

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
3:00 pm
Council Chambers**

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. DELEGATION

- a) Sean Miles, Director, Investment Development with Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

C. MINUTES/NOTES

- 1. Council Committee Minutes
 - February 10, 2026
- 2. Council Meeting Minutes
 - February 10, 2026

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Delegations from February 10, 2026

- a) Captus Generation
- b) STARS
 - Request to increase donation to \$7000 fixed rate, as a standing motion
- c) Livingstone Landowner Group

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNs

- 1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
- 2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
- 3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
- 4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
- 5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

- a) Public Works Department Report
 - Report from Public Works dated February 17, 2026
 - Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report
- b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report
 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated February 18, 2026

2. Finance

- a) 2026 Mileage Rate Change
 - Report from Finance, dated February 19, 2026

3. Planning and Community Services

- a) Quarterly Policing Report
 - Pincher Creek Detachment

4. Municipal

- a) CAO Report
 - Report from Administration, dated February 19, 2026
- b) Policy A-ADMIN 006 External Communications Via Social Media and Digital Sign
 - Draft Policy for Review and Approval

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1) For Action

- a) Email from David McIntyre
 - Request for Support – Concern on Wildlife Fencing
- b) Alberta Irrigation Districts Association
 - Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts
- c) Bobby Burns Fish Pond – Request for Assistance with Trees
 - Letter from Chairman Fred White

2) For Information

- a) Email from Dave Bairnes, dated February 10, 2026
 - Energy Minister Brian Jean Response
- b) Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - Wednesday, April 22 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- c) Provincial Security & Intelligence Office Information
 - Email Received February 12, 2026
- d) CARLS Board Report
 - December 2025
- e) Email from David McIntyre
 - Response to LLG Presenting to MD Council
- f) “The Range” Gravel Event
 - Email dated January 30, 2026
- g) National Police Federation – Contract Policing Commitment
 - Email dated February 18, 2026

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

- a) Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award – ATIA Sec. 29.1

K. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, February 10, 2026,
11:00 am
Council Chambers

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

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

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the agenda for February 10, 2026, be amended to include:

4) Police Funding Model

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Delegations

STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society)

Jackie Seely, Donor Relations and Development Officer at STARS, attended the meeting to deliver her organization's annual presentation. She reviewed the history of STARS in Alberta and the current medical partners with whom they collaborate.

Over the past 5 years, our community has completed 89 missions. Donations, fundraising, and lotteries cover 59% of direct operational costs in Alberta. Annual costs are \$36.6 million, with a government contribution of \$15 million. 95% of Alberta Municipalities partner with STARS, including our neighbouring Municipalities.

Council questioned the difference between a fixed-wing aircraft and a helicopter, and when each would be used. Jackie explained that a fixed-wing aircraft would be used for long-distance flights or when the patient has heart or respiratory issues. A discussion took place regarding the STARS lottery, which includes donated prizes. The lottery raises approximately \$10 million for the organization.

Council discussed the plan for Lethbridge to establish a cardiac care facility and its potential impact on STARS. Jackie stated that STARS will still be needed to transport patients to the facility best suited to each patient.

The MD of Pincher Creek is currently set at \$6,000 per year, with a new request for \$7,000 as a standing motion.

The Council expressed appreciation for STARS's work in rural communities and will discuss it further at the next Council meeting.

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Jackie Seely left the meeting at 11:21 am.

Livingstone Landowners Group (LLG)

Al Garbett, with LLG attended the meeting at this time to discuss Grassy Mountain Mine.

LLG believes Northback wasn't sharing the full story about future plans for the proposed Grassy Mountain Mine. They are concerned for the impacts on the MD, including water, air and social concerns. Mr. Garbett stated that Northback plans to use water upstream, with a license purchased from the Crowsnest Pass. It is estimated to use 500 to 600 acre-feet per year, and LLG believes the water will now be contaminated by selenium leaching.

It was discussed that water is vital in southwest Alberta year-round. Our springs, dugouts, and small streams are drying up, and recent summers have seen flows in our three main rivers well below normal. The Crowsnest River, which drains the Grassy Mountain area, has at times recorded flows below 1 cubic metre per second. Mr. Garbett stated that Northback is expected to permanently divert water from the Crowsnest River drainage.

LLG considers that water runoff from Grassy Mountain will not be clean and will carry a variety of chemicals leaching from the fractured rock debris (approximately 375 metric tons over the mine's duration). The primary contaminant is selenium, although numerous other substances will also be present. LLG doesn't believe Northback's plans to ensure water safety will be sufficient to protect the water source.

Mr. Garbett highlighted the region's extreme winds, particularly along high ridges such as Grassy Mountain, which pose serious challenges for the mine and local residents. He cited extensive research from Eastern US coal-mining areas indicating that proximity to a coal mine is linked to numerous health problems affecting the lungs, heart, liver, bladder, and even the brain.

Mr. Garbett stated that the negative impacts are so well defined that researchers can predict when, after a mine opens, various health issues will appear. He stated that it takes about two years for childhood asthma to rise. Heart attacks and strokes increase after about a decade, while dementia rates rise after about 20 years. The exact mechanism through which health effects develop is not yet fully outlined. And while Northback has promised to implement dust-control measures to limit dust generation and dispersion from the mine, he reminded Council that locals can tell you what they have seen, including dust clouds from the BC mines blowing through Deadman Pass.

From a social perspective, LLG believes we already have a housing shortage. Local media have reported that professionals have been offered jobs but declined them because they could not find housing. Similarly, child care is in short supply, and new workers are likely to bring many children. Local residents are already concerned about the challenge of accessing health care. An influx of workers is not accompanied by an increase in the number of health workers. He stated that data suggest many health workers actively avoid areas with 'dirty' industry, and mining is considered 'dirty'.

Mr. Garbett questioned whether our schools can physically accommodate hundreds of new students. How many new teachers would we need? Could we recruit the necessary staff, and where would they live? In a competitive work environment, can teachers afford housing and other services that miners may also be seeking?

He mentioned that sudden influxes of workers, particularly young men, can cause social instability. This may lead to rises in violent crime, drug abuse, and social disorder. Such issues could worsen if there are disruptions in mine employment.

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LLG believes that Northback promises a relatively small number of jobs for a project that could endanger many times more jobs in agriculture. They fail to account for the greatly increased demands on our social infrastructure, including housing, health care, and education.

The Council thanked LLG for attending and will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Mr. Garbett left the meeting, the time being 12:01 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 12:08 pm.

- a) Public Works Call Log – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Name the Grader Contest – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Draft Policy A-ADMIN-006 External Communications – ATIA Sec. 28.1
- d) Participation in Local Committee – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 12:37 pm.

Carried

4. Police Funding

Director of Finance Meghan Dobie presented to Council the proposed changes from the Province regarding Police Funding. At this time, the Municipality doesn't know the exact amount of the funding increase and may not have those numbers before tax time, but it will be substantial. Council suggested that any information Administration has coming forward be pushed out to the public, so they are aware of the potential tax implications.

5. Round Table

- Airport Discussion
 - A video from Alberta SouthWest was shown regarding the need for rural airports
 - Discussion took place on the MD scheduling a Regional Airport Meeting
- Request from a company for where they could purchase land, with a rail system
 - Possible discussion around Pincher Station
 - MD doesn't have that amount of land
 - Suggestion to suggest to CAPTUS
- Public meeting regarding potential campground in Twin Butte area
 - Discussion around Land Use Bylaw at that meeting
 - Residents are concerned about increased development and look for the MD to add an exclusion area for that corridor

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- Gravel pit/crushing concerns
- Alberta Environment – Water Licenses notification
- Update on Rural Crime Watch

6. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 2:05 pm.

: Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

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

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

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Dave Cox	26/054
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Moved that the agenda for February 10, 2026, be amended to include:

Finance:

b) Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre Financial Sustainability Committee

Action:

c) Drought and Flood Protection Program News Conference Invite

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

a) Captus Generation

Paul Connolly, Vice President of Commercial Development, and Lauren Colborne, Communications, with Captus Generation attended the meeting to update Council.

He reviewed the history of Captus ownership and gave an overview of the current opportunity.

Council questioned the Medicine Hat project and how the Pincher Creek data centre would differ. With advances in technology, new builds could look different and offer better sound buffering, but these changes will be at the new customer's discretion.

Water usage was discussed, with Paul noting that it varies by location and water availability. Captus understands it will likely be unable to obtain water licenses for large quantities of potable water.

Council asked whether Captus was interested in co-working with other industries that use power. Paul stated that they would review it but would need more information about the opportunity to determine whether it is complementary to a data centre and future expansion.

Council thanked Captus for attending and invited them to attend at any time if they believe there are updates for the community.

Paul and Lauren left the meeting at 3:29 pm.

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch	26/055
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Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of January 27, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/056

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 27, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Waterton Biosphere
 - Twin Butte Group Meeting – Proposed Campground
 - Planning Session
 - South Canadian Rockies
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Mayors and Reeves
 - Alberta SouthWest
3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Fireguard Planning - Castle Mountain Resort
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Planning Session
 - What Was 2025 Even About? Emergency Services 2025 Recap
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Planning Session
 - South Canadian Rockies

Councillor John MacGarva 26/057

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/058

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period January 19, 2026, to February 1, 2026, as information.

Carried

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b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/059

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for January 21, 2026, to February 3, 2026, as information.

Carried

c) Cridland Dam - Hydrotechnical and Geotechnical Reports

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/060

Moved that Council receive for information the Cridland Geotechnical and Hydrotechnical Reports.

Carried

Director of Finance, Meghan Dobie, attended the meeting at this time.

2. Finance

a) Grant in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) 2025 Write Off

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/061

Moved that Council write off the uncollectible GIPOT in the 2025 fiscal year, up to a maximum of \$5,315, with funds from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Carried

b) Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre Financial Sustainability Committee

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/062

Moved that Council request that Meghan Dobie, Director of Corporate Services, sit on the Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre Financial Sustainability Committee, as an MD representative.

Carried

Director of Finance, Meghan Dobie, left the meeting at 4:44 pm.

3. Development and Community Services

a) Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment - Quarter 3 Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/063

Moved that the Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment – Quarter 3 Report be received as information.

Carried

b) Bylaw 1370-26 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Hann Rezoning)

Councillor Dave Cox 26/064

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1370-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Hann Rezoning).

Carried

Manager of Public Works Alan McRae left the meeting at 4:51 pm.

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Councillor John MacGarva 26/065

Moved that Council set the date for the required Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1370-26, be March 10, 2026, directly following the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1368-26.

Carried

c) Request for Development Agreement – Irrigation Line in Road ROW

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/066

Moved that Council authorize administration to move forward with a Development Agreement for an irrigation line to be placed within MD Road Right of Way, adjacent to SW 32-07-01 W5M.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/067

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period January 26, 2026, to February 6, 2026, as information.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/068

Moved that administration arrange a time at a future Council meeting with the Sergeants from the Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek RCMP Detachments to discuss the Community Priorities Plan.

Carried

b) Castle Mountain Community Association

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/069

Moved that Council agree to sponsor the 2026 CMCA Golf Classic for Castle Mountain Community Association, in the amount of \$250, with the amount to be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

c) Drought and Flood Protection Program News Conference Invite

Councillor Dave Cox 26/070

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the Drought and Flood Protection Program News Conference, to be arranged with administration.

Carried

B. For Information

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Councillor Dave Cox 26/070

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Email from Dave Bairnes, dated February 3, 2026
 - Ethical Conflict and Support for MD Stewardship (#2840)
- b) Parks Division – Alberta Forestry and Parks
 - Release of the New Plan for Parks
- c) Oldman Watershed Council
 - Accepting Watershed Legacy Program Applications for 2026
- d) Letter from Wendi Campbell
 - Open Letter to Premier of Alberta and All Albertans re: Bill 12

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/071

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:11 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

captus generation

Presentation to MD of Pincher Creek Council,
February 10, 2026

Ea



Introduction to Captus Evolution

- Captus first identified an opportunity to develop and deliver carbon-abated generation capacity to support the Alberta grid.
- The Alberta government's announcement of a comprehensive power-market redesign resulted in a suspension of plans to deliver carbon-abated power to the provincial grid.
- Following the announcement of the power-market redesign, Captus was presented with an alternative opportunity to provide power to data-center operators.
- In this alternative path, Captus will supply electrical power while the client develops the data-center asset:
 - The client will build, own, and operate the data center.
 - Power generation and the data center will be co-located at the Captus site.
 - The development aligns with the MD's Strategic Plan by:
 - build a strong local economy
 - enhancing the municipal tax base
 - create new employment opportunities for the community

Captus Ownership History

- Dec 2023: Pincher Creek Energy Center formed as a joint venture between BTG Capital and West Lake Energy Ltd
- Feb 2024: Name change to Captus Generation Ltd.
- October 2025: Summit Point Capital acquired 100% of the Captus Generation Ltd.

Note: Gryphon Digital Mining made an unsuccessful attempt to acquire Captus from December 2024 through April 2025

Captus Management Team

Team

Harry Andersen
CEO



25+ years Energy Experience
Executed **+\$15 billion** of M&A, and
+\$10 billion of large projects as
SVP and COO of Pembina (PBA).

Eric Gallie
CFO



20 years of experience
Held financial positions with **RBC, Citadel and Luminus**. CFO of **Distinction Energy**.

Paul Connolly
Head of Commercial
Development



30+ years of experience
Held multiple senior positions at **Plains Midstream Canada** and **MEG Energy**.

Mark Taylor
External Affairs and Regulatory



30+ years of experience
Held various Senior positions at **Encana, Mosaic, Sinopec** and the **Alberta Energy Regulator**.

Brad Kohlsmith
VP Engineering, Construction,
Procurement



20+ years of experience
Held senior positions at **Kinder Morgan** and **Pembina** in capital project execution and operations

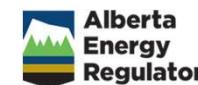
Captus Management Industry Experience

	Engineering	Regulatory/ Environment	Stakeholder Relations	Indigenous Relations	Commercial/ Energy Markets	Energy & Power Infrastructure	Financial	Major Project Development	Reservoir Expertise
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Harry Andersen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Paul Connolly	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Mark Taylor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brad Kohlsmith	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eric Gallie	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗



MEG ENERGY



Summit Point Capital

Joe Colborne

Nate Dewhurst

Paul Colborne

Kevin Overstrom

Co-Founder/Managing Partner

Played 8 years of professional hockey (Toronto Maple Leafs, Calgary Flames and Colorado Avalanche) after attending University of Denver. Has 13 years of experience in both Multifamily and Commercial Real Estate.

Co-Founder/ Managing Partner

Spent ~9 years at Point72 L.P., a Hedge Fund with \$32B AUM, in New York and Singapore, leading the Int'l Proprietary Research Group (Market Intelligence). Started his career at Crescent Point Energy. Played hockey and graduated (BSBA) from the University of Denver.

Co-Founder/Chairman of the Captus Board

Current CEO of Surge Energy. Has founded and run (President & CEO) companies (Crescent Point Energy, Startech Energy, Starpoint Energy Trust) with a combined Market Cap of over \$25B in both Public and Private Sectors.

Co-Founder/Board of Directors

Founder of KO Capital Advisors. Previously 22 Years at GMP Securities as Vice Chairman and Co-Head of Energy Investment Banking. Currently a member of the Board of Directors for Spartan Delta Corp among multiple other private enterprises. CFA.



Proudly Canadian

3 of the 4 Summit Point Capital Founders are Canadian:

Paul Colborne has an exemplary track record in the Canadian Oil and Gas industry. He has founded and run upwards of 15 CANADIAN/ ALBERTAN public and private companies over the past 30 years, including Crescent Point Energy, Starpoint Energy, and his current company, Surge Energy.

Kevin Overstrom also has an upstanding career in the Canadian Energy Sector, culminating as Co-Head of Energy at GMP Securities.

Joe Colborne, born and raised in Calgary, played for the Calgary Flames for 3 seasons, during which time he started Colborne's Forces- A non-profit to support the Canadian Armed Forces.

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

CURRENT SUPPORT

(Previously based on \$2 per capita)

**\$6,000 FIXED RATE
EXPIRES 2025**

* 2023 Population = 3240
* Less than \$2 per capita

OUR REQUEST

**\$7000 FIXED RATE
STANDING MOTION**

*** REGIONAL LEADER**

BENEFITS

- STARS provides physical response and virtual consultations
- Residents have access to STARS 24/7 across Western Canada
- Serving the most rural and remote areas with our World Class Crew
- Charitable organization operating at no cost to the patient
- Together, we're saving lives and saving futures

A LIFE IS SAVED EVERY DAY. YOUR PARTNERSHIP MAKES IT POSSIBLE.



Recommendation to Council

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TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

PREPARED BY: Jeremy Cartwright

DATE: February 17, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Shop/Fleet Report

APPROVALS:

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February 17, 2026,

Public Works Manager

Date

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2026/02/17

CAO

Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Public Works Department Report for the period of February 2 to February 14, 2026 as information.

Permanent snow fence maintenance- R&R PSF 1-20 RR 29-0 (below St Henry's church)

Permanent snow fence maintenance- R&R PSF 01-39 RR 29-4

Permanent snow fence maintenance- Repair PSF 04-32 TWP 8-0

Gravel pit operations- Hauled 3 loads from Tapay pit to repair RR2-5 (7 Gates)

Bridge maintenance- Replace hazard markers on BF1077.

Water services maintenance- Grade standpipe area for drainage

Park maintenance- Empty garbage's at Patton Park and dog park, stocked dog waste bags at dog park

Gravel road maintenance- Grading

Gravel road maintenance- Brush mulching Lank Bridge, Snake Trail

Hard surface maintenance- monitoring

AES operations- Haul water to terminal and shop

Guard rail maintenance- Replace 4 sections guard rail BF0169 TWP 6-3 (Canyon Bridge)

Guard rail maintenance- Replaced 1 turn down ends BF452 RR 2-1 (Livingstone Colony)

Guard rail maintenance- Replaced 2 turn down ends BF72882 TWP 8-4 (Todd Creek)

Guard rail maintenance- Replace 1 turn down end BF9388 TWP 5-0 (McRae bridge)

Culvert Maintenance- Put together a list of culverts needing replaced in 2026 for planning purposes.

Texas gate maintenance- Put together list of Texas gates that need replaced in 2026 for planning purposes.

Safety- Safe work practice review, bistrainer courses.

Recommendation to Council

EVENTS

Safety Meeting- February 4, 2026

JHSC Inspection at PW yard and shop- January 8, 2026

JHSC Meeting- February 11, 2026

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE “A”

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT



PREPARED BY: Brett Ackerman	DATE: 2026 – 02 - 17
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS	ATTACHMENTS: N/A

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY: February 02, 2026 – February 13, 2026

Graders

Unit # 073 (150) – 3000hr service. LED work light replacement. Circle maintenance. Install Webasto heater.

Unit # 061 (160) – Circle maintenance. Hydraulic leak/hose repair.

Unit # 059 (160) – Leak repairs. Circle maintenance. Replace broken mirrors. Replace marker/signal light bulbs.

Heavy Trucks/Trailers/Equipment

Unit # 435 (Water Truck) – ECM replacement by Fanning. ECM programming. Seat repairs, and CVIP in-house.

Unit # 004 (Loader) – Chocky bar installation, hard surface and bucket repairs.

Unit # 001 (Dozer) – Ripper teeth replacement. Track tension adjustment. Espar heater rebuilt.

Unit # 017 (trailer) – Replace missing tarp cover bolts. Repair air-leak.

Unit # 431 (Water Truck) – CVIP, repair leaking water valves.

Unit # 645 (Sprayer) – Inspection of sprayer unit.

Unit # 430 (Water Truck) – CVIP.

Light Duty and Light Trailers

Unit # 512 – Lube-Oil-Filter, service.

Unit # 400 (1-Ton) – Received from Fix Auto. CVIP.

Unit # 477 (1-Ton) – CVIP, transmission service, differential and transmission removed, waiting on parts.

Unit # 512 (Chev 1500) – Lube-Oil-Filter. OEM emissions system warranty work.

Unit # 510 (Chev 1500) – 2-way radio service.

EVENTS – N/A



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M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

SUMMARY OF MAJOR UPDATES FEB. 4th – FEB. 18th

GENERAL PROJECTS

- Project invoice processing complete for all 2025 projects.
- 7 projects fully executed at 78% of original budget (all complete under budget).

LARGE (PRE-2026) PROJECTS

- Toured Claresholm Water Plant and Potassium Permanganate treatment.
- Land documents all completed for BF 75481 culvert replacement.

LARGE 2026 IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Lundbreck Wastewater Line rehabilitation path forward planned.
- Kicked off land acquisition work for BF 71542 Waldron Flats and BF 76203 West End Maycroft.

LARGE 2027+ IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Reached out to construction contractor regarding alternate Southfork road solutions.

STUDIES & PLANNING WORK

- Regional Drought Study: Final Water Resource Assessment received. Conclusions and recommendations in report. Public Lands approval applied for old gravel pit site. Temp. access agreement signed with private stakeholder for geotechnical work. Discussions progressed with Town regarding potential site visit for interconnect review.

OPERATIONS UPDATES

- Water Shortage Risk remains low (Normal).
- Reviewing trial options for odour control in Lundbreck Lagoon.
- Water plant approval expiring. Re-application drafted, under review by MPE prior to submission.
- Make Up Air Unit (MUA) relocation in Beaver Mines Lift Station awarded, anticipate work to occur in March.
- Fort Macleod MoU for backup operations signed Feb. 5th after site orientation.
- Old Cowley plant basement flood event due to non functioning sump.
- Gravel pit reclamation planning for 2026 underway.
- Met with CNPCL Feb. 11th regarding Circular Materials (CM) audit of Eco Center tickets and contradictions regarding potential lack of paper recycling.
 - CNPCL has confirmed they have been landfilling paper, indicated plastics have been getting stockpiled and expect to begin shipment again.
 - Indicated they would provide ticket verification of when shipments stopped. This has not occurred to date.
- Attended monthly working group Feb. 18th with CM. CM to release information regarding awarded collection contractor in April.

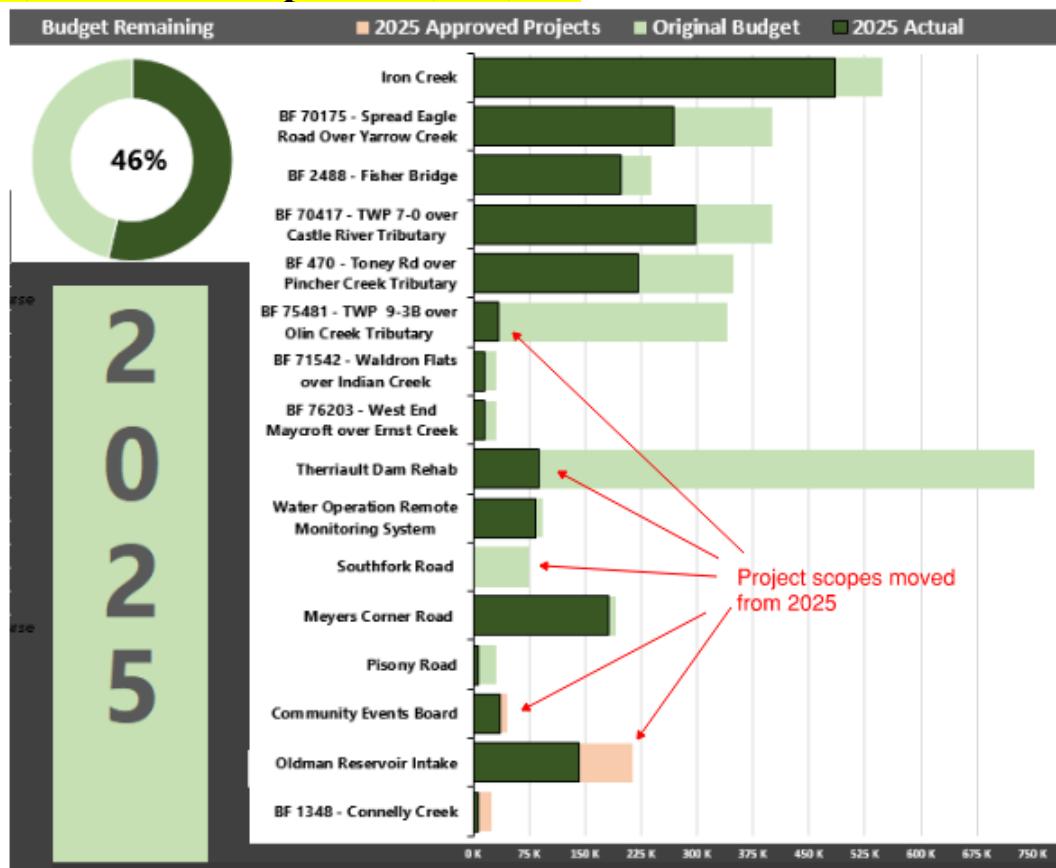
General Projects Budget Update

2026 Approved Budget: \$3,226,000. Feb 18th Spent: \$0

**Graphic under development*

2025 Approved Budget: \$3,862,000. Feb. 18th Spent (FINAL):

\$2,079,266 Feb. 3rd Spent: \$2,059,284



2025 CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

- Original budget: \$3,608,000 for 14 projects.
- 5 project scopes extended to 2026 (2 grant dependant).
- 1 project scope extended from 2025 (Oldman Reservoir Intakes).
- 1 project scope added in 2026 (BF 1348 Culvert preliminary work – grant funded).
- Of 7 implementation/construction scopes completed.
 - \$2,218,000 budgeted.
 - \$1,734,638 spent (78%).
 - 7/7 projects completed under originally approved budget.
- Additional budget approved for 1 project in 2025 (\$15,000 - Community Events Board).

Large Ongoing Projects (Pre-2026 Construction Start)

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.
- Potassium Permanganate treatment setup order placed, scoping install location/building. Site tour complete at Claresholm, arranging bench testing of Manganese with AEPA.
- Additional budget request of \$115,000 approved by Council Jan. 20th.

Watercourse Crossing Inspection & Remediation Project – 100% Grant funded

- Funding agreement signed Mar. 28th, 2023 for \$1.55M.
 - Extension received to March 31st, 2027.
- Status report 5 complete for up to Dec. 31st.

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

- Tender closed Nov. 4th. Ten (10) bids received. Awarded to low bidder (Vitae Environmental Ltd.) for **\$277,910 (Eng. Est. \$299,357)**.
- Council approved Mar. 31st, 2026 construction completion date.
- Revised legal plan received Oct. 6th. Working to closeout alternate land plan with landowner prior to mobilization (road ROW swap).
 - Plan signed, executed, returned.
 - **Road cancellation approved by Council Jan 27th.**
- Contractor has initiated contact with MD regarding work proceeding. Working through deliverables, major revisions required on TAS.
- **Anticipating kickoff late this week or week of Council meeting (once revised submittals are in).**

Meyers Corner Road Culvert Replacement

Replace failed 900mm culvert via boring method with 1.37m x 35m welded pipe

- Work substantially complete. Temp. fence to be removed in Spring to allow seed to take.

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

- Project complete. Seeding has not taken significantly, to be reviewed in Spring.

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)

- Project complete, seeding and cottonwood staking to be reviewed in Spring/Summer.

Large Projects Planned for 2026 Implementation

Lundbreck Wastewater Main Rehabilitation between Railway/Park St.

2021 inspection and subsequent wastewater study determined MH 5 to 6 is aggregate material and a good candidate for trenchless rehabilitation. Work required to install Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP).

- Scoping underway, meeting scheduled with MPE Feb. 18th to discuss contractor options.

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

Replace or design a maintenance solution for the 3m x 49m L (5.6m cover) structural plate corrugated steel pipe (SPCSP) and remediate fish passage under the WCR Program.

- STIP application submitted Nov. 24th.
- Received funder guidance/approval to proceed with prelim eng. under WCR program.
- Council approval received Mar. 11th, 2025.
- Preliminary engineering kicked off Apr. 3rd, awaiting completion.
- Survey complete Apr. 25th.

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. Replace with a 2.7m diameter x 48m long culvert.

- STIP application submitted Nov. 24th.
- Kicked off Design work Jan. 28th. Kicked off land acquisition Feb. 10th.

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. Replace with two (2) 1.8m diameter x 28m L culverts.

- STIP application submitted Nov. 24th.
- Kicked off Design work Jan. 28th. Kicked off land acquisition Feb. 10th.

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

1m x 14m L culvert failing on dead end road. Dual 1m x 13m L culverts are anticipated solution.

- 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 Fall 2026 construction.

Large Projects Planned for 2027 Implementation

Gladstone Rd. over Mill Creek Trib., LSD SE-01-006-02 W5M

0.6m x 17m L culvert failing and causing significant scour and erosion downstream. Preliminary engineering required to determine replacement requirements.

- Located on an unmapped Class A waterbody. Fish passage not expected to be required due to downstream barriers.
- Revising proposal based on reduced scope of DFO requirements.
- Potential for project to get accelerated to 2026.

Southfork Hill Road

Emergent investigatory and repair work for the Southfork Hill slide issues

- STIP LMI resubmission complete Nov. 27th, 2025.
- Geotechnical scope awarded and complete. Final geotech. report received Dec 9th.
 - Initial STIP application submitted Nov. 28th, 2024 – Unsuccessful.
- Project paused pending further deterioration or future grant opportunities. Design work pending STIP decision.

- Road condition between July 2025 and February 2026:



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 included detailed design work to rehabilitate spillway. 2026 work set to begin after DFPP funding decision and (if successful) shall include a lifecycle assessment on how to best use water source during drought.

- DFPP application submitted Nov. 27th. Anticipate response Q1 2026.
- Spillway design complete, regulatory submissions pending grant timing.
- Significant amount of history related to Therriault Dam reviewed during application process. Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) accessed in 1995, 2002, 2005, 2010, and 2014 related to Therriault Dam and spillway rebuilds. About \$600,000 spend (inflation adjusted) on flood recovery since 1994. A flood was also noted in 2006.
- Additional design work pending grant decision.

Bridge File 73608 – Twin Butte Rd. Over Waterton River, NW-34-003-10 W4M W5M

78m L steel truss bridge with isolated pile and stringers in fair-poor condition. Preliminary engineering required to determine extend of recommend repair work and costs.

- MD to reach out to Cardston upon conclusion of preliminary engineering to discuss potential for cost sharing.

Bridge File 673 – Skyline Rd. Over Olin Creek, SE-31-009-01 W5M

2m x 2.2m x 54m L culvert (7m cover) with roof/sidewall deflection and cracked seems. Preliminary engineering required to determine feasibility of maintenance vs. replacement.

- Fish passage anticipated to be a requirement at this site. Current site likely inhibits.

Beaver Creek Rd. over Beaver Creek Trib., LSD NE and SE-33-008-28 W4M

Two separate failing culverts along Beaver Creek Rd. One 0.9m x 28m L (5m cover) has failed section in middle with cavity in ditch. One 0.75m x 30m L (9-10m cover) silted off/failed at downstream end. Preliminary engineering required to determine appropriate replacement/boring feasibility.

- Maintenance not anticipated to be feasible. Assessment of options required.

Studies and Planning Work

Regional Facilities Condition Assessment & Master Plan

- Grant application submitted Nov. 25th for Alberta Community Partnership – Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant with Cowley support.
- Awaiting funding decision.

Regional Drought Strategic Implementation Strategy & Raw Water Storage Project

- Grant received (up to 70%) for a Drought Projects Assessment under DFPP.
- Grant application for 3 month (25-year) forecasted volumes received from AEPA.
 - \$3.4M project, up to 75% of costs.
 - ATEC has confirmed stacking of AMMWP Raw Water Storage grant funds acceptable for the Drought Projects Assessment (Phase 2).
- Received draft land siting and design criteria to approach stakeholders. Three (3) of three (3) initially planned stakeholders approached. Discussions ongoing. Approaching additional stakeholders.
- Final water resource assessment received Feb 3rd. Major conclusions:
 - Existing water licenses can meet current and 25-year demands, unless the MD must also supply Pincher Station and the Pincher Creek Airport.
 - The MD's potable water system can meet historical demands but requires upgrades to meet 25-year design flows.
 - The system would also require upgrades to support adding the Airport or Pincher Station.
 - Castle Mountain Resort (CMR) expansion is a major future demand driver; full expansion may potentially be possible without pumping upgrades depending on Beaver Mines growth.

- Regional interconnection opportunities exist, including a potential two-way link with the Town and/or possible service extensions to the Airport and Pincher Station (by either the MD or the Town).
- Raw water storage is only needed when relying solely on VIS', but VIS' may still provide drought-period supply and reduce storage needs; real-world performance will determine reliability.
- Enhancing vertical intake structures could provide additional flow and potentially reduce or replace the need for raw water storage.
- Assessment major recommendations:
 - The system would also require upgrades to support adding the Airport or Pincher Station.
 - Continue engaging CMR to assess how planned expansion will impact the transmission system.
 - Engage with the Town regarding potential regional system integration and possibility of servicing the Airport and Pincher Station from the Town.
 - Evaluate design base cases to determine the preferred reservoir storage volume:
 - Annual plant capacity is recommended, with phased construction (initial 75%/9-month cell (141,620 m³) and provisions for expansion to 150%/18-months).
 - A smaller storage size is acceptable if VIS' can reliably supplement during drought, with ability to expand in future.
 - Continue monitoring VIS performance to better understand reliability and refine storage requirements.
 - Explore enhancing intakes through increasing production of existing intakes.
- Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) submitted Feb. 5th after preliminary archeological review for provincial site, Alberta Forest & Parks has indicated response period will take until Feb. 23rd minimum.
- Signed temporary access agreement for geotechnical work with a stakeholder. Arranging timing.
- Discussed with TOPC Feb 11th the potential for a visit to their WTP to review tie-in option. Working to arrange timing.

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.
- Draft TMP report received Jul. 21st, significant amount of comments on new sections of report. Internal comments to be sent back to MPE prior to Sep. 9th Council meeting
 - Received comments back and path forward plan Sep. 10th. Discussion held with MPE Oct. 10th. Comments incorporated and sent back for MD review Dec. 16th. MD review and additional comments sent back Dec. 19th.
- Draft revised road classification sent to MD for review, comments sent back Feb. 5th, MPE working on incorporation and finalization.

Cridland Dam

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

- **Reports complete and** presented to Council for information Feb. 10th.

Miscellaneous

- Airport pavement assessment to be kicked off, **awaiting revised costing for Southfork road assessment.**
- 10 yr. bridge study update kicked off Jan. 27th, 2025 with Roseke. Data entry complete.
 - Draft received Dec. 18th, 2025. Reviewed, final copy expected by Council.

Operations Updates

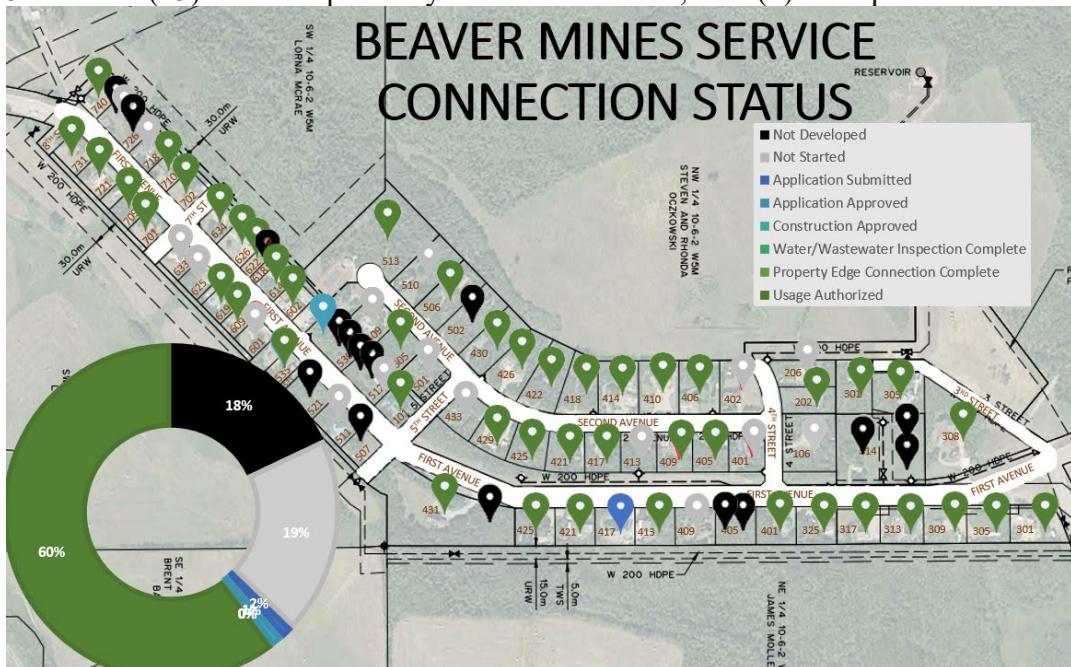
WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

Implemented Stage: Normal (Restrictions ended Dec. 13th)

- Monitoring risk scoring once/month. **Risk assessed Feb. 9th. Risk score: 4.7 (normal).**

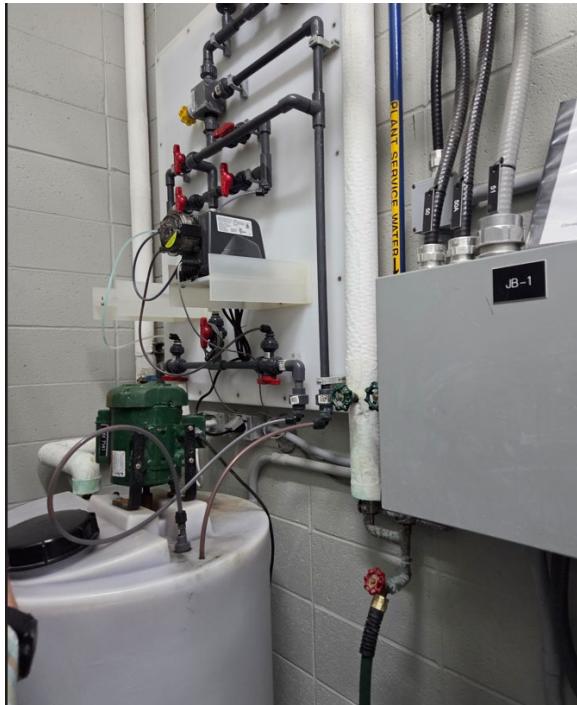
Beaver Mines Lot Servicing

- 49/66 developed applications received, 48 approved, 47 connected (71%)
 - Fifteen (15) undeveloped fully serviced locations, One (1) exempt with conditions



General Water Operations Updates Feb. 17th, 2026:

- Working to finalize Utility Services Guidelines (USG) updates to include Hamlet of Lundbreck, and Rural Transmission connections.
- Reviewing trial options for odour control in the Lundbreck Lagoon during melts/turnover.
- Site visit to Claresholm WTP complete Feb. 6th.



- Reviewing plan to access Lundbreck reservoir for minor repair work.
- PC Standpipe experienced a failure event resulting in upper fill getting stuck on. Working on more permanent solution along with solutions to deal with chronic ice buildup.
- Reviewing expiring water plant approval reapplication. Operations Manual redrafted, awaiting direction from AEPA on Water Source Assessment requirements. **Sent to MPE for review prior to submission.**
- Move of Make Up Air (MUA) unit in Lift Station **awarded to Airtech Feb. 17th, anticipate completion by mid March.**
- Review and signage update of all restricted and confined spaces **complete.**
- **MoU signed with Fort Macleod Feb 5th after WTP site tour for backup operations support.**
- Letter sent to Cowley Mar 28th detailing various requests and proposed path forward for water assets, licenses, and amended operations contract
 - Regarding transfer of water reservoir and treatment building, indicated next step as *“two councils to determine how the asset valuation will be addressed and make a plan for next steps”*
 - **Old Cowley plant sump not functioning, water operators manually pumping out. Cowley notified**
- Beaver Mines Water/Wastewater Projects
 - Awaiting thaw/rain event to assess BM WWTP infiltration
 - Awaiting minor changes to Lift STN Record drawings

General Miscellaneous Operations Update Feb. 17th, 2026:

- Gravel pit reclamation estimates under review for year end
- **Halton dam site visit Feb. 6th to review levels and outflow structure.**



- Site tour Feb 9th for 2 upcoming culverts, warranty review of 3 completed projects
- Scoping 2026 pit reclamation work for:
 - Carbondale
 - Castle
 - Pine Creek

- Circular Materials notified regarding EPR reporting non-compliance with Paper. Circular Materials has indicated they have been working to resolve via meeting with CNPCL
 - Meeting held Jan 22nd with Circular Materials. CM indicated that CNPCL stated that paper has not been going into to landfill. We are trying to clarify with CNPCL, unsuccessful in receiving a response to date. CNPCL has indicated they are working with E-360 on restarting paper acceptance.
 - CM is auditing our tickets to Capital Paper/E-360, working to obtain verification from CNPCL
 - Meeting held with CNPCL and Town Feb. 11th. CNPCL indicated:
 - Both plastics and paper have not been getting sent from landfill to E-360 in Calgary for some time.
 - Plastics have been stockpiled and shipments can begin again Feb. 17th.
 - Paper would cost CNPCL \$45/tonne to recycle. Paper has been getting sent to the landfill for a period of time.
 - Concerns regarding loss of staff and overall EPR model.
 - Paper has not been getting accepted at Eco Center for some time (MD verified paper has been getting accepted).
 - MD has requested ticket verification on when shipments stopped as requested by Circular Materials. CNPCL indicated they would provide.
- Attended monthly working group Feb 18th with CM. Indicated that curbside collection contracts will be 5-7 years, and depot extensions 15 months (with single stream collection). Anticipate CM releasing information on awarded collection contractor in April.
- Waste handling contract expiring

Recommendation:

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for Feb. 4th – Feb. 18th, 2026 is received as information.

Prepared by: David Desabrais

Date: Feb. 18th, 2026

Council Meeting

Date: Feb. 24th, 2026

Recommendation to Council

G2a



TITLE: 2026 Mileage Rate Change

PREPARED BY: Meghan Dobie

DATE: February 19, 2026

DEPARTMENT:

Department
Supervisor

ATTACHMENTS:

1. N/A

APPROVALS:

 _____
Department Director

Feb 19, 2026
Date

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CAO

2026/02/19
Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That as of March 1, 2026, Council approve a mileage rate of \$0.73/km.

BACKGROUND:

- Mileage is currently paid to MD Employees and Councilors at a rate of \$0.68/km.
- The Government of Canada recommends that a reasonable allowance rate is \$0.73/k in 2026.
- Any mileage incurred prior to March 1, 2026 would be paid out at the previous rate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

TBD



2026-02-06

Sgt Ryan Hodge
Detachment Commander
Pincher Creek RCMP

Dear Reeve Lemire,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for Q3. It outlines staffing, financial information, and crime trends for the Pincher Creek Detachment, and supports our commitment to transparency and ongoing collaboration with our community partners.

Through both provincial and municipal policing contracts, the RCMP serves roughly 40% of Albertans across 95% of the province, including your community. That is why it is so important that our work is centered on people — the frontline members serving your community, the support teams behind the scenes, and the Albertans who rely on us every day.

The Government of Alberta's Police Funding Model (PFM) has strengthened our ability to meet those needs. With your contributions, we have added 279 police officers, 136 directly to detachments, along with 242 civilian staff, including 77 supporting detachment operations. These investments have also enabled the development of a Real-Time Operations Centre to support frontline officers, the expansion of our drone program, enhanced investigative capacity, and the addition of a third specialized Emergency Response Team.

These resources, along with the dedication of our employees and the support of your community, have helped bring Alberta's crime rates to their lowest point in five years — and we are committed to building on this progress together.

I welcome continued conversations about your community's policing priorities and any ideas that can help us strengthen our service. Working collaboratively is essential to maintaining this forward progress, and I encourage you to reach out at any time with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Sgt Ryan Hodge

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Detachment Commander
Pincher Creek RCMP

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Commanding Officer
Alberta



Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Commandant
de l'Alberta

February 4, 2026

Good day,

As we begin a new year, I would like to take the opportunity to share an update on the work the Alberta RCMP is doing to support safe, resilient communities across the province.

Like you, and the communities you serve, crime remains a primary concern for the Alberta RCMP. We recognize the significant impacts crime has on residents, businesses, and overall community well-being. Policing in Alberta presents unique and real challenges, including vast geographic areas, long response distances, and a relatively small number of repeat offenders who cause a disproportionate amount of harm. Addressing these challenges requires responses that are intelligence-led, fiscally responsible, and built on strong partnerships.

We remain focused on addressing crime through continual reassessment of operational approaches, responsible deployment of resources, and close collaboration with municipal and community partners. We also recognize the significant cost of policing for communities and remain committed to ensuring available resources are deployed strategically and efficiently to deliver effective policing services to Albertans.

As part of this commitment, we are investing in modernization initiatives, including the development of the Real-Time Operations Centre, the expansion of the Emergency Response Team, increased investigative capacity and resources focused on working in partnership with communities and government on prevention initiatives and address the root causes of crime.

I want to highlight for you some of the initiatives we have underway, some of the results we've realized and some of the opportunities we remain focused on.

Despite fiscal pressures, we continue to focus resources where they will have the greatest impact. One of our key strategies is concentrating on the relatively small number of offenders responsible for the greatest harm across the province through tracking and prioritizing the Top 100 offenders. Using data compiled from RCMP and municipal police services across Alberta our Strategic Research and Analysis Unit, has assessed nearly 100,000 unique offenders and ranked them to identify those causing the most significant harm. This intelligence directly informs the work of Crime Reduction Units located across the province that can be deployed where and when emerging crime trends demand to target those offenders causing the most harm. These units work in close coordination with local detachments and partner agencies, including municipal police services and Alberta Sheriffs.

We have countless examples of successful operations targeting property crime offenders across Alberta where significant seizures of stolen property including vehicles, ATV's, heavy construction equipment, and copper wire, have been recovered and offenders have been arrested to face prosecution. This includes well coordinated investigations involving teams of investigators located strategically throughout the four districts working in concert and utilizing sophisticated investigative techniques and tools including the leveraging of cutting-edge surveillance assets from our federal RCMP partners.

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We know that addiction to illicit drugs is a huge driver of the types of crime that victimize Albertans. To that end, we have also utilized enhanced investigative resources to compliment local detachments in combatting the drug trade in communities across the province. We have made significant seizures of fentanyl, methamphetamines, cocaine and illegal firearms in numerous investigations across the province. These successes impact the availability of these harmful drugs through disruption of supply and act as a deterrent by holding accountable those who are profiting from the distribution of substances that deprive Albertans of their safety and security.

We are embracing technology to make policing more effective, efficient, and safer for both the public and police. The policing landscape is changing; yesterday's solutions won't solve today's challenges. As such, modern policing requires that frontline officers be supported by layers of expertise, coordination, and technology. The Real-Time Operations Centre does exactly that and is a critical component of police modernization. Operating twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Real-Time Operations Centre provides operational support to every Alberta RCMP officer in the province. It enhances officer and public safety, coordinates specialized resources, and ensures informed decision-making during complex and evolving incidents. For our officers, the Real-Time Operations Centre ensures they are never working alone, regardless of location. For Alberta communities, this means every officer on their street is supported by a robust network of specialized units ready to respond at any moment. Ratepayers aren't funding just one uniformed member, but a comprehensive system of expertise and technology working behind that officer to keep their community safe.

Advanced investigative resources and practices represent another essential component of modernized policing as do resources such as the Emergency Response Teams. Emergency Response Teams are teams of highly skilled and trained individuals, bringing together experienced members, specialized tactics, advanced technology, and trained negotiators as a complete operational package, essentially bringing the right resource to the most volatile and dangerous calls. Their role is to safely resolve high-risk incidents involving armed or barricaded individuals, hostage situations and high-risk arrests. By deploying the appropriate expertise, equipment, and techniques, Emergency Response Teams have consistently led to safer outcomes for community members, suspects, and police officers. Demand for these specialized responses has increased significantly, with a sixty-one per cent increase in calls requiring Emergency Response Team involvement over the past four years. In response we have increased our capacity in this area enhancing overall public safety throughout the province. These specialized units place the Alberta RCMP on the leading edge of modern policing in Canada and directly support community safety. Combined with the dedication of our employees and the partnership of the communities we serve, these efforts have helped reduce crime rates in Alberta to the lowest in five years.

We recognize that police visibility and staffing levels remain key concerns for our clients and stakeholders. We continue to focus on recruiting Albertans to serve Albertans, strengthening experienced police officer recruitment. Since April 1, 2024, we have seen 5,450 applications in Alberta and 22 Experienced Police Officers have joined the Alberta RCMP since April 1, 2025. While these recruiting numbers are encouraging, we recognize the ongoing urgency to fill vacancies which is why we continually look inward at our hiring processes to remove barriers, find efficiencies and ensure the most qualified applicants are finding their way to service in communities across Alberta as quickly as possible.

Like all police services, we experience short-term human resource pressures at frontline detachments and have developed several strategies that enable a flexible response to these pressures. We have established a Relief Team based out of Leduc and Cochrane that is comprised of 30 members who

support detachments throughout the province. Since the start of 2026, the Relief Team has deployed 34 times to various detachments in the province. In addition, we currently have 33 Reservists who are retired police officers available as and when required to deploy where the greatest needs are. This provides another option of flexible deployment of highly experienced resources.

We are continually assessing our service delivery models to ensure our resources are deployed in the most effective and efficient way. This includes assessing resource levels at detachments, monitoring our response times, reviewing and adapting our policies and piloting initiatives to improve member visibility in communities. Just recently, we approved a pilot project that leverages technology to reduce the administrative burden placed on our front-line members, so that they can spend more time engaged in proactive patrolling and community engagement.

We continually engage in consultation with our community partners and stakeholders to identify whether changes to service delivery are needed. We assess and discuss impacts with our stakeholders and prioritize flexibility to ensure we are responsive to community priorities and needs.

Municipal leadership plays a critical role in advocating for safer communities. Your collective voice—grounded in firsthand knowledge of how crime affects residents, businesses, and community well-being—is essential in advancing meaningful change related to bail practices and court capacity.

I would like to highlight some of the broader challenges we encounter in this space.

First, let me share an example of a single prolific offender whose repeated releases resulted in significant harm across multiple communities:

- In February 2025, he committed a firearm-related robbery and stole a vehicle containing a one-year-old child, receiving a 90-day sentence.
- In June 2025, he was sentenced to 21 days time served after being located in a stolen vehicle.
- In July 2025, he was arrested again in a stolen vehicle, charged with 11 offences, and released on bail with conditions.
- In September 2025, he pled guilty to theft under \$5,000 and served 30 days.
- In November 2025, he rammed an unmarked police vehicle with a stolen vehicle and was taken into custody.
- He now faces 11 charges, including failure to comply and assaulting a police officer with a weapon, and remains in custody.

This individual committed offences across Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland County, Lac Ste. Anne County, and Sturgeon County. His apprehension was the result of coordinated efforts between the Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, a Community Response Team, and Parkland Detachment resources.

Examples such as this are not isolated. They demonstrate how a single prolific offender, repeatedly released back into the community, can cause significant harm to multiple municipalities in a short period of time. These cases underscore rural Albertans' concerns around repeat offending, bail, and court capacity.

We work closely with Crown Prosecutors to address repeat offending by ensuring priority offenders are supported by comprehensive bail packages that clearly outline criminal history, risk to public safety, and the broader community impacts of continued release. We also actively support the use of Community

Impact Statements, which allow communities and municipal leaders to articulate the cumulative harm crime causes beyond individual victims.

We remain compassionate toward individuals experiencing mental health challenges, addictions, and social vulnerability, and we continue to support partnerships that improve access to treatment and recovery services. This requires that adequate treatment be available and accessible. At the same time, there *are* individuals whose repeated, violent, or high-risk behaviour necessitates incarceration. Some people simply need to go to jail in order to protect the public and prevent further victimization.

Court capacity remains a significant challenge across the province, especially in rural Alberta. Limited court time, shortages of judges and clerks, and resulting delays undermine the effectiveness of the justice system. We will continue to advocate for improvements through multiple forums, consistently raising the impacts these pressures have on victims, communities, and frontline policing.

When policing data, operational experience, and municipal advocacy align, they provide a powerful foundation for justice system reform. Effective crime reduction cannot be achieved by policing alone. Long-term success depends on strong partnerships with municipalities, community organizations, government, and social service providers. We value our relationship with you and those you represent and recognize the essential role you play in shaping community safety priorities.

Modernization, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration will continue to guide our efforts. We are committed to leveraging technology, applying best practices, and deploying the right resources in the right places to support shared public safety goals.

Effective policing depends on strong partnerships, and I want to assure you that we remain committed to working closely with elected officials, municipal administrators, and community leaders to ensure policing services align with local priorities and needs. That is why I encourage you to reach out to your local Detachment Commander to discuss your policing services and explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration in support of your community priorities.

Sincerely,



Trevor Daroux
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer Alberta RCMP

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Pincher Creek Provincial Detachment

Crime Statistics (Actual)

October - December: 2021 - 2025

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

January 13, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		1	1	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Robbery		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		4	1	2	0	1	-75%	N/A	-0.7
Other Sexual Offences		1	0	0	1	1	0%	0%	0.1
Assault		15	8	10	8	13	-13%	63%	-0.4
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Criminal Harassment		9	3	9	12	5	-44%	-58%	0.1
Uttering Threats		6	10	11	8	6	0%	-25%	-0.2
TOTAL PERSONS		36	23	35	29	27	-25%	-7%	-1.2
Break & Enter		8	7	15	6	5	-38%	-17%	-0.7
Theft of Motor Vehicle		6	2	4	1	3	-50%	200%	-0.7
Theft Over \$5,000		4	0	4	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.8
Theft Under \$5,000		14	9	27	15	6	-57%	-60%	-1.0
Possn Stn Goods		5	3	3	1	1	-80%	0%	-1.0
Fraud		14	9	10	19	8	-43%	-58%	-0.2
Arson		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Mischief - Damage To Property		10	8	18	9	10	0%	11%	0.1
Mischief - Other		12	8	13	4	8	-33%	100%	-1.2
TOTAL PROPERTY		73	46	94	55	41	-44%	-25%	-5.5
Offensive Weapons		5	2	5	5	2	-60%	-60%	-0.3
Disturbing the peace		6	10	14	7	17	183%	143%	1.9
Fail to Comply & Breaches		9	34	11	10	7	-22%	-30%	-2.8
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		5	5	4	5	2	-60%	-60%	-0.6
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		25	51	34	27	28	12%	4%	-1.8
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		134	120	163	111	96	-28%	-14%	-8.5



Pincher Creek Provincial Detachment

Crime Statistics (Actual)

October - December: 2021 - 2025

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

January 13, 2026

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		8	2	1	1	2	-75%	100%	-1.3
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		3	1	5	0	2	-33%	N/A	-0.3
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		11	3	6	1	4	-64%	300%	-1.6
Cannabis Enforcement		2	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Federal - General		4	0	1	3	2	-50%	-33%	-0.1
TOTAL FEDERAL		17	3	7	4	6	-65%	50%	-2.1
Liquor Act		18	8	8	3	3	-83%	0%	-3.5
Cannabis Act		1	2	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Mental Health Act		11	14	13	20	24	118%	20%	3.2
Other Provincial Stats		11	39	23	13	16	45%	23%	-1.6
Total Provincial Stats		41	63	44	36	43	5%	19%	-2.3
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Municipal By-laws		3	4	0	3	6	100%	100%	0.5
Total Municipal		3	4	0	3	7	133%	133%	0.7
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		6	1	6	7	3	-50%	-57%	0.0
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		69	70	62	49	35	-49%	-29%	-8.9
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		12	16	6	15	5	-58%	-67%	-1.5
TOTAL MVC		87	87	74	71	43	-51%	-39%	-10.4
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		6	4	0	3	0	-100%	-100%	-1.3
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		279	307	227	281	268	-4%	-5%	-4.8
Other Traffic		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Criminal Code Traffic		15	10	8	6	12	-20%	100%	-1.0
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		16	8	8	11	10	-38%	-9%	-0.9
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		16	11	2	10	3	-81%	-70%	-2.7
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		17	23	30	17	18	6%	6%	-0.4
Persons Reported Missing		0	4	5	2	2	N/A	0%	0.2
Search Warrants		1	0	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		8	17	22	16	17	113%	6%	1.7
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	2	1	1	1	N/A	0%	0.1



Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Pincher Creek

Detachment Commander

Sgt Ryan Hodge

Report Date	Fiscal Year	Quarter
February 6, 2026	2025-26	Q3 (October - December)

Community Priorities

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

During the third quarter, Pincher Creek members were involved in community events including the Parade of Lights and Holiday Train. They are also actively involved in events at Napi Friendship Center, Group Group Youth, and the schools.

Priority #2: Enhanced Road Safety**Updates and Comments:**

During the third quarter Pincher Creek RCMP continued with active traffic enforcement focussed on making the roads safer. Enforcement focussed on aggressive and dangerous driving behaviours. Police were also active in impaired driving enforcement with 138 drivers tested roadside in December and no impaired drivers being detected.

Priority #3: Crime Reduction – Theft Related Offences**Updates and Comments:**

During the third quarter the Pincher Creek RCMP saw a decrease in overall property crime. Of the crime reported 53% of the files were cleared. This is a high clearance rate in comparison to provincial





averages. A contributing factor to the decrease in property crime is that many of the habitual offenders are no longer in the community.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date	Meeting Type
September 17, 2024	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
Regular Reporting/Meeting	
Notes/Comments:	
Police Advisory Committee	

Consultation #2

Date	Meeting Type
November 19, 2024	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
Regular Reporting/Meeting	
Notes/Comments:	
Police Advisory Committee	





Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	11	9	1	1
Detachment Support	3	3	1	0

Notes:

1. Data extracted on December 31, 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 11 established positions, nine officers are working and one is on special leave (Parental leave). There is one hard vacancy at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the three established positions, three resources are currently working, and one is on special leave (Leave Without Pay). The position is backfilled to ensure coverage. There are no hard vacancies at this time.



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

February 6, 2026, to February 20, 2026

Discussion:

Feb 9	Senior Management Meeting
Feb 10	Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
Feb 11	Vacation
Feb 12	Emerging Trends Webinar
Feb 13	Gravel Road Stabilization Discussion with County of Lethbridge
Feb 13	MLA Visit
<i>Feb 16</i>	<i>Family Day Stat</i>
Feb 17	IMDP Committee Mtg.
Feb 18	Meeting with Brownlee – Legal Matter
Feb 19	Special Joint Meeting with Cowley

Upcoming:

Feb 23	Community Priorities Meeting with RCMP
Feb 24	Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period February 6, 2026, to February 20, 2026.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, CAO

Date: February 19, 2026

Respectfully presented to: Council

Date: February 24, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

February 4, 2026 to February 19, 2026

Correspondence from the Last Council:

- Enforcement Services Appeal Board - Welcome Members
- Agricultural Service Board – Welcome Member
- Request to Waive Tax Penalty

Advertising/Social:

- Coffee with Council Cancellation
- Kootenai Brown Historical Park Birthday
- Oldman Watershed Council Watershed Program
- Choose the Grader Name!
- Public Hearing Bylaw 1370-26
- Public Hearing Bylaw 1368-26
- Carnivores and Communities Program Meeting

Other Activities:

Invites to Council:

- Invitation to Waterton/ID #4 to Attend Council – still waiting for them to contact us to attend an MD Council meeting
- Bringing Hearts Home – attending March 10, 2026

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

- Special Council Meeting with Cowley - February 19, 2026
- RCMP Community Meeting with Council – February 23, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – February 24, 2026
- Coffee with Council – Division 1 – March 17, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – March 10, 2026
- Public Hearing Bylaw 1368-26 & Bylaw 1370-26 – March 10, 2026



TITLE: EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS VIA SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL SIGN

Approved by: Council

Date: pending

Revised by:

Date:

PURPOSE OF POLICY

The MD of Pincher Creek will provide guidelines regarding the appropriate use of external communications; Social Media outlets and Digital Signs.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The MD of Pincher Creek shall utilize external communications (social media/social network sites and digital signs) to further enhance communications with various stakeholders.

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:
 - a) "MD" shall mean and refer to the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9.
 - b) "Employer" shall mean and refer to the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9.
 - c) "Employee" shall mean any employee of the MD of Pincher Creek No. 9.
 - d) "CAO" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer appointed by Council in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26
 - e) "Comment" shall mean a response to a MD of Pincher Creek article or social media content submitted by a commenter.
 - f) "Social Media" shall mean interactive platforms used to share information to the public, including but not limited to, Facebook, X, etc., via the internet, where individuals and communities create and share user-generated content.
 - g) "Digital Signs" shall mean any digital signs maintained by the MD.

Responsibilities

3. In their capacity as private citizens, MD employees, and elected officials, have the same rights of free speech as other citizens, however they may not represent the MD on their own personal social media sites, and they are reminded they are bound by the official Oath of Confidentiality, the Protection of Privacy Act, Access to Information Act and

Policy 166 - Electronic Communications and must not disclose any MD information or content that they are not specifically authorized to disclose.

- a) Employees found in violation of this policy shall receive discipline up to and including terminations as per policy 170 (Progressive Discipline).

Guidelines

4. The MD of Pincher Creek website www.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca will remain the MD's primary internet presence.
5. The MD recognizes its presence on social media sites is a useful tool to distribute information on MD programs and services to online users and the social media presence contributes to the image of the Municipality.
6. The MD will not post on social media sites advertisements on behalf of for-profit businesses unless it is in direct relation to MD residents (open houses for AltaLink, etc.)
7. The MD website and Digital Signs will be for MD-directly related events and information, ***including but not limited to Fire Bans.***
8. ***Community Events may be posted on the MD Digital sign, but will be limited based on MD need and at the discretion of the CAO.***
9. Social media is not a substitute for customer service or internal communications. Important information should be transmitted through normal MD communication channels, not solely via social media.
10. The establishment and use of MD social media sites are subject to approval by the CAO.
11. Wherever possible, content posted to MD social media sites should contain links directing users back to the MD's official website for in-depth information, forms, documents or online services necessary to conduct business and services offered by the MD.
12. The MD shall be identified in a clear and consistent manner on all Municipal-managed social media sites. Profile images for the MD shall contain the MD logo.
13. The MD reserves the right to, without notice, edit, remove, or refuse content containing and of the following forms of content:
 - a) Comments not topically related to the particular site or blog article being commented upon;
 - b) Profane language or content;
 - c) Personal attacks on individuals or specific groups;
 - d) Sexual content or links to sexual content;
 - e) Content related to non-MD related sales, advertising or promotions;
 - g) Content for the purpose of promoting a candidate for municipal, provincial or federal election;
 - i) Political opinion of any Councillor or the Reeve
 - j) Comments speculating on Council decisions
 - k) Comments speculating on emergency situations



Outlook

H1a

Fw: Fencing at the Rock Creek Wildlife Underpass

From Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>
Date Mon 2026-02-09 13:26
To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

For the 24th. Info.

Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer
M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9
Box 279
1037 Herron Avenue
Pincher Creek, AB T0K1W0
Phone: 403-627-3130
Email: AdminCAO@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

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From: David McIntyre <
Sent: February 9, 2026 13:23
To: Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>
Cc: MDInfo <MDInfo@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; Rick Lemire <CouncilDiv2@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; Dave Cox <CouncilDiv3@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; Jim Welsch <CouncilDiv4@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; John MacGarva <CouncilDiv5@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; Crowsnest Society <office@crowsnestconservation.ca>
Subject: Fencing at the Rock Creek Wildlife Underpass

Dear CAO Milligan, with copies to MD of PC council and the Crowsnest Conservation Society,



The recently constructed Rock Creek Wildlife Underpass on Highway 3 as seen looking north from the south side of the nearby Crowsnest River (near the confluence of Rock Creek with the river).

I know that messages of concern have been sent to Alberta Transportation expressing the perceived failure of the named department to schedule and implement the failsafe construction of fencing associated with the Rock Creek Wildlife Underpass on Highway 3 at Rock Creek.

I'm aware, too, that drivers of this portion of Highway 3 have reported seeing deer trapped on the highway here between the two 10' tall fences that parallel Highway 3 as a component of this construction.

My personal awareness of the situation has been elevated of late as I've been measuring the under-Highway 3 Rock Creek culvert's length and other variables in an effort to determine if it is an effective barrier to the upstream movement of trout from the Crowsnest River into Rock Creek.

Why am I doing this? Rock Creek, based on hundreds of hours of observations, appears to have experienced the "overnight" loss of its pure-strain west slope cutthroat (WSCT) in August of 2023 due to TC Energy's construction of a pipeline traversing the Livingstone Range from Rock Creek to Gold Creek—a story that's entering a new chapter of public awareness—and hoped-for remedial action—as I write.

Within the concerns presented herein, it's my thought that the MD of PC can offer a brand of assistance to aid the safe use of the Rock Creek underpass by wildlife while ensuring, at the same time, there is adequate fencing for domestic stock grazing on adjacent lands.

The current picture: there are, at the Rock Creek Wildlife Underpass, currently four fences within a virtual stone's throw from Highway 3 that wildlife need to cross to utilize the underpass. Among these four fences, there are two old and poorly maintained fences that landowners installed long ago.

My thought: these old fences need to be strategically and systematically removed as a component of Highway 3's safe and sane creation of the Rock Creek Wildlife Underpass.

When I most recently (last week) walked through the underpass to take Rock Creek culvert measurements, I found the partially eaten remains of a deer at creekside (Rock Creek) near the upstream end of the culvert. Surprising me, there didn't appear to be any fresh deer tracks through the underpass during the preceding two weeks, i.e., since my previous time there.

I did find "fresh" raccoon tracks during my most recent visit, but was surprised to not find more deer tracks. Also, the complete absence of moose tracks—formerly common on both sides of Highway 3—in close proximity to Highway 3 felt out of sync with my many—during more than four decades—past experiences of tracking moose across Highway 3 at this precise location.

Thank you for your anticipated support and efforts to help.

Sincerely,

David McIntyre

Crowsnest Pass, AB T0K 0C0 Canada

Sent from my iPad

February 9, 2026

Honourable Grant Hunter
Minister Environment and Protected Areas
204 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6
Email: epa.minister@gov.ab.ca

Dear Minister Hunter,

RE: Support for enhanced AIS prevention efforts

The Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) is writing to reconfirm its strong support for enhanced efforts to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species (AIS), particularly zebra, quagga and golden mussels, to Alberta's water bodies. If we do not further increase our efforts as a province to prevent the introduction of mussels, we will inevitably face the disruptive consequences of mussels to our economy, our environment, and our water-based recreation.

Full implementation of the recommendations in the 2024 Provincial AIS Task Force Recommendation Report is an essential step to reduce the risk of mussels spreading to Alberta. In addition, for those recommended actions to be truly effective we must strengthen our enforcement, inspection, and decontamination capabilities to ensure that all watercraft entering the province are compliant with the mandatory inspection provisions which are already in place, and effectively decontaminated when there is a risk of mussels being present.

The AIDA appreciates the efforts of the province to protect Alberta's waters from mussels and asks that the province prioritizes efforts and resources with a sense of urgency to ensure that mussel infestations do not occur here.

Yours truly,



Richard Phillips, P.Eng.
Chair
Alberta Irrigation Districts Association

Cc: Honourable Danielle Smith – Premier of Alberta
Honourable R.J. Sigurdson – Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

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FEB 19 2026

Pincher Creek Legion #43

Box 131

M.D of Pincher Creek

Pincher Creek, Ab. T0K 1W0

Feb 19,2026

MD Council;

There is one pressing issue that I would like to make the council aware of. The large popular trees that surround the pond are reaching the end of life. Many of them are rodding from the inside and may pose a safety issue in the near future. As the majority of users are seniors there is a mobility issue should any of these trees fall while the park is in use.

In the past we have removed a couple of large trees that blow down as a result of the wind. The cost was approximately \$2600 a day so this project could end up costing a lot. There are at least ten trees that should be removed by my estimate. The lot behind the fish pond that belongs to the MD as has many similar trees that are in the same condition.

I would be pleased to met with the council to further investigate the issue.

Yours Truly

Fred White

Bobbie Burns Seniors Fish Pond Chairman



FOR INFORMATION: Ministerial Contradictions on Coal Policy / Support for MD Stewardship

From Dave Bairnes <>

Date Tue 2026-02-10 15:00

To Rick Lemire <CouncilDiv2@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>; MDInfo <MDInfo@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

1 attachment (230 KB)

Brian Jean Response 5 2 26 1430 pm.pdf;

Dear Reeve Lemire and MD Council,

Following our previous correspondence, I am sharing the formal response I received from Energy= Minister Brian Jean last week.

While the MD has stood firm on its "Headwaters First" policy, this letter from the Minister confirms the= "regulatory stupidity" we are facing. He promises to "protect water sources from selenium," yet the= **2025 Cooke Study** and existing data from the Elk Valley prove that even "reclaimed" mines continue= to poison water systems for decades.

I am particularly concerned by the Minister's use of the "Advanced Project" status to bypass the 2021= rejection of this mine. This reclassification makes a mockery of the law. I applaud the MD for your= unyielding stewardship and hope this document provides further ammunition for your opposition to= this project.

Respectfully,

Dave Bairnes

FORMAL CHALLENGE: Regulatory Failure at Grassy Mountain – Dave Bairnes, Land Agent #2840 (Retired)

Minister of Energy and Minerals <Minister.Energy@gov.ab.ca>
To: Dave Bairnes <>

Thu, Feb 5, 2026 at 2:31 PM

Thank you for your email regarding coal policy in Alberta. As Minister of Energy and Minerals, I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta and speak about what our government has done and will continue to do for ensuring Alberta remains competitive and safe for our current and future families.

Government is tasked with overseeing responsible resource development for the benefit of all Albertans, which is why we declared a new policy direction – the rigorous Coal Industry Modernization initiative (CIMI) – to develop a modern, long term legislative framework that guides responsible coal mining practices and substantially increases coal royalty rates for Albertans to ensure Albertans are fairly compensated for the development of this important natural resource.

Following consultation with tens of thousands of Albertans, we are advancing policies that reflect what we heard, therefore as a part of the CIMI, there will be no new open-pit coal mines or mountaintop removal mines permitted in the foothills. Another key goal is to protect water sources from selenium and any new mines will have to use methods and mining techniques which will minimize the movement of selenium bearing overburden and prevent selenium leaching into streams, rivers and lakes. For more information, please see www.alberta.ca/coal-industry-modernization-initiative.

Alberta has one of the best environmental management systems in the world, and we have strong and effective monitoring and regulatory measures in place to protect our water. Our government has developed extensive surface water quality management frameworks for the eastern slopes, making it one of the most heavily monitored regions in the entire province. Alberta has also established new surface water quality management frameworks for the North Saskatchewan, Battle and Upper Athabasca rivers aimed at protecting water quality and managing cumulative effects.

Under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA), coal mine operators are responsible for remediating and reclaiming their mines. All Alberta coal mining operators pay full financial security to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) at the start of a mining project, and no clean-up costs are paid by taxpayers.

Modernizing Alberta's management of coal resources is a complex undertaking, and we recognize the strong interest from communities on this matter. We are committed to protecting our waters, protecting the foothills and protecting all who call Alberta home.

Thank you again for sharing your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Brian Jean, K.C., ECA

Minister of Energy and Minerals

From: Dave Bairnes <dbairnes@gmail.com>
Sent: February 3, 2026 3:20 PM
To: Office of the Premier <Premier@gov.ab.ca>; info@albertandp.ca; livingstone.macleod@assembly.ab.ca; Nagwan.AlGuneid@assembly.ab.ca; banff.kananaskis@assembly.ab.ca; EPA Minister <EPA.Minister@gov.ab.ca>; Minister of Energy and Minerals <Minister.Energy@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FORMAL CHALLENGE: Regulatory Failure at Grassy Mountain – Dave Bairnes, Land Agent #2840 (Retired)

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You are Invited to a Community Volunteer Appreciation Event

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 and the
Town of Pincher Creek
are celebrating National Volunteer Week

Join us for a celebratory social honoring our volunteers and
their contributions to the community.

Enjoy a Come “n” Go complimentary light meal
Whole BBQ roasted pork, salads, buns, by our local
Pincher Creek Hutterite Brethren and dessert by Celestial Sweets

Local music and short program

Wednesday, April 22

Pincher Creek Community Hall (287 Canyon Drive)

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Local live music and short program

IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM



Alberta



Provincial Security & Intelligence Office

Public Safety and Emergency Services



Alberta's Provincial Security & Intelligence Office (PSIO) is a team within Public Safety and Emergency Services that provides the Government of Alberta with security and intelligence expertise to protect the province's strategic interests from human induced intentional threats. Strategic interests can include features of the province such as critical infrastructure resilience, economic security, and innovation ecosystem integrity. PSIO is seeking support from the province's economic development and investment attraction experts to insulate Alberta's economy from exploitation and ensure economic security.

While the vast majority of economic development projects will provide significant benefit for the province, some foreign governments have been known to exploit the open systems of democratic economies to advance their own interests. These endeavors benefit the foreign country, but they are detrimental to the host economy and can lead to national security concerns. Investments or commercial undertakings may be problematic if they threaten strategic supply chains, critical infrastructure integrity, control of strategic economic assets, economic sovereignty, or the integrity of innovation ecosystems.

In order to understand where the province may be exposed to risk, PSIO develops an understanding of threats that may look to target Alberta's open economy; however, the team also relies on the expertise of departmental stakeholders to best identify where vulnerabilities to these threats may exist. Should you identify that a development project meets the criteria on the right, PSIO recommends engagement with our team to discuss any associated security considerations.

Examples of commercial endeavors that compromised a host country's economic or national security:

- Probe finds communications gear in [Chinese-made cranes](#)
- Saudi-owned farm [draining regional groundwater](#)
- Concerns over State-Owned Enterprise ownership of [major port](#)
- Canada bans Huawei from [5G network](#)
- Canadian company [caught supplying Russia](#) with weapons parts

PSIO advises closer scrutiny on development projects in certain, sensitive sectors. To determine if a sensitive sector is involved, you can consider whether an investment or commercial undertaking:

1. Involves leading-edge or dual-use technology (e.g. Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Biotechnology – a full list can be found [here](#)).
2. Is located close to a sensitive site (e.g. military base) or involves defence innovation.
3. Could impact Alberta's critical minerals or their associated value chains (e.g. Graphite, Lithium, Nickel, or Rare Earth Elements).
4. Involves critical infrastructure (e.g. energy, water/wastewater, telecommunications, banking, health)?
5. Involves sensitive personal data or large datasets about Alberta's population (e.g. tracks population patterns like traffic or genetic information).

Project partners may raise flags as well, and similar precautions should be taken for those that appear to be:

1. A State-Owned Enterprise (owned, controlled, directly or indirectly by a foreign government),
2. Closely tied to a state subject to sanctions (sanctioned states can be found [here](#)),
3. Affiliated with an entity on Canada's [Named Research Organizations](#) list,
4. Affiliated with a non-allied state's military or security apparatus (i.e. militaries not part of the Five Eye alliance – US, UK, Australia, New Zealand – or NATO),
5. An entity which Canada or its allies maintain certain export controls (products under export controls in Canada can be found [here](#). Companies facing export controls by the US can be found [here](#)).

In addition to provincial considerations, large foreign direct investment in Canada may attract the attention of federal review processes as part of the *Investment Canada Act*. This Act aims to ensure Canada's strategic interests are also secure and can result in restrictions on investments.

BOARD REPORT

Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting - December 4, 2025



Executive Elections

The following trustees were elected to the Board's Executive Committee for 2025-2026:

Darryl Christensen (Town of Magrath) - Chair

Jim Monteith (Town of Fort Macleod) - Treasurer

Marie Logan (Village of Lomond) - Vice Chair*

*The position of Vice Chair is up for election in 2026.

Directors-At-Large:

Mark Barber (Town of Pincher Creek)

Doreen Glavin (Municipality of Crowsnest Pass)

Melissa Jensen (Town of Nobleford)

Doug Logan (Vulcan County)

Maryanne Sandberg (MD Willow Creek)

Allan Quinton (Lethbridge Public Library rep)

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to sit on the Executive Committee!

Thank you to Outgoing Trustees

The board and staff of Chinook Arch would like to thank the following outgoing trustees for their service and support.

Terry Penney (Village of Champion)

Marsha Jensen (Town of Cardston)

Justin Davis (Village of Stirling)

Christopher Northcott (Village of Milo)

Tom Nish (Cardston County)

Merrill Harris (MD of Taber)

Monica McLean (Town of Taber)

Dave Cox (Pincher Creek MD)

Lesley Little (ID #4 Waterton)

Kelly Jensen (Town of Raymond)

Anne Michaelis (Town of Milk River)

Tory Campbell (Lethbridge County)

Lyndsay Montina (Town of Coalhurst)

Jenn Schmidt-Rempel (City of Lethbridge)

Ron Gorzitza (Village of Barons)

Linda Allred (Village of Glenwood)

Morgan Rockenbach (Warner County)



Board Members Present

Corry Walk – Village of Arrowwood
Belinda Rempel – Village of Barons
Tim Court – Town of Cardston
LeGrande Bevans – Cardston County
Lori Harasem – Town of Coalhurst
Stephen Pain – Village of Coutts
Doreen Glavin – Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Jim Monteith – Town of Fort Macleod
Suzanne French – Village of Hillspring
Al Beeber – City of Lethbridge
Kevin Slomp – Lethbridge County
Marie Logan (Vice Chair) – Village of Lomond
Darryl Christensen (Chair) – Town of Magrath
Dorothy Fraser – Town of Milk River
JoAnne LeBlanc – Village of Milo
Crystal Neels – Town of Picture Butte
Mark Barber – Town of Pincher Creek
Kate Kindt – Town of Raymond
Chelsey Hurt – Town of Stavely
Stacey Maynes – Village of Stirling
Naomi Wiebe – Town of Taber
Tamara Miyanaga – Taber MD
Marilyn Forchuk – Town of Vauxhall
Lorraine Kirk – Town of Vulcan
Doug Logan – Vulcan County
Derek Baron – Village of Warner
David Nilsson – County of Warner
Maryanne Sandberg – Willow Creek MD
Allan Quinton – LPL Resource Centre

Regrets

Blanche Anderson – Village of Carmangay
Judy Perkin – Village of Champion
Jordan Sailer – Town of Coaldale
Amanda Bustard – Town of Nanton
Melissa Jensen – Town of Nobleford

Not Present

Jane Johnson – Village of Barnwell
Brad Schlossberger - Town of Claresholm
John Doney – Village of Glenwood
Tony Bruder – Pincher Creek MD



2026 Operating Budget Approved

The Board reviewed and approved its 2026 Operating Budget, with a forecast surplus of \$209.

Policies Approved

The board reviewed and approved the following 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>.

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Northback, Grassy Mountain, rare and precious water

From David McIntyre <>

Date Fri 2026-02-13 12:11

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Dear Municipal District of Pincher Creek (MD of PC) CAO Milligan, and MD Council,

(Please note copies to Municipality of Crowsnest Pass (CNP) Mayor Rypien and CNP Council.)

Earlier this week, Allan Garbutt presented you with the Livingstone Landowners Group's (LLG) concerns with respect to Northback's proposed open-pit coal mining of Grassy Mountain.

The Northback proposal presents a cryptic but significant request for water, an increasingly rare and precious resource.

It's well-known that southwestern Alberta, the so-called water tower for southern Alberta, is experiencing protracted drought. Known too, is the fact that the MD of PC has had to invest heavily due to the recent failure of the Oldman Reservoir to provide the current water needs of area residents.

During Mr. Garbutt's presentation you were given an estimate (between 625,000 and 750,000 cubic meters of water/year) of Northback's envisioned proposal's demands on the Crowsnest River's meager headwaters.

I've tried to visualize the magnitude of Northback's projected request for water, and make this volume conspicuous in a clear, easy-to-see way.

The simplest way for me to imagine this massive volume of water is to envision it as it would be produced by the flow from Gold Creek, a major tributary of the Crowsnest River. Gold Creek is also a rare-in-Alberta, pure-strain west slope cutthroat trout (WSCT) stream. It flows along the eastern flanks of Grassy Mountain to its confluence with the Crowsnest River at the base of Turtle Mountain.

My calculations of Northback's projected demand for water suggest it would take 20 - 30 full days of Gold Creek's 2025 defined streamflow to meet Northback's annual request.

The attached Gov. of AB Gold Creek flow data seen below show flows (as revealed by the dark blue line) from April - October of 2025. (Logic suggests the "missing" months bring the average flow rate down considerably from those revealed by the graph.)

What I'm exposing for your awareness and understanding does not address the projected mine's water requirement for a wash plant that's in year-round use, i.e., through winter and late summer when streamflow rates are extremely low. An active mine also makes significant water demands for haul-road dust control and

coal stockpile dust suppression. These demands become particularly acute during dry summer days and high-wind days. And there's this: any use of surface water, or the pumping of groundwater in the vicinity of Grassy Mountain will further compromise and impact streamflows while dropping the level of available groundwater.

The province recently issued a fire advisory for our area due to unseasonably warm weather and a lack of snowfall. The fact that there's a high wildfire risk here in the headwaters in the heart of winter adds fuel to a picture plagued by drought and a watershed that's already in peril.

The picture as I see it: dire.

I thank you for the opportunity to offer my observations and thoughts.

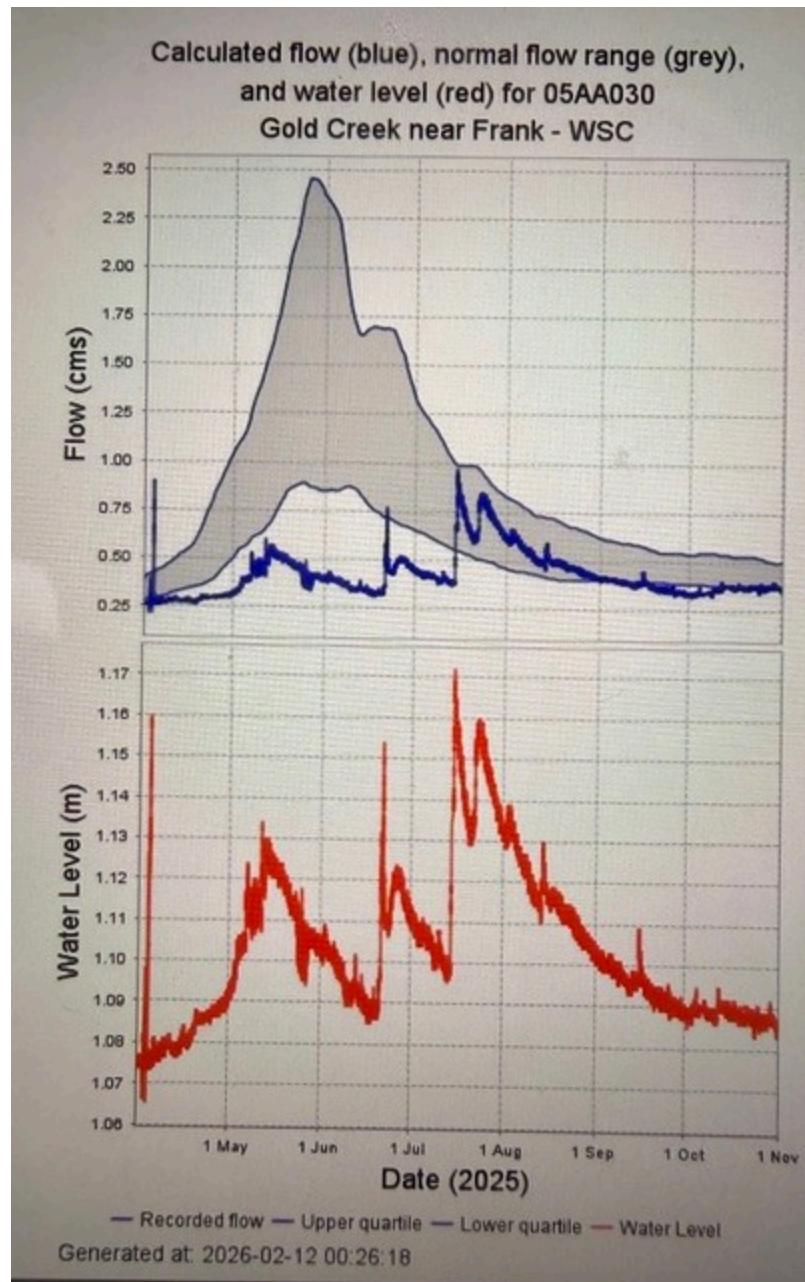
Sincerely,

David McIntyre

P.S. I live in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek (MD of PC) at its extreme western edge, at the eastern edge of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, and at the southern edge of the MD of Ranchland.

Crowsnest Pass, AB T0K 0C0 Canada

Gold Creek streamflow data from 2025:



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From: Garth <garth.renfrew@gmail.com>
Sent: January 30, 2026 14:28
To: Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>
Cc: jen.ashton@transrockies.com <jen.ashton@transrockies.com>
Subject: The Range Gravel Event

Hi Roland

We are planning the Range again this year for July 11, 2026. We wanted to reach out and ensure that the MD is still fine with the event. We will provide an Insurance Certificate again, same as last year.

There are no major changes. The routes are the same. You can see on this [link](#) the southern portion of the long (Frontier) route, goes into Pincher Creek MD.

I was looking on your website and reviewed the "Code of the West". The route names are really aligned with this code - Range and Frontier. Makes me think we could remind riders (most are from cities) of the Code..... The event does have a new website here: <https://www.therangegravel.com/>

I have also cc'd a new event director on this email, Jen Ashton.

Thanks
Garth Stotts

National Police Federation | Contract Policing Commitment

From Maryanne King <mking@npf-fpn.com>

Date Wed 2026-02-18 10:39

To MDInfo <MDInfo@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

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

Dear Reeve Lemire,

On behalf of the National Police Federation (NPF), we are pleased to share that the Federal Minister of Public Safety has confirmed once again the Government of Canada's ongoing commitment to RCMP contract policing in provinces and municipalities beyond 2032.

Please see a [statement from the NPF](#) highlighting the significance of this confirmation and the certainty it provides to contract partners for public safety planning purposes going forward.

The NPF has been actively working with all levels of government to demonstrate our Members' world-class policing service and to seek clarity on the future of contract policing beyond 2032. This confirmation is welcome news, verifying the expert local policing services the RCMP provides which provinces and municipalities can continue to rely on in the years ahead.

Should you have any questions or like additional information, please feel free to contact the NPF at GVTRelations@npf-fpn.com.

Sincerely,

Maryanne King

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