a member-based, non-profit organization working since 1995 at the community level to reduce emissions, conserve energy and progressively transition to a low carbon, resilient economy. As a non-profit consultant, all proceeds from our work go back into advancing solutions for community climate action. Visit us at: www.communityenergy.ca

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Introduction

As part of the Net-Zero Community Accelerator (NCA) program, QUEST undertook an effort to assess the local economic development impacts of implementing Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plans (CEEP) and initiatives identified through related activities (i.e. surveys, workshops) under the NCA program. The economic impact assessments were carried out from summer 2024 through early 2025.

The goals were to:

- Describe an economic perspective of the transitioning energy economy.
- Build an understanding of how energy is currently delivered and consumed in Pincher Creek, and quantify its economic impact.
- Provide an analysis of how the implementation of a CEEP can impact the local economy in two key ways:
 - Keep energy dollars to stimulate the local economy.
 - Attract investment to the community from market-based actors that provide the technologies and related products and services that align with the CEEP objectives.
- Create a basic understanding of market size and market-based actors for the purposes of integrating the CEEP goals with the goals and objectives of local economic development strategies.

1.2 Audience and Key Messages

This report is intended to inform the municipal staff, councillors, stakeholders, and the broader public about the economic “value proposition” of implementing a CEEP through the following key headline messages:

- The economic activity related to the transitioning energy economy is as substantial as any comparable economic sector.
- The costs of maintaining the status quo of energy use in the community pose escalating risks to the local economy.
- Pursuing activities defined in the CEEP brings significant local economic development opportunities.

The contents of this report will provide quantitative and qualitative context to:

- Engage with marketing and communications staff to conduct outreach and education in both residential and commercial contexts to promote existing projects, encourage program uptake, and enhance awareness of viable emissions reduction opportunities.
- Communicate climate action values to attract new businesses and support community economic development through local strategies such as the Town of Pincher Creek Community Economic Development Strategy.

1.3 Summary of Key Findings

- The total annual energy cost to the community, based on 2023 data is approximately \$25.5M.
- Assuming energy inflation estimated rates of 2% and 4% per annum, status quo energy costs could reach approximately \$56.4M to \$73.4M, respectively, by 2050.
- A 35% community-wide energy efficiency target could cumulatively retain \$218.2M to \$263.9M in the local economy by 2050.
- A 50% community-wide energy efficiency target could cumulatively retain \$311.8M to \$377.1M in the local economy by 2050.
- Job creation is driven by the investments required to implement CEEP measures and the resulting avoided energy costs to the community. Modest efficiency gains of 20% linked to low-cost investment can create as many as 117 jobs. Full efficiency gains of 50% with higher investment costs can yield as many as 407 jobs.
- Prioritizing buildings is supported from an economic lens, as follows:
 - Over 40% of the energy expenditures in the community are attributed to commercial (~27.4%) and residential (~16.3%) buildings.
 - Retrofitting buildings for greater efficiency has the highest potential to use local labour and related skills.
 - Construction (i.e. retrofit renovation) has one of the highest job creation per million dollars invested compared to other sectors.
 - Avoided energy costs through energy efficiency can be directly circulated back into the local economy.
- Efficiency gains of 20% in the commercial and residential building sector can create as many as 51 jobs. Full achievement of 50% efficiency gains can create as many as 177 jobs.

2 THE TRANSITIONING ENERGY ECONOMY

2.1 Fundamentals

To understand how local economies can be stimulated through job creation, this section provides an overview of the three stages of transitioning energy economies as illustrated in Figures 1 through 3 below. Figure 1 illustrates the pre-industrial era of decentralized, community-managed, renewable, and small-scale efficiency. Figure 2 illustrates the current state of our energy systems that are highly centralized, regionally managed, fossil-fuel based, and highly inefficient, with the majority of local expenditures on energy purchases leaving the community. Finally, Figure 3 illustrates the current stage of the energy transition, largely driven by technologies identified in the Community Energy Plans of the participating communities.

Figure 1 - Early Era Energy Systems



Figure 2 - Industrial Era Energy Systems



The fundamental premise is that energy dollars are currently leaving the community to support the energy supply infrastructure framework. These current energy systems are largely inefficient and centralized, resulting in a large percentage of community-level energy expenditures on electricity, heating, and transportation fuels withdrawn from the community.

Figure 3 - Transitioned Energy Systems¹

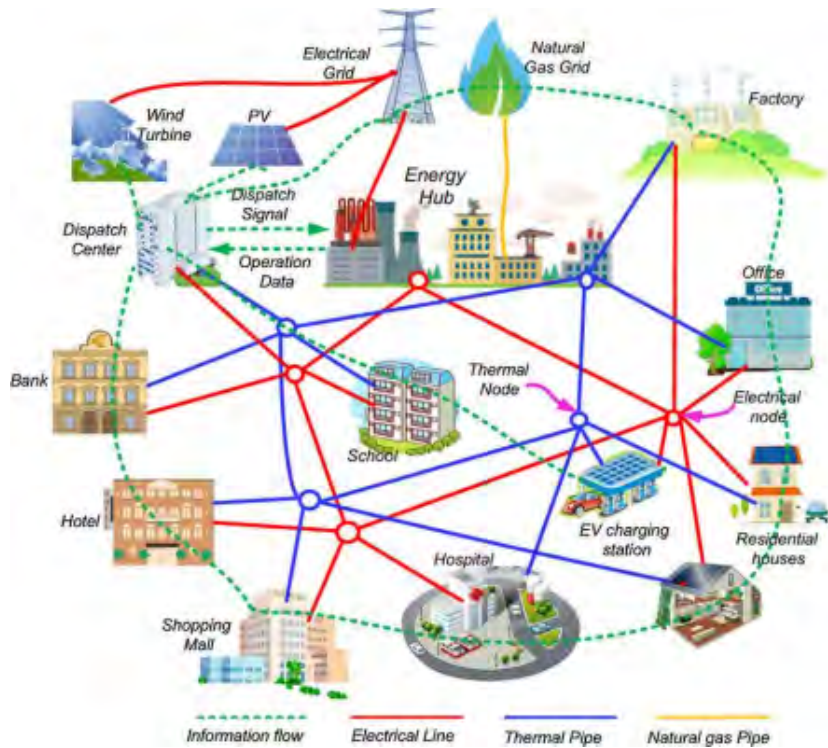


Figure 4 - Local Energy Dollars²



Keeping energy dollars local is the main positive economic benefit of implementing approved CEEPs that reflect a transitioned energy system, as illustrated in Figure 4. Energy dollars under a transitioned energy system keep energy expenditures local through energy efficiency, conservation, and local energy generation (i.e. solar photovoltaic), as well as through capital investment in projects typically identified in a CEEP.

Approximately 80% of the costs of a local electricity bill supports generation and distribution infrastructure, as well as administration and program costs (as shown in Figure 4). This concept of large centralized energy generation and supply systems is generally true for all fuel types, specifically those most relevant to a typical

CEEP (natural gas, propane and transportation fuels). Please note that Figure 4 is provided as an illustration only, from Guelph, ON, and is not based on empirical evidence from Pincher Creek.

¹ School of Industrial Technology and Business Studies, Dalarna University, Falun, Sweden

² Guelph Hydro Sustainability Report, 2013,

<https://www.guelphhydro.com/en/about-us/resources/Documents/Previous-Annual-and-Sustainability-Reports/2013-Sustainability-Report---Accessible-version.pdf>

3 LOCAL CONTEXT

3.1 Community Profile

The Town of Pincher Creek is located in southwest Alberta, where the prairies meet the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Covering nearly 3500 km² of land, the MD of Pincher Creek is a community that manages growth, and supports western heritage while preserving the natural environment.

In 2023, the Town of Pincher Creek's community emissions totaled 59,840 tCO₂e while the MD's community emissions totaled 66,258 tCO₂e. This does not include emissions from large industries. Additional details about the Pincher Creek region's emissions profile can be found in the GHG Inventory Report, created by the Community Energy Association through the Net-Zero Community Accelerator.

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek and Town of Pincher Creek have an Intermunicipal Development Plan, adopted by both municipalities in 2010 to deal with land use planning matters of mutual interest. The goals of this plan are:

- To facilitate orderly and efficient development in the designated Urban Fringe district, while addressing each municipality's opportunities and concerns.
- To identify the land uses envisaged by each municipality within the Individual Municipal Development Plans (IMDP) plan boundary.
- To harmonize, where practical, both municipalities' development and subdivision standards and requirements.
- To identify possible joint ventures, such as the provision of municipal services.
- To maintain a continuous and transparent planning process that facilitates ongoing consultation and cooperation among the two municipalities, and affected ratepayers.
- To provide mutually agreed-upon methods for implementing and amending the various policies within the plan.

The Town and MD's IMDP also serves as a foundational document from which other actions and decisions are based, and establishes a vision for future growth and development in the region.

The Town and MD are also guided by strategic direction outlined in numerous existing plans, including but not limited to: the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, Area Structure Plans, Downtown Pincher Creek Area Redevelopment Plan, Town of Pincher Creek Land Use Bylaw, Subdivision and Development Policies, and numerous Master Plans.

In June 2023, the Town and MD of Pincher Creek, in collaboration with members of the Piikani Nation Lands Department completed a Climate Risk Assessment & Adaptation Plan for the Pincher Creek Region. The plan equips the Town and MD with foundational information on climate risks for the region, including an economic analysis of the impact of these climate risks. In the development of the CEEP, the Town and MD can find alignment with the 35 recommended adaptation actions, spanning the themes of Health & Wellbeing, Disaster Resilience, Infrastructure, Parks & Environment, and Economy. This project

also produced a Homeowner Climate Risk Assessment to help residents prepare for and build resilience to extreme weather events.

Specific to the Town, the Town of Pincher Creek Council’s Strategic Priorities 2022-2026 outlines Council’s strategic vision for the Town’s future. Actions connected to Community Energy Planning include:

- Assisting residents in attaining a good quality of life by providing high quality parks, culture, services, and opportunities that will result in significant improvement in the wellbeing of our residents. This further ensures that existing and future infrastructure is maintained and sustainable.
- Maintaining and improving the physical assets of the Town, including increased efficiency in asset management, planning and budgeting, with the desired outcome that all Town systems work well and have future capacity.

3.2 Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)

The following table is excerpted and abridged from the Energy Mapping and Action Planning Final Report, delivered under a parallel NCA activity, which will act as the basis for the development of a CEEP.³

This report, along with the table below, will serve as a key input for a subsequent phase of QUEST’s NCA program focussed on developing recommendations for Implementation and Monitoring of Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

Table 5: Description of strengths and areas for improvement and opportunities

Areas	Current Key Strengths	Key Areas for Improvement and Opportunities
Energy Efficiency	Residential Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP)	<p>Opportunities for energy efficient or net zero development with the planned relocation of the Pincher Creek Emergency Services building</p> <p>Prioritizing upgrades to aging infrastructure</p> <p>Prioritizing residential upgrades in older neighbourhoods, especially homes that are currently reliant on diesel. Education for residents around residential energy efficiency can support this work</p>

³ QUEST NCA report, *Town of Pincher Creek, Energy Mapping and Action Planning Final Report*, November 2024

<p>Waste and renewable heat</p>	<p>Waste to heat is being looked at (Biodigester)</p> <p>Waste to energy potential site has been selected and is under consideration</p>	<p>Potential corporate and commercial sites for generation waste heat and microheat opportunities</p>
<p>Renewable power</p>	<p>The Region is regarded as the wind energy capital of Canada, with a total of 9 wind energy projects currently producing 511 MW of energy</p>	<p>Distributed solar opportunities have been identified</p> <p>Maintaining current wind infrastructure and staying aware of new technologies</p>
<p>Land use</p>	<p>Established Land Use Plan provides direction</p> <p>Climate Risk Assessment & Adaptation Plan for the Pincher Creek Region is in place to support land use decisions that mitigate climate risks</p>	<p>Expand affordable and renter-friendly housing options</p> <p>Abandoned buildings and surrounding areas are an opportunity to upgrade, redevelop, and densify. Industrial brownfield sites (old wells, gravel pits) can also be repurposed</p> <p>Connect land use decisions with opportunities to expand tourism</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>On demand, accessible, door-to-door transit (Pincher Creek Handi-Bus)</p>	<p>Transportation decisions can support inter-regional travel, and result in greater connectivity to commercial and tourism destinations, supporting the local economy</p> <p>Expanded bus and rail connections, including a bus to the Pincher Creek Airport</p>
<p>Energy networks</p>	<p>Captus Generation Natural Gas Power Plan (cogeneration facility with carbon capture hub)</p>	<p>Promotion of the Captus project and communicating the availability of waste heat can attract new business and investors to the region (i.e. greenhouses)</p>
<p>Other</p>		<p>Organics diversion</p> <p>Food waste capture</p> <p>Industrial carbon capture</p>

Overall opportunities to consider across each of the five areas included:

- Engage with marketing and communications staff to conduct outreach and education in both residential and commercial contexts to promote existing projects, encourage program uptake, and enhance awareness of viable emissions reduction opportunities.
- Communicate climate action values to attract new businesses and support community economic development and tourism.

3.3 Community Emission and Energy Efficiency Targets

Pincher Creek does not currently have an empirical greenhouse gas emission or community energy efficiency improvement target.

The analysis in this assessment will assume a range of emission reduction and community energy efficiency targets to illustrate the economic impact of implementing the CEEP.

4 THE ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE OF PINCHER CREEK'S EMISSIONS AND ENERGY PROFILE⁴

The following tables and related figures are based on the Town of Pincher Creek's inventory of emissions and related energy use as reported in the *Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (February 2025)*, prepared by The Community Energy Association. The base year for the inventory analysis is 2023.

When determining the potential economic development impact in any community, there are three critical steps to translate the most current energy and emissions profile into a credible estimate of the total energy dollars being spent in the community and how those dollars are distributed.

- The first step is to determine the costs of emissions-related energy use and understand how these emissions are distributed by fuel type and community sector.
- Second, once emissions profiles are established, the primary and secondary energy fuels underlying them can be identified.
- Finally, once primary and secondary fuel types have been quantified, the actual costs to the community of purchasing these fuels can be determined.

Section 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 below provide a chart and graph-based overview of community-wide emissions and energy expenditure profiles. All sections present information breakdowns by community sector and primary and secondary fuel type, respectively.

4.1 GHG Emissions Profile

The Town of Pincher Creek's community-wide GHG emissions total **59,480 tonnes of tCO₂e₂**, categorized by primary and secondary fuel types. Figures 6 and 7 below show the GHG emissions breakdown by community sector and energy type, using both tables and graphs.

⁴ Additional details about the Pincher Creek region's emissions profile can be found in the GHG Inventory Report, created by the Community Energy Association through the Net-Zero Community Accelerator.

Figure 6 - Sector Distribution Percentage of Total Emissions (tonnes eCO2)

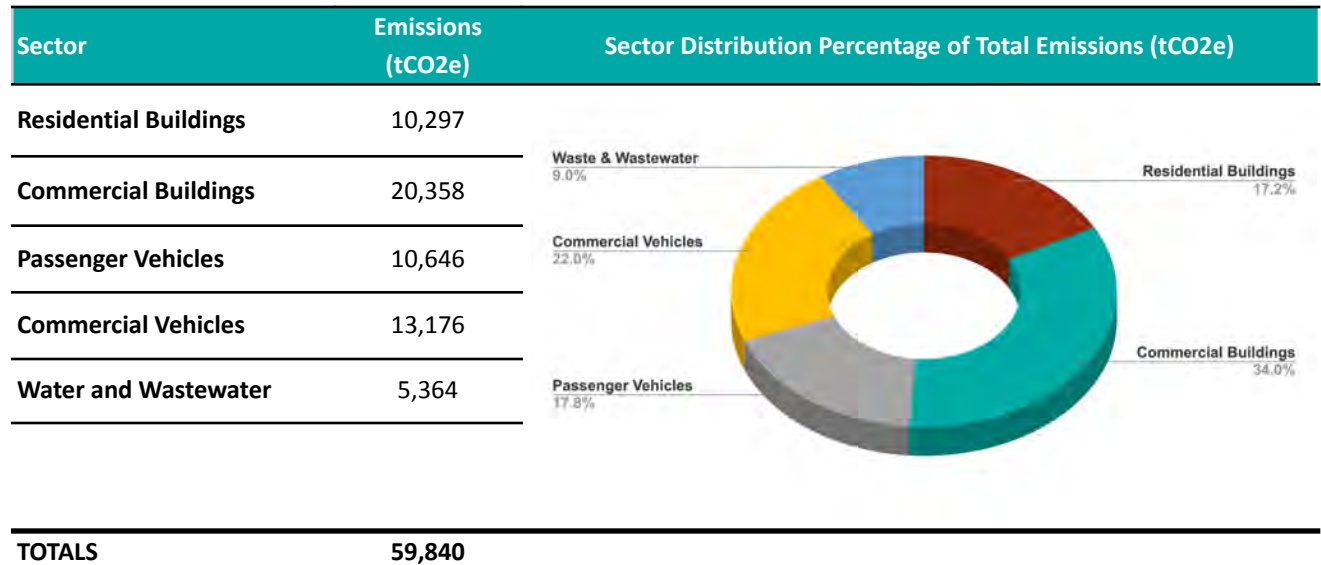
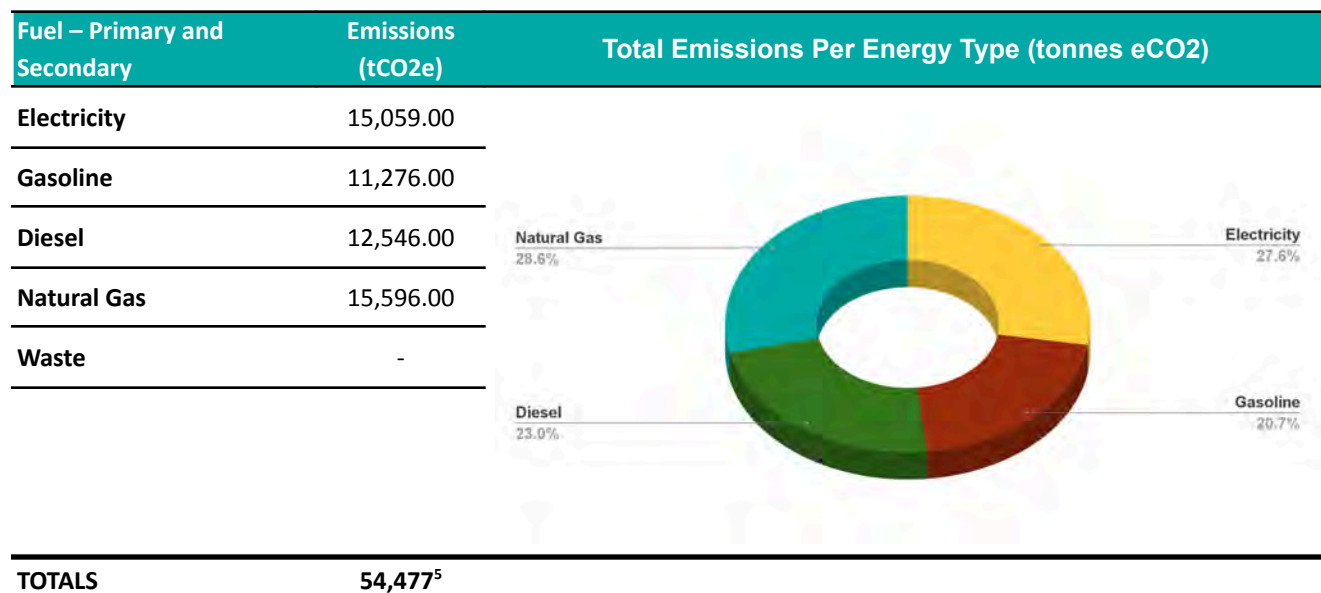


Figure 7 - Total Emissions Per Energy Type (tonnes eCO2)



4.2 Energy Profile

The Town of Pincher Creek’s total community-wide energy use is **751,475 GJ**, categorized by primary and secondary fuel types. Figures 8 and 9 below show community energy end-use by community sector and energy type in both tables and graphs.

⁵ Note that total emission by fuel type (54,477 tCO2e) does not include emissions from waste (5,364 tCO2e) as shown in Figure 7 - Sector Distribution Percentage of Total Emissions (tonnes eCO2)

Figure 8 - Sector Distribution Percentage of Total GJ

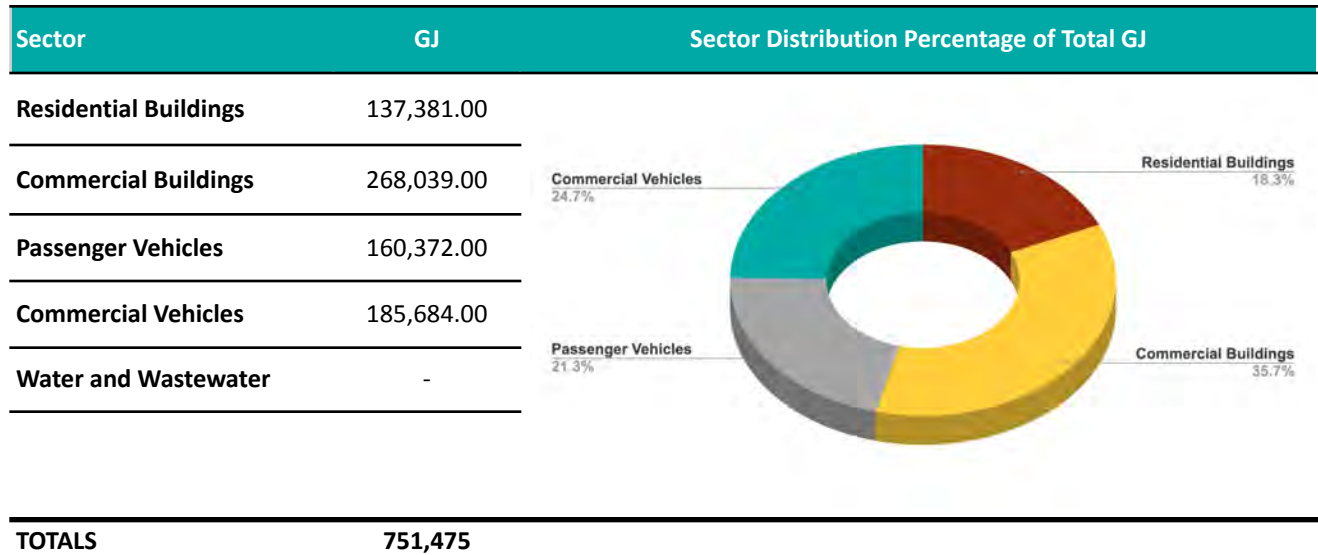
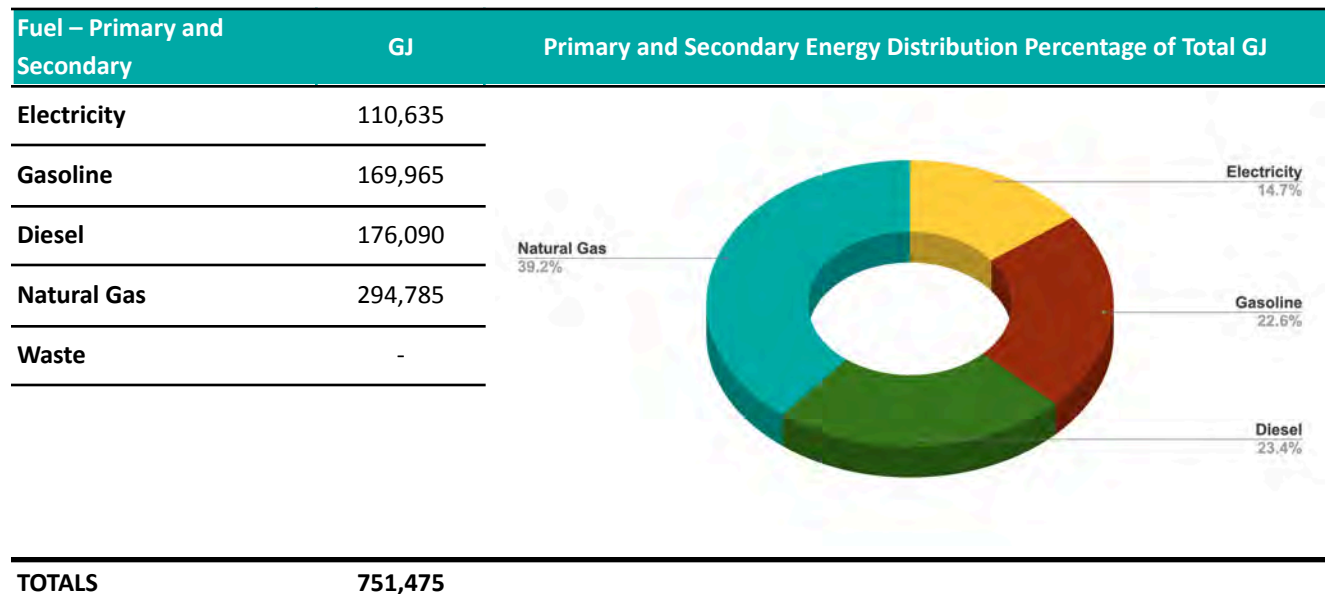


Figure 9 - Primary and Secondary Energy Distribution Percentage of Total GJ



4.3 Community Energy Costs Profile

The total cost of energy to the community is approximately **\$25,454,000**, based on 2023 estimated fuel costs, as outlined in the *Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories* (February 2025), prepared by The Community Energy Association.

Figure 10 - Sector Distribution Percentage of Total Energy Expenditures

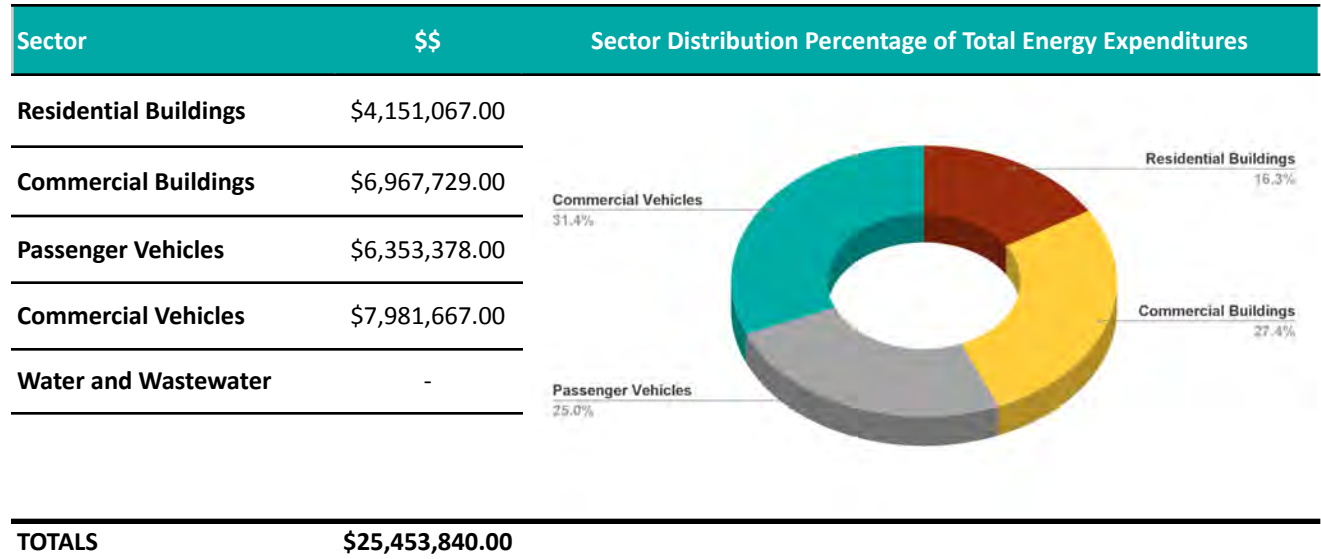
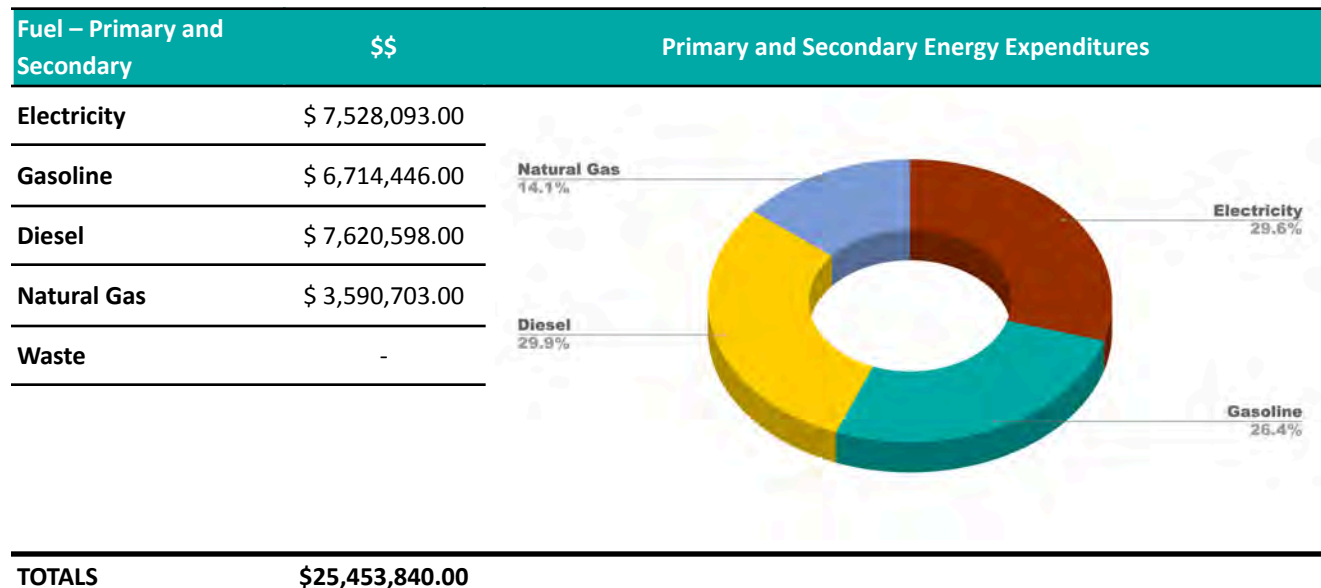


Figure 11 - Primary and Secondary Energy Expenditures

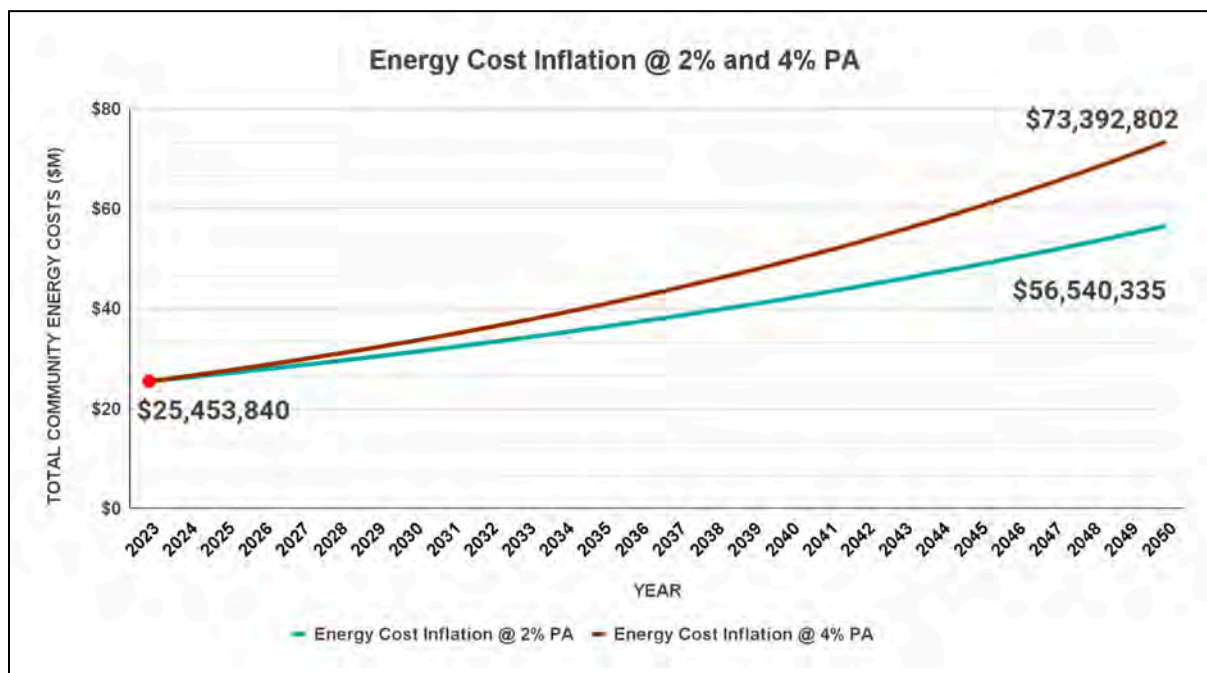


4.4 Energy Inflation to 2050

The analysis and presentation of Pincher Creek’s community-wide energy and emissions inventory is based on 2023 data. Inflationary pressures on energy costs, combined with urban growth are virtually inevitable and could profoundly impact the local economy, particularly given that a significant percentage of the across-the-board community energy expenditures leaves the community to support generation and delivery infrastructure.

As illustrated below, a fairly modest application of per annum inflationary factors of 2% and 4% has a significant escalation factor on the status quo energy costs to the community by 2050 with potential community-wide energy costs increased by a factor of 2 (@2%) or 3 (@4%).

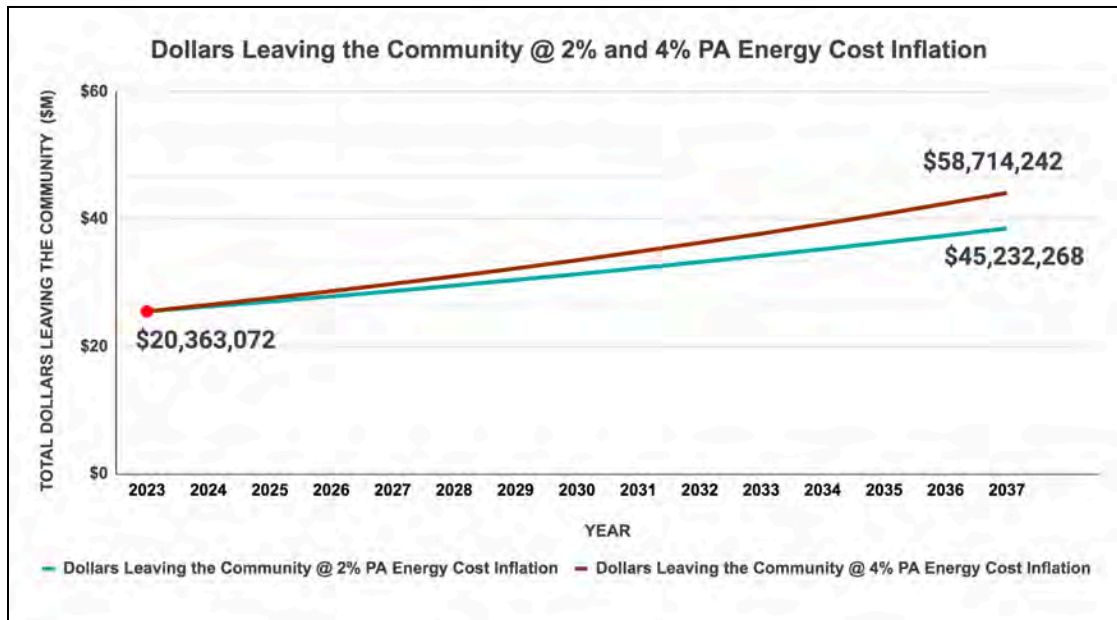
Figure 12 - Energy Inflation to 2050 at 2% and 4% per annum



4.5 Energy Dollars Leaving the Community

As described in Section 2.1 Fundamentals, approximately 80% of the costs of a local electricity bill support generation and distribution infrastructure as well as administration and program costs (as shown in Figure 4). Based on the total estimated community energy costs outlined in Section 4.3, Figure 13 below illustrates the spending portion that may be leaving the local economy under the current energy generation and distribution framework.

Figure 13 - Energy Dollars Leaving the Community

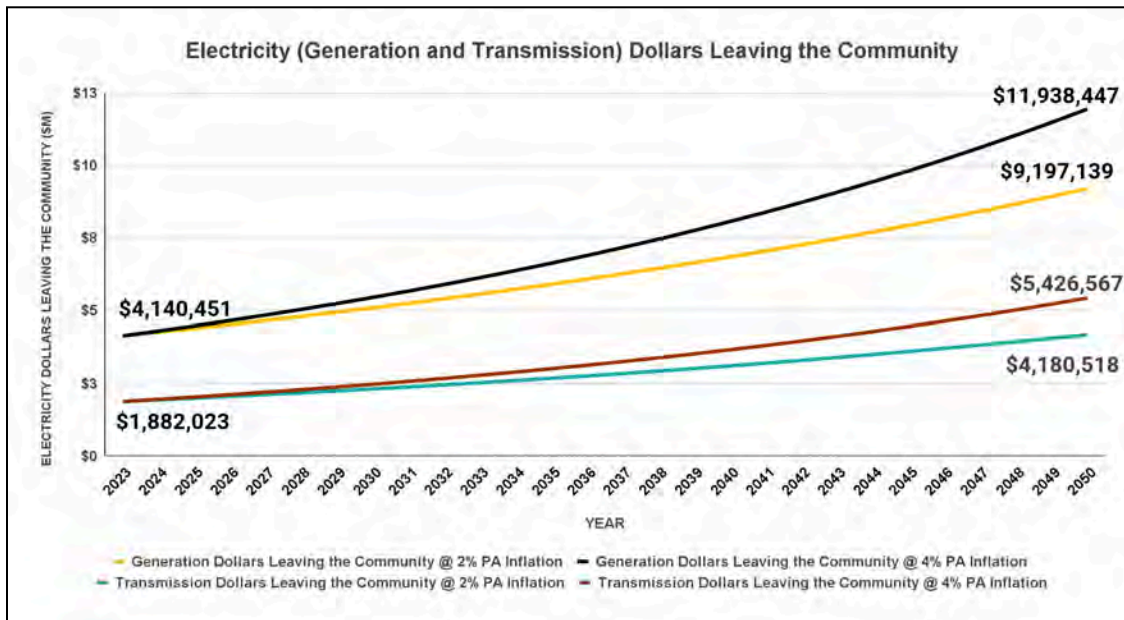


With the potential in Pincher Creek’s CEEP to increase local electricity generation, mainly through wind and solar PV, Figure 14 demonstrates the dollars leaving the community, generally under the current status quo. Figure 14 goes further by splitting these “fugitive” dollars into transmission and generation costs that leave the community.

In the following sections of this report, we will look at the potential job creation through energy efficiency that reduces the overall energy cost to the community. However, it is important to note that additional dollars can be kept in the community if electricity purchases are contracted from local power generators that employ locally. Figure 14 illustrates an estimate of how Pincher Creek’s community-wide electricity costs are broken down by transmission and generation costs components.

As an example, if 10% of the communities electricity needs are procured from local generators it could keep between approximately \$900,000 to \$1.2M in the local economy by 2050, depending on the inflationary pressures on overall electricity costs.

Figure 14 - Electricity (Generation and Transmission) Dollars Leaving the Community⁶



⁶ Based on a number of sources it is estimated that the average electricity bill for Pincher Creek electricity consumers breaks down to approximately 55% for generation and 25% for transmission. The exact breakdown for Pincher Creek was not known at the time of writing this report.

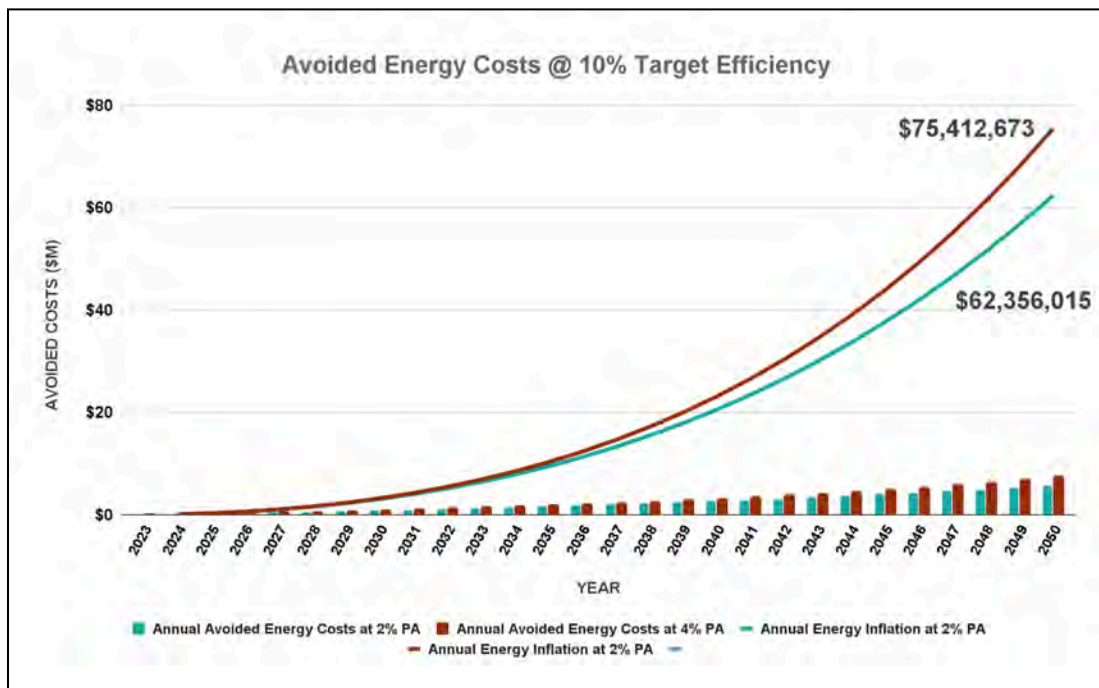
5 PINCHER CREEK'S CEEP - HOW JOBS ARE CREATED

This section will consider how the redistribution of community-wide energy expenditures can have an impact on local job creation as a measure of economic activity.

5.1 Avoided Energy Costs Through Community-Wide Efficiency Gains

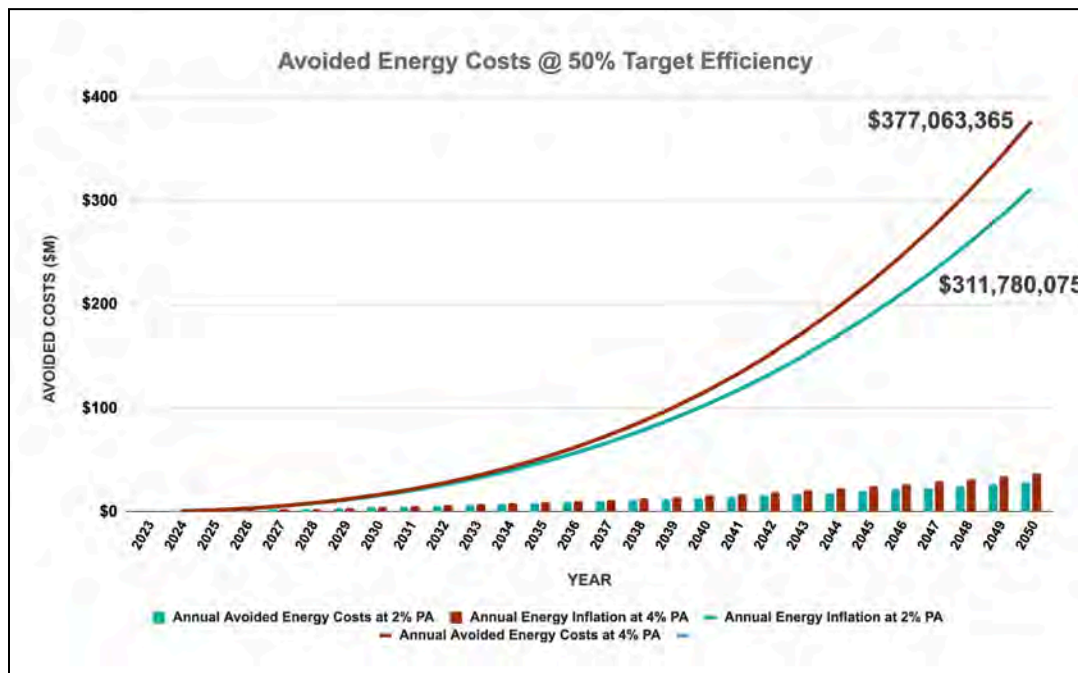
Based on the 2023 total energy costs of approximately \$25.4M to the community, Figure 15 illustrates the estimated annual avoided community-wide energy costs with a simulated 2050 target of 10% improved community-wide energy efficiency achieved incrementally each year. Figure 15 also shows cumulative avoided costs to 2050 under the 10% total efficiency scenario resulting in cumulative savings to the local economy of approximately \$62.3M to \$75.4M, depending on the two estimated energy inflation scenarios as shown in Figure 12).

Figure 15 - Community-Wide Avoided Costs at 10% Energy Efficiency Gains



Based on the 2023 total energy costs of approximately \$25.4M to the community, Figure 16 illustrates the estimated annual avoided community-wide energy costs with a simulated 2050 target of 50% improved community-wide energy efficiency achieved incrementally each year. Figure 16 also shows the cumulative avoided energy costs to 2050 at 50% total efficiency gains, resulting in cumulative savings to the local economy of approximately \$311M to \$377M, depending on projected inflation in energy prices.

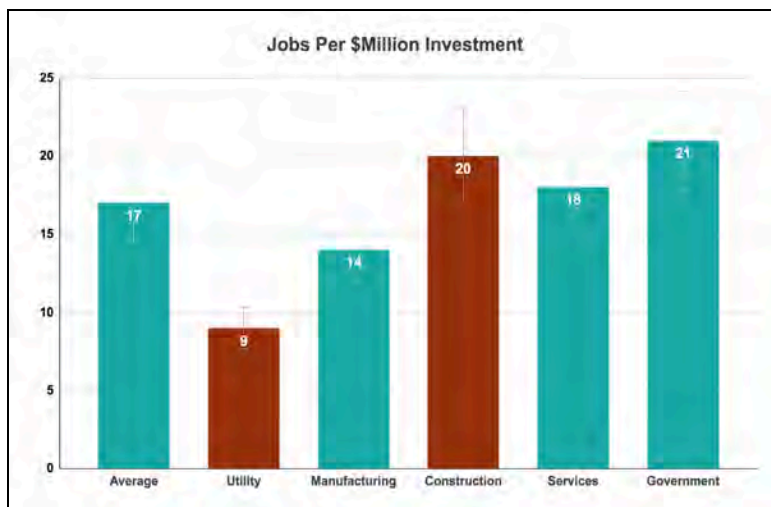
Figure 16 - Community-Wide Avoided Costs at 50% Energy Efficiency Gains



5.2 Job Creation as a Measure of Economic Activity

This section will consider how the redistribution of community-wide energy expenditures can impact local job creation as a measure of economic activity.

Figure 17 - Job Creation Multipliers⁷



Job impacts are calculated by using known typical multipliers for job creation in the status quo local economy as described in Section 2.1. As seen in Figure 17, the columns indicated in maroon are the main multipliers used in estimating the job creation effects of implementing CEEPs and reducing the energy expenditures of the entire community.

In effect, expenditures that would normally go to utilities, or other energy providers, for electricity,

⁷ These multipliers are made available by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy: Fact Sheet How Does Energy Efficiency Create Jobs?. Specific sector-based multipliers for Alberta municipalities are not directly available. To create locally community-specific multipliers is beyond the scope of this Study. The figures shown are provided to illustrate order of magnitude and comparisons across economic sectors.

heating, and transportation fuels would instead be redirected to:

- The implementation of CEEP measures (generally defined by the “Construction” multiplier based on the related expenditures on wages and materials).
- Expenditures to the general economy (i.e. “Average” multiplier).

Once we have established the total community energy use (as provided in the CEEP) by fuel type, we are ready to apply current fuel prices to the energy profile, and thus arrive at a total energy cost for the community. Next, we apply the reductions in energy costs to estimate the resulting job creation effects.

There are two job creation impact phases:

- **Investment Phase:** The actual design, engineering, and installation of the potential recommendations identified in a future Community Energy Plan.
- **Savings Phase:** The ongoing energy cost savings as a result of the operation of the recommendations identified in the Community Energy Plan. Typically, these savings are estimated to continue for 20 years.

The implementation of a CEEP achieves increased job creation in the following ways:

- **Direct Jobs (Investment Phase)**
Jobs are created directly as a result of the activities that drive energy cost reduction (e.g. home insulation companies, residential solar installers, etc.).
- **Indirect Jobs (Savings Phase)**
More jobs are created in the supply chains that deliver goods and services, meeting the new demand needs of the direct jobs category.
- **Induced Jobs (Savings Phase)**
Jobs are created when the newly hired workers in the direct or indirect categories spend their new earnings on local goods and services.

Figure 18, below, provides a summary of job multipliers in order to determine the net benefit of redirecting energy dollars from the local economy’s status quo structure of dollars being spent in the general economy (17 jobs/\$M) and dollars going to the utility sector (9 jobs/\$M). Implementing a CEEP will direct general economy numbers (17 jobs/\$M) to the construction sector (20 jobs/\$M) during the implementation period, thus providing a net job creation benefit of 3 jobs/\$M. Once the activities identified in a CEEP have improved overall community energy efficiency then redirected dollars that previously went to the utility sector (9 jobs/\$M) are now stimulating the general local economy (\$17 jobs/\$M), thus creating a net job benefit of 8 jobs/\$M).

Figure 18 - Job Creation Impact of Redirecting Energy Dollars

	Jobs/\$M – General Economy	Jobs/\$M – Utility Sector
Pre-CEP Implementation Multiplier (Jobs/\$M)*	17 (Average)	9 (Average)
	Jobs/\$M - Investment Phase**	Jobs/\$M Savings Phase***
Post-CEP Implementation Multiplier (Jobs/\$M)**	20	17 (Average)
NET Job Creation Benefit (Jobs/\$M)	3	8

* Prior to implementation of CEEP

** During implementation of CEEP

*** After implementation of CEEP

Once an estimate of the potential savings and investment requirements of the Community Energy Plan has been determined, the multipliers presented in Figure 16 can be applied to estimate job creation resulting from CEEP’s implementation.

Section 5.3 below calculates the job creation potential of the CEEP at various emission reduction and energy efficiency targets. These calculations are based on two major assumptions, detailed below:

Currently, Pincher Creek’s CEEP development does not provide empirical targets for emissions and energy end-use. The following calculations assume a range of energy end-use reduction targets that are aligned with the potential greenhouse gas emissions reduction target.

The job creation impact of the investment phase is based on the total investments required to implement the CEEPs of the participating communities. The CEEPs reviewed for this study did not provide cost estimates for their recommended activities. To reasonably estimate the required investments to implement the CEEPs, it was assumed that the aggregated measures would yield a range of simple payback periods through avoided energy costs, aligned with the overall cost avoidance target mentioned above. The formula used to determine a gross CEP implementation target is as follows:

Total Energy Expenditures	X	CEP Target	X	Years Simple Payback⁸	=	Total Est. Investment
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⁸ Note, an eight year simple payback has been used in order to estimate the total investment required to implement the total package of measures identified in a typical CEEP.

5.3 Estimating Job Creation in Pincher Creek implementing the Full CEEP

As shown in Figure 19, below, the number of jobs created is estimated at various total investment costs. The investment costs are based on a range of simple payback periods. Although each measure in the CEEP will have a unique investment profile, Figure 19 provides an order-of-magnitude indication of job creation.

Figure 19 - Job Creation - Full CEEP Implementation

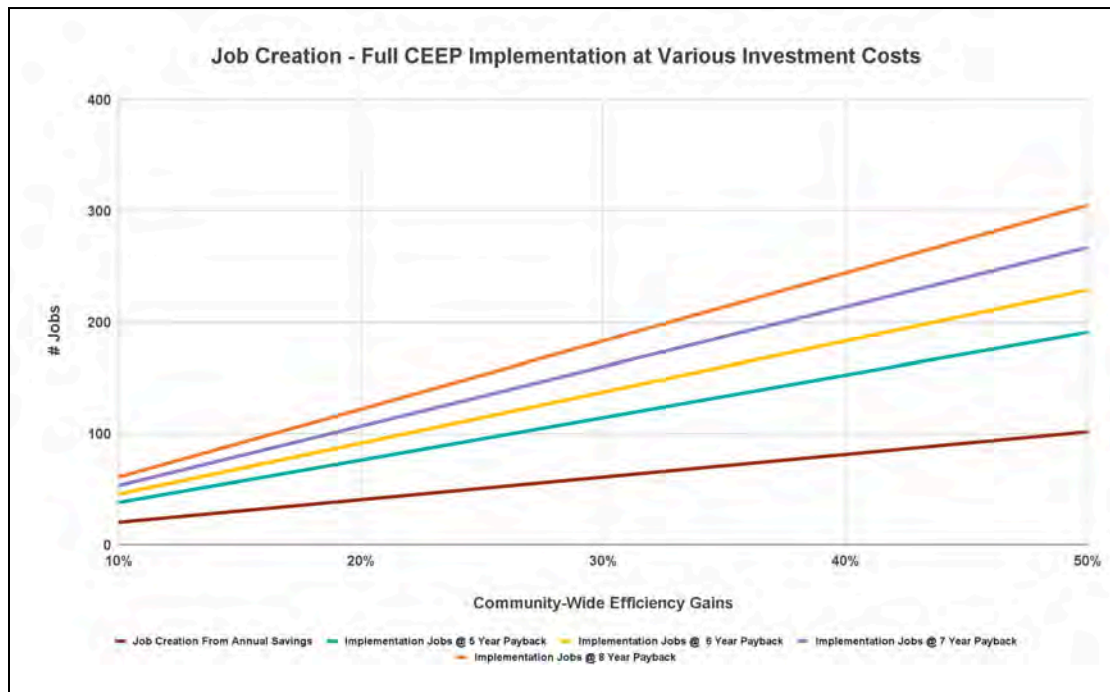


Table 20 - Job Creation - Full CEEP Implementation

Efficiency Gains	Jobs From Ongoing Savings	Jobs - Investment @ 5 Times Savings	Jobs - Investment @ 6 Times Savings	Jobs - Investment @ 7 Times Savings	Jobs - Investment @ 8 Times Savings
10%	20	38	46	53	61
20%	41	76	92	107	122
30%	61	115	137	160	183
40%	81	153	183	214	244
50%	102	191	229	267	305

6 THE ROLE OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN ENABLING EMISSION REDUCTIONS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THEIR COMMUNITY

Municipalities play a significant role in mobilizing resources to enable investment and related activity for implementing their community energy plans.

Leveraged Legislative Tools - Municipalities have many powerful, existing tools at their disposal to support the development of implementation governance and the advancement of priority projects.

Most provincial legislation across Canada (through municipal acts or equivalents) allows municipal service corporations to interact with the private sector for activities that are consistent with the public good and municipal objectives. A municipal service corporation could be a key strategy in attracting the investments needed to implement a community energy and climate plan.

In most Canadian provinces, mechanisms exist to allow municipalities to recuperate the costs of community infrastructure upgrades by adding a local improvement charge to the property taxes of eligible properties. These mechanisms are often referred to as Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. PACE financing has the potential to attract private capital for home, and other building retrofits that support energy and emissions reduction strategies.

Planning Integration - Integrating community energy and emissions plans into official and secondary plans, planning application processes and approval, permitting, and inspections municipalities to use their most effective tools: guiding the growth and renovation toward the energy-efficient, low-carbon future defined in their plans.

Economic Development - Integrating Community Action Plan objectives into local economic development strategies is critical to implementation.

Continued Leadership - Municipalities have played a key role in taking leadership in developing community energy and emissions plans and engaging their communities in doing so. As communities pivot to implementation, this leadership role remains critical in continuing to champion plan goals.

Municipalities are essential stakeholders in CEEP implementation. Through their provincial and federal associations, they advocate to higher levels of government for supportive legislative and regulatory tools.

Municipalities can play a critical role in seeking funding support for their communities through existing incentives and grant programs that further the implementation of energy and climate plans.

Governance - Community Energy Plans often include the creation of a community-based task force, or similar organizations, composed of key implementing stakeholders. The oversight role of this task force can be developed by:

- Creating legal structures that allow for interaction with private sector partners.

- Developing financial relationships and formal partnership agreements.

This oversight entity can be responsible for both oversight and reporting, supported by clear organizational and operational strategies that define financing, management to initiate the defined CEEP measures.

7 THE ECONOMICS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDINGS

7.1 Setting Buildings as a Priority for CEEP Implementation

The Energy Mapping and Action Planning Final Report, delivered under a parallel NCA activity and summarized in Section 3.2 of this report, identifies the Residential Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) as a key strength and foundation for further improvement and opportunity.

From an economic perspective, there are a number of key reasons why buildings are a logical and cost-effective priority for initial activity focus when implementing the CEEP.

- Residential and Commercial greenhouse gas emissions and energy use account for over 50% of the community's emissions profile and energy profile.
- Commercial and residential buildings account for almost 45% of the community's energy expenditure.
- Retrofitting buildings for improved efficiency has the greatest potential to engage local labour and related skills.
- Job creation from investment in construction includes the renovation of buildings to a higher efficiency standard (i.e. retrofits). As shown in Figure 16 above, construction has one of the highest job creation rates per million dollars invested compared to other sectors.
- Building occupants and owners benefit directly from reduced operational energy costs. Most building occupants are active participants in the local economy, especially residential occupants. Therefore, the avoided costs from energy efficiency can be circulated back into the local general economy.

7.2 Estimating Job Creation in Pincher Creek - Focus on Residential Building Efficiency

Figure 21 below, similar to Figure 19, illustrates potential job creation with a focus on various efficiency gains in the Residential sector only. This analysis draws from the community's emissions and energy inventory, which includes both residential and commercial buildings.

Figure 21 estimates job creation potential based on this report's methodology, applied to different investment levels and various efficiency gains across the full residential and commercial building stock.

Figure 21 - Job Creation - Residential/Commercial Building Retrofits at Various Investments and Efficiency Gains

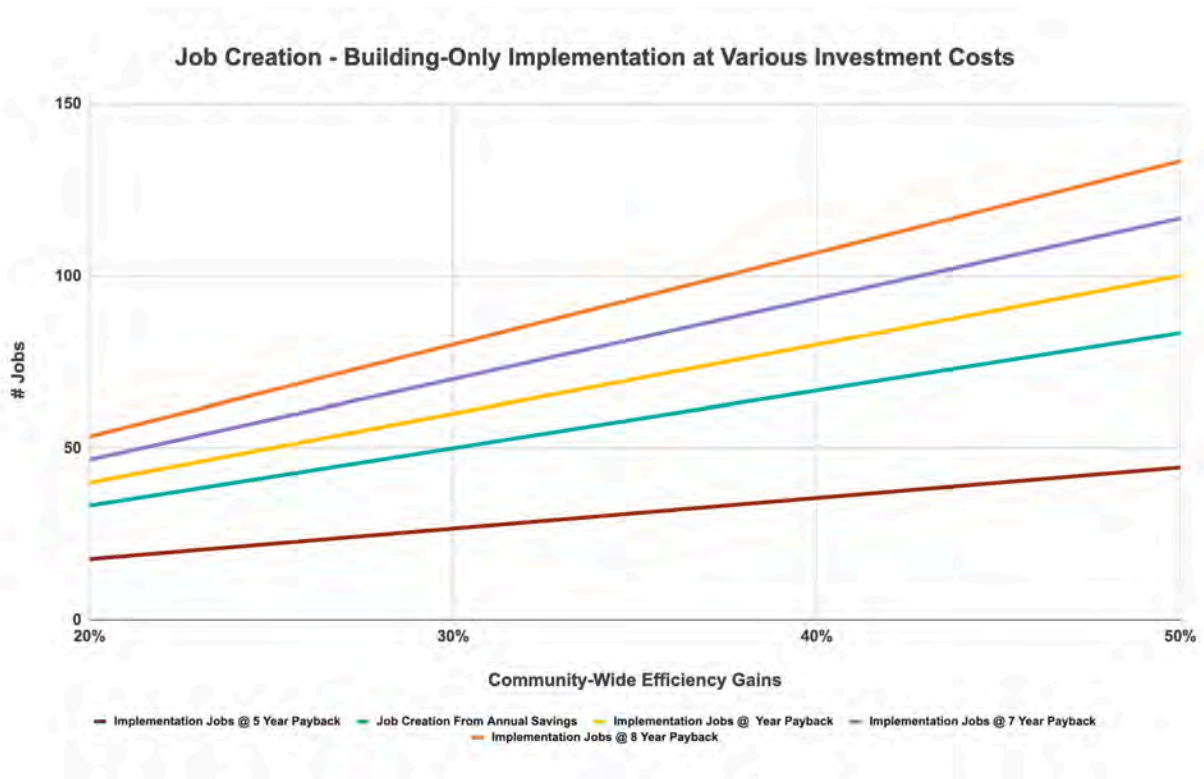


Figure 21 illustrates the job creation potential of a building retrofit program at various levels of efficiency and investment.

Based on the job creation methodology described in Section 5, a building retrofit program could stimulate jobs as follows:

Jobs as a result of implementation investment: From 33 jobs for a program that aims to improve energy efficiency by 20% in the building stock, up to 133 jobs for a program that aims to improve energy efficiency by 50% in the building stock.

Jobs as a result of ongoing avoided energy costs due to increased efficiency: From 18 jobs for a program that aims to improve energy efficiency by 20% in the building stock up to 44 jobs for a program that aims to improve energy efficiency by 50% in the building stock. These jobs are estimated to be created for up to 20 years.

8 PINCHER CREEK’S CEEP AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Implementing a full CEEP will require substantial marketplace support, including investment and the mobilization of local labour and skills. Aligning the Town and region’s economic development goals with the defined CEEP activities will bring significant opportunities to grow existing businesses, attract new businesses, and create the related job-creating investments needed to implement the CEEP.

The municipality’s role in supporting the CEEP implementation is described in Section 6 of this report. In general, these roles are designed to enable the implementation of the CEEP and, in total, are as much an economic development strategy as an environmental strategy.

Generally, it is recommended that the goals of the CEEP be integrated into current economic-based objectives, plans and strategies. There are three categories of existing economic development drivers where the CEEP can be linked to their current objectives.

Among the three major pillars of the current economic development strategy – Business Support, Community Development and Lifestyle Enhancement – the positive economic impact of implementing Pincher Creek’s CEEP has the strongest impact on developing the local business sector and the resulting job creation potential.

8.1 Community Economic Development Strategy - 2021 to 2026

The Town of Pincher Creek has outlined a comprehensive Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for 2021–2026, aiming to transform the town into a dynamic hub for health, business, and transportation services in southwest Alberta.

Key Goals of the Strategy:

- 1. Retain and Expand Local Businesses**
 - Initiatives include streamlining municipal processes, reducing bureaucratic hurdles, and establishing a Business Concierge System to support existing enterprises.
- 2. Attract New Investment and Businesses**
 - Efforts focus on revitalizing the downtown area, promoting mixed-use developments, and implementing investment incentives to draw new ventures to the community.
- 3. Develop a Regional Workforce**
 - The strategy emphasizes creating affordable housing options, enhancing childcare services, and launching a rural immigration welcoming program to attract and retain a skilled workforce.
- 4. Leverage Existing Assets for Economic Diversification**
 - Plans involve capitalizing on the town’s strengths in sectors like tourism, renewable energy, and agriculture to diversify the local economy.

Pincher Creek’s reputation as a hub for renewable energy, particularly wind, can be a powerful asset for attracting investment and businesses that support CEEP implementation, aligning with strategies #4 and #2 of the Community Economic Development Strategy. This report has focused on the positive economic impact of keeping energy dollars local and reinvesting in the local economy. This approach supports strategy #1 by directly and indirectly contributing to the retention and expansion of local businesses.

8.2 Municipal Development Plan

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) for the Municipal District (MD) of Pincher Creek, adopted in October 2021, serves as a strategic framework guiding land use and development decisions within the region. Key features include:

- **Vision:** To manage growth while supporting western heritage and preserving the natural environment.
- **Mission:** To preserve and enhance Western Canadian lifestyles and the natural capital of the MD through sound decision-making and governance.

The Municipal Development Plan has the following key objectives:

1. **Agricultural Preservation:** Recognize agriculture as the primary land use, support its sustainability, and minimize conflicts with other land uses.
2. **Environmental Stewardship:** Protect natural landscapes, watersheds, and wildlife habitats through responsible land management practices.
3. **Sustainable Development:** Encourage development that aligns with the MD’s rural character, ensuring compatibility with existing land uses and infrastructure.
4. **Infrastructure Planning:** Plan for efficient transportation and utility services that meet current and future needs while preserving environmental integrity.
5. **Community Engagement:** Foster meaningful community involvement to reflect local values and priorities in planning processes.

The objectives of the CEEP align closely with MDP objectives #2 and #3. While the CEEP primarily focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it also contributes to the broader climate adaptation, as outlined in Pincher Creek’s Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan.

The CEEP directly relates to objective #4 (infrastructure planning) as the implementing CEEP measures will improve both the energy efficiency and economic efficiency of existing infrastructure, as described in this report.

8.3 Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Ltd. (AlbertaSW) is a Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) of 15 communities working together to help each other succeed.

Alberta SouthWest is a progressive and innovative regional partnership of diverse communities working together to facilitate sustainable growth in South West Alberta. Pincher Creek is one of its 15 member communities. .

AlbertaSW has 9 key mandates:

1. Encourage and support economic diversification and value-added sector development.
2. Identify and communicate new investment opportunities.
3. Support the attraction, retention, and growth of business enterprises.
4. Enhance Alberta's competitiveness by promoting innovation and productivity.
5. Facilitate regional cooperation and collaboration.
6. Identify opportunities to streamline regulatory processes to enhance regional competitiveness.
7. Support strategic economic development planning.
8. Demonstrate inclusiveness of regional stakeholders in planning processes and establishment of priorities.
9. Engage in the exchange of regional economic information.

The CEEP generally aligns with the mandates of AlbertaSW, but it most directly supports mandate #3 by stimulating the local economy, and directly benefiting local businesses and enterprises, as described in this report.

BOARD REPORT



CHINOOK
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LIBRARY SYSTEM

Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting - August 7, 2025

Summer Fun with the Summer Reading Program Coordinators

The 2025 Summer Reading Program Coordinators have had a busy summer! Amy and Morgan travelled to various Chinook Arch libraries, hosted lots of exciting youth programs, created a region-wide summer book bingo challenge, and dropped lots of curious clues for community book hunts.

Here are some interesting stats from the summer:

LIBRARY

24 libraries visited

45 programs delivered

Over 200 book bingo entries received



Board Members Present

Corry Walk – Village of Arrowwood
Ron Gorzitza – Village of Barons
Tom Nish – Cardston County
Blanche Anderson – Village of Carmangay
Terry Penney – Village of Champion
Jordan Sailer – Town of Coaldale
Stephen Pain – Village of Coutts
Doreen Glavin – Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Linda Allred – Village of Glenwood
Tory Campbell – Lethbridge County
Marie Logan (Vice Chair) – Village of Lomond
Anne Michaelis – Town of Milk River
Christopher Northcott – Village of Milo
Amanda Bustard – Town of Nanton
Melissa Jensen – Town of Nobleford
Mark Barber – Town of Pincher Creek
Dave Cox – Pincher Creek MD
Chelsey Hurt – Town of Stavely
Monica McLean – Town of Taber
Merrill Harris – Taber MD
Lorraine Kirk – Town of Vulcan
Doug Logan – Vulcan County
Derek Baron – Village of Warner
Morgan Rockenbach – County of Warner
Maryanne Sandberg – MD of Willow Creek
Allan Quinton – LPL Resource Centre

Regrets

Marsha Jensen – Town of Cardston
Lyndsay Montina – Town of Coalhurst
Jim Monteith (Treasurer) – Town of Fort Macleod
Jenn Schmidt-Rempel – City of Lethbridge
Darryl Christensen (Chair) – Town of Magrath
Crystal Neels – Town of Picture Butte
Kelly Jensen – Town of Raymond
Marilyn Forchuk – Town of Vauxhall

Not Present

Jane Johnson – Village of Barnwell
Brad Schlossberger – Town of Claresholm
Sue French – Village of Hill Spring
Justin Davis – Village of Stirling



Did You Know?

The Alberta Libraries Regulation allows for the appointment of an alternate member to a library system board! This can be a great way to ensure that your council maintains a seat at the board table when your regular appointee is unable to attend a meeting. Alternates must be appointed by council resolution.

To learn more about appointing an alternate to the Chinook Arch Library Board, please contact CEO Robin Hepher at rhepher@chinookarch.ca or 403-360-2727.

Policies Reviewed

The board reviewed and approved the following revised policies. All board policies are reviewed once every three years, or as necessary. All policies can be found on the Chinook Arch website at <https://chinookarch.ca/about-us/board-policies>.

- Purchasing Supplies and Services
- Cheque Signing
- Expenses
- Board Meetings
- Executive Officers
- Board Meetings
- Organizational Meeting

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