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**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
3:00 pm
Council Chambers**

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. PUBLIC HEARING 1368-26

- Bylaw 1368-26

C. PUBLIC HEARING 1370-26

- Bylaw 1370-26
- Written Presentations

D. DELEGATION

E. MINUTES/NOTES

1. Special Council Minutes
 - February 19, 2026
2. Council Committee Minutes
 - February 24, 2026
3. Council Meeting Minutes
 - February 24, 2026

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts
 - Councillor Bruder requested further discussion on this letter
- b) Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
 - Presentation from February 24, 2026, Committee Meeting

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5

I. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

- a) Public Works Department Report
 - Report from Public Works dated March 3, 2026
 - Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report
- b) Budget Increase Request for Approved 2026 Vehicle Purchase
 - Report from Public Works dated March 3, 2026
- c) Utilities & Infrastructure Report
 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated March 4, 2026

2. Finance

3. Planning and Community Services

- a) Bylaw 1369-26 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment Agricultural Reservoirs & Dugouts)
 - Report from Development, dated March 3, 2026

4. Municipal

- a) CAO Report
 - Report from Administration, dated March 5, 2026
- b) Policy C-CO-001 Councillors and Member at Large Remuneration

J. CORRESPONDENCE

1) For Action

- a) Pincher Creek Community Center Hall Society
 - Invitation to AGM on April 13, 2026
- b) Edna Mackenzie
 - Letter of Concern Over MD Destruction of Saskatoon Bushes

2) For Information

- a) Alberta Environment and Protected Areas – Minister Hunter
 - Response to Notification of Water License Concerns

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

- a) Continuing Care Concerns – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Southfork Road (Old HWY 3) - Road Ban Assessment – ATIA Sec. 29.1

M. ADJOURNMENT

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
BYLAW NO. 1368-26**

Being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 1349-23, being the Land Use Bylaw.

WHEREAS Section 640 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, provides that a municipality must pass a Land Use Bylaw;

WHEREAS The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 desire to amend sections of the Land Use Bylaw as shown on Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto; and

WHEREAS The purpose of the proposed amendment is to add a detached secondary suite and to limit the dwelling density within the agriculturally oriented districts in the Land Use Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled does hereby enact the following:

1. This bylaw shall be cited as “Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 1368-26”.
2. Amendments to Land Use Bylaw No. 1349-23 as per “Schedule A” attached. That the amendments to Bylaw No. 1349-23, being the Land Use Bylaw, include additions to section that affect numbering and formatting which will be changed to maintain the consistency of the portions of the Bylaw being amended.
3. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final passing thereof and a consolidated version of the Land Use Bylaw reflecting the amendment is authorized to be prepared.

READ a first time this 27 day of January 2026.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held this ____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a third time and finally PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Reeve
Rick Lemire

Chief Administrative Officer
Roland Milligan

SCHEDULE 'A'

1. Revise Part I – General Section 6 Definitions as follows:

6.140 Secondary Suite

An additional dwelling unit located on a property containing a single unit residence, which is subordinate to the **principal dwelling** ~~primary residence~~. **The secondary suite must be located within the same yard as the principal dwelling. The unit must have a separate entrance from the principal dwelling, either from a common indoor landing or directly from the exterior of the house.** A secondary suite shall not be developed within a "Duplex", "Semi-detached dwelling", "Multi-unit dwelling", "Manufactured home park", "Rowhouse or townhouse" or "Apartment". "Garden suite", "Surveillance suite", and "Secondary farm residence" are separate uses.

6.121 Principal Dwelling

Principal dwelling means the primary residence unit located on a titled piece of land.

2. Delete and replace Part VII Section 42.1 and 42.2 with the following:

42.1 The maximum number of dwelling units per parcel of land is as regulated through the applicable land use district and associated use specific standards of development of this Bylaw.

42.2 No person shall construct or locate, or cause to be constructed or located, more than one dwelling unit on a parcel except as provided in the land use district for which the application is made and authorized by the Development Authority through issuance of a development permit for a use that allows for more than one dwelling in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

3. Revise Part VII Section 42.3 with the following:

42.3 Within the Agriculture – A, Airport Vicinity Protection – AVP, Urban Fringe – UF, Wind Farm Industrial – WFI districts, one or more additional dwelling units may be located on a parcel provided that:

- (a) all such dwelling units are secondary farm residences on a parcel that has an area greater than 32.4 ha (80 acres) and this use is a permitted or discretionary use in the applicable district; and
- (b) all such dwelling units comply with this bylaw.

4. Revise Part VIII Tourist Home Section 47.15 by changing the following:

47.15 Within the Agriculture – A district, a tourist home may be considered on properties that have a principal dwelling and ~~that~~ may also have a secondary suite or a secondary farm residence. ~~and/or~~ Only one of the dwelling units may be considered for the Tourist Home use. Alternatively, where a principal dwelling is located on the site, a tourist home may be approved as a maximum of two (2) ~~supplemental~~ recreation vehicle spaces and is to be designated as a seasonal tourist home in place of designating a dwelling unit as a tourist home.

5. Revise Part VIII Section 49 Garden and Secondary Suites by changing Section 49.5(c) to the following:

(c) in the Agriculture – A, Airport Vicinity Protection – AVP, Urban Fringe – UF, Wind Farm Industrial – WFI districts where listed as a permitted or discretionary use, a secondary suite may be considered (as shown in figure below) as a second storey garage (or shop) suite or detached dwelling. All secondary suites in this category are limited to a maximum building footprint or floor area of 1000 ft² (28.32m²).



6. Revise Part IX – Districts Section 2 by removing 'Garden Suite' from the Agriculture – A, Airport Vicinity Protection – AVP, Rural Business – RB, Urban Fringe – UF, Wind Farm Industrial – WFI districts.
7. Revise Part IX – Districts by adding to Agriculture – A, Airport Vicinity Protection – AVP, Rural Business – RB, Urban Fringe – UF, Wind Farm Industrial – WFI districts the following:

3. Maximum Density

For all subdivided parcels that are less than 32.4 ha (80 acres) the maximum number of dwelling units is two (2). This can be any combination of a principal dwelling with a secondary suite as defined by Section 49. For those properties that were approved for a secondary farm residence and were subdivided the secondary farm residence will need a permit to transition to a secondary suite. Where a subdivided parcel contains more than 2 dwelling units, each dwelling unit greater than two will be considered legal non-conforming and cannot be altered or added to with an addition or secondary suite.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
BYLAW NO. 1370-26**

Being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 1349-23, being the Land Use Bylaw.

WHEREAS Section 639 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, provides that a municipality must pass a Land Use Bylaw;

WHEREAS The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 is in receipt of a request to change the land use designations of lands legally described as:

Block 4, Plan 7910279, as shown on Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto, from “Grouped Country Residential - GRC” to “Rural Business – RB”; and
The portion of SW 34-7-2 W5M as shown on Schedule ‘A’ attached hereto, from “Agricultural - A” to “Rural Business – RB”; and

WHEREAS The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow for rural business subdivision and development;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled does hereby enact the following:

1. This bylaw shall be cited as “Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 1370-26”.
2. Amendments to Land Use Bylaw No. 1349-23 as per “Schedule A” attached.
3. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final passing thereof.

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a third time and finally PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Reeve
Rick Lemire

Chief Administrative Officer
Roland Milligan



**LAND USE DISTRICT REDESIGNATION
SCHEDULE 'A'**

Aerial Photo Date: 2024



FROM: AGRICULTURE – A
TO: RURAL BUSINESS - RB



FROM: GROUPED COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL – GCR
TO: RURAL BUSINESS - RB

PORTION OF SW 1/4 SEC 34, TWP 7, RGE 2, W 5 M
MUNICIPALITY: MD OF PINCHER CREEK
DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Bylaw #: 1370-26

Date: _____



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"NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS"

Re: Public Hearing 1370-26 land use bylaw amendment changing from Grouped Country Residential to Rural Business.

From JOHN STEENBERGEN <>
Date Tue 2026-02-17 5:03 PM
To Laura McKinnon <AdminDevOfr@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Hi Laura!! Thanks so much for the information.

From: Laura <AdminDevOfr@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
To: JOHN <>
Date: Tuesday, 17 February 2026 1:41 PM MST
Subject: Re: Public Hearing 1370-26 land use bylaw amendment changing from Grouped Country Residential to Rural Business.

Hi Cindy and John,

Currently, it would be to bring the existing mechanic business at that location into compliance. No other business is proposed at this time.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kindly,

Laura McKinnon, CPT
Development Officer

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From: JOHN STEENBERGEN <>
Sent: February 17, 2026 1:38 PM
To: Laura McKinnon <AdminDevOfr@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: Public Hearing 1370-26 land use bylaw amendment changing from Grouped Country Residential to Rural Business.

Hi Laura,

We have received the letter/notification of a possible land use bylaw amendment being submitted in request from Theresa and Stuart Hann for block 4 plan 7910279 to be re-designated from Grouped Country Residential to Rural Business. Would you be able to inform us as to the proposed business? Without this knowledge, we would not be for the re-designation, mostly due to our concern of increased traffic on the private road that runs from 22x thru to highway 3, passing by our home. We already tend to get more than our share of traffic due to people wanting to take a short cut either to or from 22x and highway 3. Increasing this traffic is not something we would be interested in. If you can provide us with more info on the proposed business, we would appreciate this, so that we can make a more informed decision regarding our input on the re-designation.

Thank you so much!!

Cindy and John Steenbergen

Re: Land use bylaw amendment

From Laura McKinnon <AdminDevOfr@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Date Tue 2026-03-03 10:25 AM

To Tamara Hodgson <>

Hi Tamara,

Currently, the intention is to bring the currently operating mechanics business in that shop, into compliance. At this time, there is no other business proposed.

Kindly,

Laura McKinnon, CPT
Development Officer

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From: Tamara Hodgson <> **Sent:** February 24, 2026 12:35 PM

To: Laura McKinnon <AdminDevOfr@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Subject: Land use bylaw amendment

Hey Laura,

I received a letter in the mail regarding an application for one of my neighbors to amend a portion of land from grouped country residential and agricultural to rural business. The land description is block 4, plan 7910279 and the portion of SW 34-7-2. The applicants are Theresa and Stuart Hann.

I was wondering if you would be able to give me some more information on this? Including what type of rural business this would entail? Would this affect traffic volume? And would it potentially affect further zoning to business in this direct area?

I can see that more information would be available after March 4th but just wondering if you could give me some more details.

Thanks,
Tamara Schulhauser
Sent from my iPhone

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2026

10077

The Special Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, in the MD of Pincher Creek Council Chambers.

Notice of this Special Council Meeting was posted on the MD website and social media.

- PRESENT** Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, Councillors Dave Cox, Jim Welsch and John MacGarva.
- STAFF** CAO Roland Milligan, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.
- ALSO** Village of Cowley Mayor Barbara Burnett, Deputy Mayor Paula Watson, Councillor Katerina Bunyan and CAO Tiare Dewart.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/072

Moved that the Special Council Agenda for February 19, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

B. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (OLD WATER PLANT ASSETS)

Roland Milligan provided an overview of the history of the reservoir and the Old Cowley Water Treatment Plant, and of the MD's request to the Village of Cowley to transfer ownership to the MD. Currently, the MD operates the facility under an agreement with Cowley, and the facility benefits both Cowley and the MD.

Discussion took place regarding a transfer to the MD for a cost, as the facility was built using the Villages' tax income, not grants. Cowley provided an insurance appraisal to the MD in 2024 of \$2.344 million, and the old water treatment plant was valued at \$50,000. Cowley Council is open to negotiation. MD Council will need to discuss further, as the cost is too high; the lease agreement could be amended instead of the MD purchasing the asset.

Councillor Dave Cox 26/073

Moved to receive the discussion on the water infrastructure (old water plant assets), as information.

Carried

C. ICF AGREEMENT REVIEW REQUIRED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 20, 2027

a. Standpipe Agreement

Roland Milligan reviewed the current Standpipe Agreement, which is due to expire in 2027. Cowley questioned why they aren't receiving the 15% profit as per the agreement. As per the agreement, Cowley would be responsible for half the maintenance costs, but they aren't currently being charged for them. Presently, the MD pays for maintenance but receives all profit from the standpipe.

The agreement needs to be rewritten to reflect current circumstances, but it was decided that administration from both Municipalities will start the process of updating the ICF Agreement, with the Standpipe Agreement being part of that.

The MD will schedule an ICF Committee meeting, and the Village will appoint a Councillor to the committee at their next meeting.

D. HOLIDAY TRAIN STOP – 2027

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Reeve Lemire discussed the 2025 Holiday Train and the issues the Pincher Station location faced this past year. The MD asked whether Cowley would be interested in hosting the next one in 2027. Cowley expressed interest and has been trying to speak with Canadian Pacific Kansas City to make it happen. The MD will send information and contacts to Cowley, along with an offer to assist if needed.

E. AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Roland Milligan gave a brief overview of the Airport and the Airport Committee. Cowley has appointed someone to the committee for 2026. The MD will schedule an airport committee meeting in the coming months.

SHARING CPO

A brief discussion took place regarding Cowley's request to share the MD CPO. A formal request would need to be submitted to the MD for further discussion of costs.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Dave Cox

26/074

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 7:07 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, February 24, 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, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that the agenda for February 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegations

3. Closed Session

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:02 am.

- a) Continuing Care Concerns – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Public Works Call Log – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 12:00 pm.

Carried

4. 2026 Pincher Creek & District Trade Show

Discussion took place over the 2026 Pincher Creek & District Trade Show. Council directed the following:

- Additional booth, in that same corner
- Invite ALUS and Rural Crime Watch
- CPO Information available at booth
- one large draw basket
- Fabric bags for giveaways

REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2026

5. Round Table

- Joint Cowley Meeting
- Paul Erikson Memorial Gym Dedication – February 24, 2026
- Loading chute maintenance
- Water line pumping equipment
 - ASB will have on the next agenda for discussion.
 - Possible grants available? None that the MD is aware of.
 - Possible invite to MP to a future Council meeting.
- Future meeting with Waterton Park topics
 - Emergency Services
 - RCMP
 - Proposed campground
 - Invasive species
- Deadstock Bin (Waterton Biosphere meeting)
 - Concerns heard at meeting:
 - Signage
 - Locations
 - Condition of bins
 - Truck pickup times (West Coast Reduction Ltd.)

6. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 12:55 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2026

10079

The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, February 24, 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, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Assistant Public Works Manager Jeremy Cartwright, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Dave Cox 26/075

Moved that the agenda for February 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

a) Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

Sean Miles, Director, Investment Development with Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance, attended the meeting at this time. He reviewed the history of Alberta SouthWest and the organization's current activities.

Alberta SouthWest continues to be a driving force for economic development in the region, despite facing regional challenges. Some of the secondary pillars include using current airport infrastructure to support future plans in aerospace, minerals, and medical tourism.

Through partnerships and grants, the current goal is to evaluate community readiness before planning, then align their abilities with specific needs and desires.

Council questioned how fly-in tourism could be built on in our region and outlined the current logistics issues. Sean has been working on a regional approach to help communities work together and showcase what each has to offer. Council appreciated the presentation and looks forward to future collaboration and plans.

Sean Miles left the meeting at 3:42

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/076

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of February 10, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/077

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 10, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Captus Generation

Councillor John MacGarva 26/078

Moved that the presentation from Captus Generation, from the February 10, 2026 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

b) STARS

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/079

Moved that the MD of Pincher Creek Council increase the annual donation to STARS to \$7000, as a standing motion.

Carried

c) Livingstone Landowner Group

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/080

Moved that the presentation from Livingstone Landowner Group, from the February 10, 2026 Committee meeting, be received as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Blackfoot MOU Meeting moved to March 13, 2026
 - Should Councillor Tony Bruder be unable attend, Councillor John MacGarva will attend in his place
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Rural Crime Watch
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Emerging Trends
 - MLA Visit
 - Healthcare Committee

Councillor Dave Cox 26/081

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/082

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Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period February 2, 2026, to February 14, 2026, as information.

Carried

Assistant Public Works Manager Jeremy Cartwright left the meeting at 4:12 pm.

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/083

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for February 4, 2026, to February 18, 2026, as information.

Carried

2. Finance

a) 2026 Mileage Rate Change

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/084

Moved that Council approve a mileage rate to \$0.73/km, effective March 1, 2026,

AND THAT, going forward, mileage be based on CRA recommendations and reviewed annually, every February.

Carried

Policy C-CO-001 Councillor and Member at Large Remuneration will be brought back to the next Council meeting, to reflect this change.

3. Development and Community Services

a) Pincher Creek RCMP Detachment - Quarter 3 Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/085

Moved that the Pincher Creek RCMP Detachment – Quarter 3 Report be received as information.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/086

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

Carried

b) Policy A-ADMIN 006 External Communications Via Social Media and Digital Sign

Councillor Jim Welsh 26/087

Moved that Council approve Policy A-ADMIN 006 External Communications Via Social Media and Digital Sign.

Carried

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H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

- a) Email from David McIntyre - Request for Support – Concern on Wildlife Fencing

Councillor John MacGarva 26/088

Moved that the email from David McIntyre - Request for Support – Concern on Wildlife Fencing, be received as information.

Carried

- b) Alberta Irrigation Districts Association - Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts

Councillor Dave Cox 26/089

Moved that Council direct a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment and Protected Area, in support of enhanced AIS (aquatic invasive species) prevention efforts in our community,

AND THAT copies of the letter be sent to the Premier of Alberta, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, and the Alberta Irrigation District Association.

Carried

- c) Bobby Burns Fish Pond – Request for Assistance with Trees

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/090

Moved that the request for assistance with trees from Bobby Burns Fish Pond be tabled pending further cost information on the removal of problem trees,

AND THAT the Public Works Manager contact the Pincher Creek Legion to determine whether the MD can assist with tree removal.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor John MacGarva 26/091

Moved that the following be received as 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) Chinook Arch Regional Library System Board Report
 - December 2025
- e) Email from David McIntyre
 - Response to Livingstone Landowners Group 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

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

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J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Dave Cox 26/092

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:56 pm.

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

Councillor Dave Cox 26/093

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 4:57 pm.

Carried

- a) Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/094

Moved that the MD Council nominate the participant, as discussed in closed session, for the Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/4:58

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

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



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February 26, 2026

Honourable Grant Hunter
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Dear Minister Hunter,

RE: Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts

At their February 24, 2026, meeting, Council for the MD of Pincher Creek discussed the Alberta Irrigation District Associations' letter to you, voicing concerns about aquatic invasive species (AIS) and the need for increased efforts to prevent their introduction into our waterways.

Council hopes that the Province will open the inspection station on Highway 3 at Burmis this season. Since many visitors come for outdoor activities, prevention is key to managing issues before they arise. Opening the station is vital for our combined efforts to prevent AIS from entering our area. The release of AIS would significantly affect the headwaters of the Oldman River Basin, as well as our municipalities and neighbouring communities.

Council emphasizes the need to reopen this watercraft inspection station and others to safeguard our area and prevent the entry of AIS.

Yours truly,

Rick Lemire
Reeve, MD of Pincher Creek No.9

cc: Honourable Danielle Smith - Premier of Alberta
Honourable R.J. Sigurdson - Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation
MLA Chelsea Petrovic
Alberta Irrigation Districts Association



Alberta SouthWest

Cooperation to Strategic Integration



Council Presentation

ABOUT ALBERTA SOUTHWEST



25 years in existence



15 member communities



40,000 population



615 tourist related business



AEDO accredited



\$200,000 budget + grants



WHAT WE DO



General investment inquiries



NDA confidentiality



New business supports



Existing business supports



Regional strategy



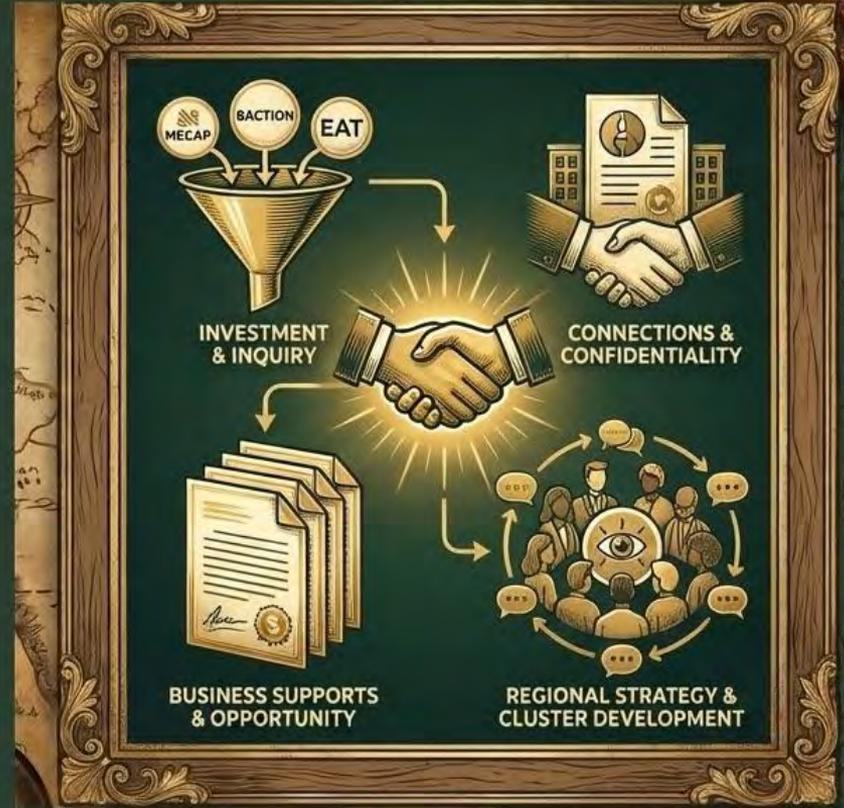
Opportunity assessment



Connections



Research and cluster development



The Pivot

From:



general
promotion



primary
production



To:



Regional clusters



Niche strengths



value add
promotion



Actionable
data driven

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & STRATEGIC CONTEXT

VISION & STRATEGY



Vision

Transforming Southwest Alberta into a sophisticated economic engine that balances industrial capacity with environmental stewardship.



The Pivot

Moving from general promotion to an actionable '**Invest SouthWest**' implementation plan.

CONTEXT & GOAL



The Landscape

A convergence of traditional resource strength (agriculture/energy) and high-technology innovation (aerospace/minerals).



Strategic Goal

To 'de-risk' regional investment through objective, data-driven readiness and unified communication.

Regional Challenges & Opportunities

CURRENT CHALLENGES



External Pressures

Geopolitical macroeconomic influences and volatile funding environments.



Internal Pressures

Rising costs and workforce shortages.



Housing shortages, access to capital, red tape and policy

STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES



Innovation

Forced innovation and “new thinking” in service delivery.



Collaboration

Adopting a “Middle Power” strategy where 15 rural communities unite to achieve economies of scale.



Market Shifts

Capitalizing on interprovincial trade and new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from emerging markets.

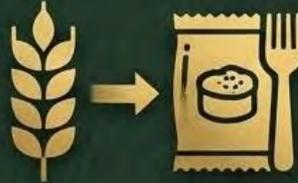
PRIMARY STRATEGIC PILLARS (THE “INDUSTRIAL ENGINE”)

The core of the regional economy, focused on Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) and IA



MECAP (Manufacturing, Energy, Construction, Ag-Processing)

- Supports over 177 identified companies.
- Focuses on “industrial synergy”—where manufacturing builds the equipment for energy and agriculture, retaining value locally.



Value-Added Agriculture (EAT)

- Transitions from raw commodity export to high-margin processing.
- Targets global protein demand by leveraging Canada’s Premier Food Corridor (Highway 3).



BASTION (Nature-Positive Economy)

- Operationalizes the “Crown of the Continent” identity into economic value.

SECONDARY STRATEGIC PILLARS (DIVERSIFICATION & INNOVATION)

Exploratory sectors that propel the region toward high-technology and new revenue streams.

Aerospace Cluster



Establishing a regional network where airports share services rather than competing.

- 📍 Hubs: Claresholm (flight school/manufacturing), Fort Macleod (logistics), Crowsnest/Pincher Creek (emergency services).

Critical Minerals



Pivoting to the "Brine Economy" (Lithium) and Rare Earth Elements using existing oil/gas infrastructure.

- 🔄 Prioritizes Indigenous economic participation through strategic partnerships.

Medical Tourism



Leveraging Bill 11 (Dual Practice Model) to attract private-pay patients from the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

- 🌐 Utilizes regional airports for discreet, "fly-in" medical care.

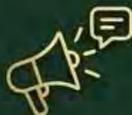
EXECUTION STRATEGY (SUPPORT FUNCTIONS & TACTICS)

How we 'land the deal' and maintain accountability.



Investment Readiness

Achieving 'Standard of Excellence' training, review collaboration and tool development.



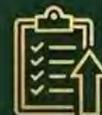
Communications

Adopting an Investor Relations (IR) mindset to curate data-driven 'Success Stories' and leverage and expand existing channels and tools.



Digital Assets

Utilizing tools like LocalIntel and media-rich newsletters to eliminate 'information asymmetry'.



Measurement

Establishing a consistent schedule and format for reporting to allow for data-informed decision-making.



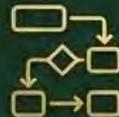
Grant Funding

Leverage clarity and position our fit for grant suitability in advance for more opportunities and speed.



Advocacy

Continue and extend influence with decision-makers at all levels of government, Eg. RMA.



Optimization

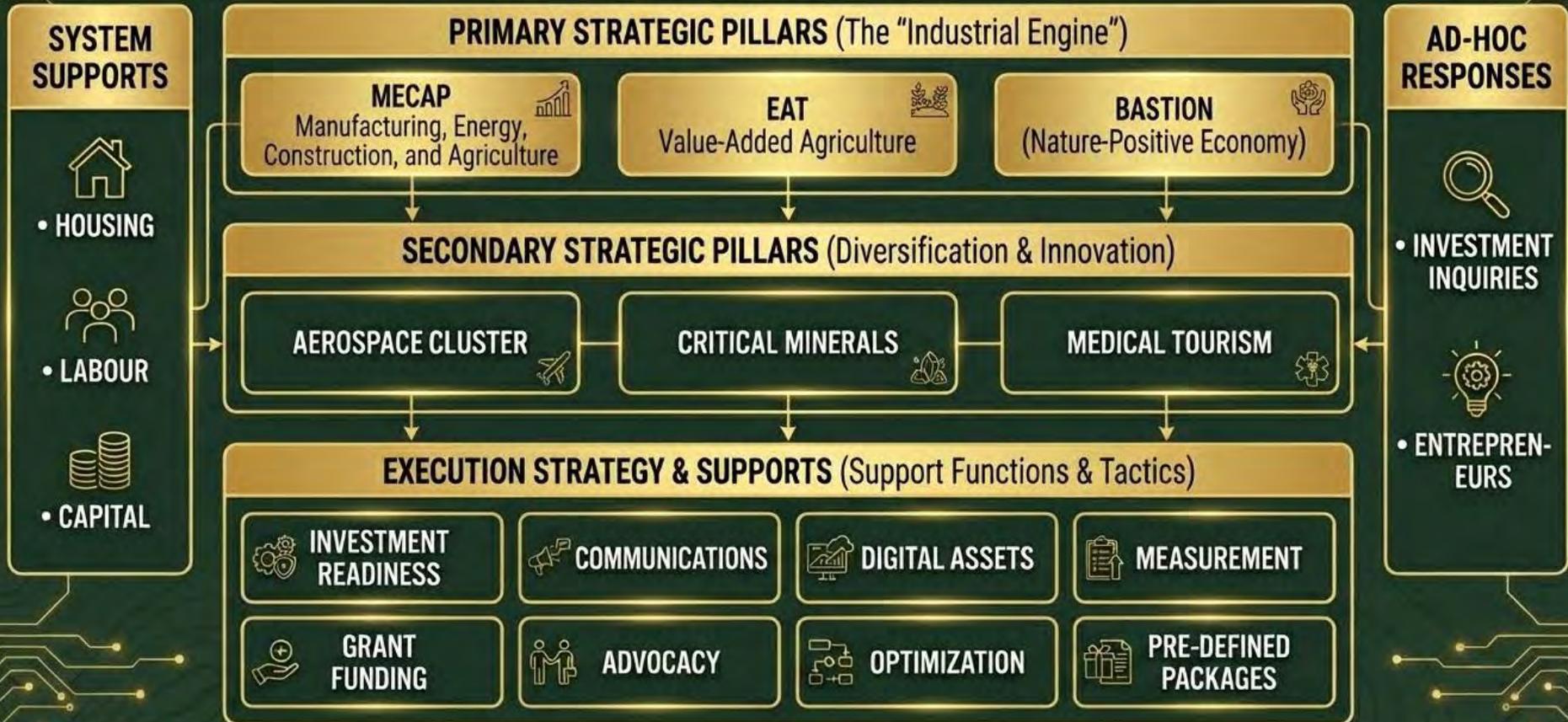
Optimize existing organizational structure to foster formal partnerships and sponsorships.



Pre-defined Packages

Pre-defined investment opportunity packages ready for local or FDI.

ABSW Strategic Plan Overview



CONTACT



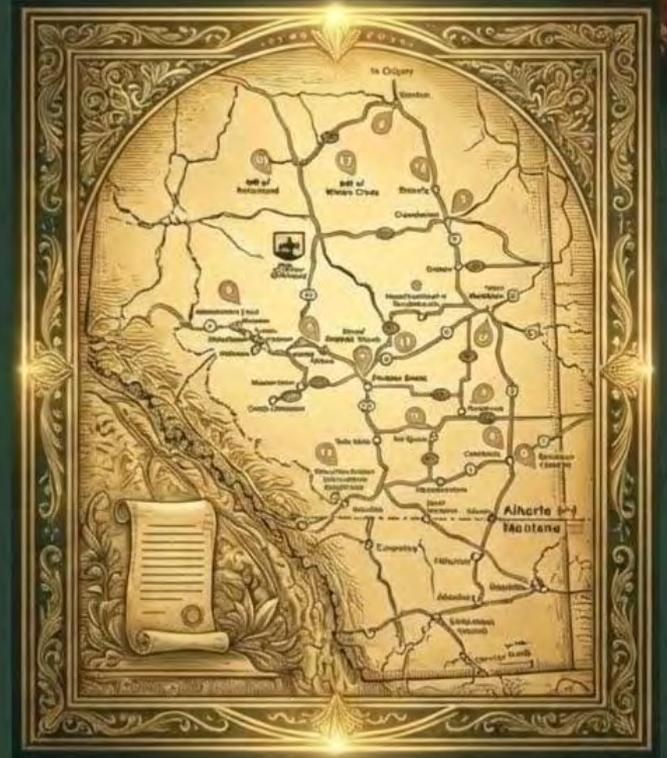
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Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award

The Councils will honour three students for their exceptional dedication to their community. This recognition by the Councils for both the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 is a testament to these students' significant impact. We are proud to support and acknowledge the valuable contributions of our students to our community through this award.

Grade 12 students attending Matthew Halton High School, St. Michael's School, and Livingstone School who reside within the MD boundaries are invited to apply for the Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award. This includes residents of Cowley, the Municipal District and the Town of Pincher Creek. Administered by the MD, this award is a testament to our community's commitment to "giving back."

Three students who meet the criteria will be awarded \$1000; these funds are intended to help ease the financial burden of post-secondary expenses. Post-secondary refers to any program offered by an accredited professional body. Preference will be given to students pursuing learning that is not affiliated with traditional post-secondary (universities or colleges) or training for traditional trades. For example, this might include certification in Class 3 driving training, Fitness Alberta Certification, or Alberta Early Learning Childcare Certification.

Applicants shall provide:

- a) A letter (400 word maximum) or video file (under two minutes) from the applicant setting out residency, goals, and objectives for the post-secondary program;
- b) Resume outlining community involvement, volunteerism, extracurricular activities, or explain how this opportunity would enable you to contribute to the community in the future;
- c) Submission of a non-family character support reference (400 word maximum).

The Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award Committee, which consists of one MD of Pincher Creek Councillor, one Town of Pincher Creek Councillor, and two members-at-large from the community, will be responsible for making the tough decision of selecting the appropriate candidates.

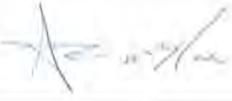
The application deadline is **May 1, 2026**. Applicants must ensure their applications are complete and submitted to the MD of Pincher Creek No. 9 office before deadline. Supporting documents can be brought into the office (1037 Herron Ave) or emailed to info@mdpincercreek.ab.ca

We wish all applicants much success in their post-secondary journeys. The results will be announced during the next graduation ceremony. Funds will be disbursed by the end of August.

Yours truly,

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Recommendation to Council

TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT			
PREPARED BY: Jeremy Cartwright	DATE: March 3, 2026		
DEPARTMENT: Public Works			
ATTACHMENTS:			
1. Shop/Fleet Report			
APPROVALS:			
	March 3, 2026		2026/03/03
Public Works Manager	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Public Works Department Report for the period of February 16 to March 1, 2026, as information.

- Permanent snow fence maintenance-** Rub rail install on PSF 01-24 SW-01-0-30-W4
- Permanent snow fence maintenance-** Rub rail install on PSF 01-25 SW-01-05-30-W4
- Bridge maintenance-** Repair hazard marker at BF# 13957
- Bridge maintenance-** Change hazard markers at BF# 701761
- Water services maintenance-** Graded standpipe area for drainage
- Park maintenance-** Empty garbage's at Patton Park and dog park
- Gravel road maintenance-** Grading
- Gravel road maintenance-** Brush mulching Snake Trail, tree removals from Lundbeck Falls Road and Gladstone from windstorm
- Hard surface maintenance-** Plowing of Hamlets and hard surfaces
- Hard surface maintenance** – Airport snow clearing
- AES operations-** Haul water to terminal and shop
- Guard rail maintenance-** Replace 4 sections guard rail BF0169 TWP 6-3 (Canyon Bridge)
- Safety-** Safe work practice review, bis trainer courses.

Recommendation to Council

<u>EVENTS</u>
NONE
<u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</u>
NONE

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE "A"

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT



PREPARED BY: **Brett Ackerman**

DATE: **March 2, 2026**

DEPARTMENT: **PUBLIC WORKS**

ATTACHMENTS: **N/A**

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY: February 16, 2026 – March 1, 2026

Graders

- Unit # 071 (160)* – Steering repairs. Secondary steering pump wiring.
- Unit # 061 (160)* – Circle repairs. Leak repairs.
- Unit # 070 (160)* – Adjust top shims and wear strip clearance.
- Unit # 074 (150)* – Service. Oil samples.
- Unit # 057 (160)* – Pre-season prep., charging system inspection and test.

Heavy Trucks/Trailers/Equipment

- Unit # 430 (Water Truck)* – Prepare for surplus. De-rig.
- Unit # 004 (Loader)* – Service no start. Battery charge and test.
- Unit # 023 (Tri-Dump)* – Inspect for tire wear. Equalizer suspension repairs, new tires.
- Unit # 003 (Snow Blower)* – Battery service, leak repairs.
- Unit # 421 (Plow)* – Blade float system diagnostics.
- Unit # 419 (Plow)* – Diagnostic lights. Diff locker inspection, wiring repair.
- Unit # 434 (Water Truck)* – CVIP and pre-season maintenance.

Light Duty and Light Trailers

- Unit # 477 (1-Ton)* – Transmission and axle repairs completed. Brake system diagnosis, soft pedal.
- Unit # 504 (1/2-Ton)* – Lube-Oil-Filter. Service.
- Unit # 503 (3/4-Ton)* – TPMS replacement.

EVENTS – N/A

Recommendation to Council



TITLE: Budget Increase Request for Approved 2026 Vehicle Purchase			
PREPARED BY: Alan McRae		DATE: March 3, 2026	
DEPARTMENT: Public Works			
ATTACHMENTS:			
APPROVALS:			
	March 3, 2026		2026/03/03
Public Works Manager	Date	CAO	Date
RECOMMENDATION:			
THAT Council approves a Capital Budget increase of \$8000.00, to a maximum of \$73,000, for the purchase of a 1 Ton Crew Cab, Cab and Chassis Truck with additional funds coming from the Equipment Reserve.			
BACKGROUND:			
Prior to the 2026 budget deliberations, Administration obtained quotations from a dealership for the replacement of several fleet trucks. These quotations formed the basis of the capital funding request presented to Council, and Council subsequently approved the request based on the pricing available at that time.			
DISCUSSION:			
Since the approval of the capital budget, market pricing for fleet vehicles has increased. As a result, the cost of the 1-ton crew cab, cab-and-chassis unit now exceeds the amount originally quoted and approved by Council.			
<u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</u>			
\$8000.00 in additional funds from the Equipment Reserve. Project was approved under the 2026 Budget for \$65,000.			



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

SUMMARY OF MAJOR UPDATES FEB. 19th – MAR. 4th

LARGE (PRE-2026) PROJECTS

- Initial bench testing complete for Manganese removal, testing went well. More planned prior to Council.
- Revised submittals received for BF 75481. Kicked off Mar. 4th, construction work to start soon.

LARGE 2026 IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Lundbreck Wastewater Line rehabilitation: Reviewing scope with potential contractors.
- Design work progressing for BF 71542 and BF 76203.

STUDIES & PLANNING WORK

- Regional Drought Study: Geotechnical work tentatively planned for late March. Site visit setup with TOPC for late March. TOPC licensing concern discussions have not progressed.
- Transportation Master Plan: “Final” draft received, under internal review.
- Airport paving assessment/Southfork road ban to be reviewed with Council.
- Final 10 yr. bridge study interim update complete.

OPERATIONS UPDATES

- AEPA inspection complete for Lundbreck Distribution.
- Lundbreck reservoir repair planning continues.
- Standpipe liability/instruction messaging reviewed, planning signage installations.
- Water plant approval expiring. Extension requested. Re-approval reviewed by MPE, under final internal review.
- Make Up Air Unit (MUA) relocation in Beaver Mines Lift Station underway, anticipate completion by Council.
- Meeting held with Cowley Feb. 19th regarding reservoir and old plant ownership. Alignment not achieved.
- Deadline set for ticket requirements to CM by MD. CNPCL responded by having discussions with CM regarding tickets and paper recycling. Paper recycling appears to have started again. Awaiting confirmation of path forward from CM.

General Projects Budget Update

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

**Graphic under development*

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 (KMnO₄) treatment setup order placed, scoping install location/building. Site tour complete at Claresholm.
- Additional budget request of \$115,000 approved by Council Jan. 20th
- Complete initial bench testing of KMnO₄ for Manganese removal Feb 25th. Testing went well, Manganese removal below aesthetic objective achieved. Additional testing planned for March 4th to further test how much removal may be achievable.



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)**.
- Contractor has initiated contact with MD regarding work proceeding. Working through deliverables, major revisions required on TAS.
- Revised submittals received Feb. 27th. Reviewed and feedback provided.
- Kickoff complete March 4th. Project starting right away (pending Wildlife sweep).

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 held with MPE Feb. 18th to discuss contractor options.
- Reaching out to specialized contractors while developing project scope.

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, 80% complete. 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, 80% complete. 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.

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.
- 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. **Timing tentatively arranged for late March.**
- **Site visit of TOPC WTP planned for March 23rd.**
- **Requests made for 3 way discussion between Town and AEPA regarding licensing concerns. Town has not yet indicated they are willing/able to have this discussion.**

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.
- “Final” draft report received Feb. 26th, under internal review.

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.
- Quarterly documented monitoring required.

Miscellaneous

- Airport pavement assessment to be kicked off, revised costing for Southfork road assessment received Feb. 18th. Council report prepared for Mar. 10th review.
- 10 yr. bridge study update kicked off Jan. 27th, 2025 with Roseke. Data entry complete.
 - Draft received Dec. 18th, 2025. Final copy received and reviewed, to be presented to Council at the next meeting.

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).

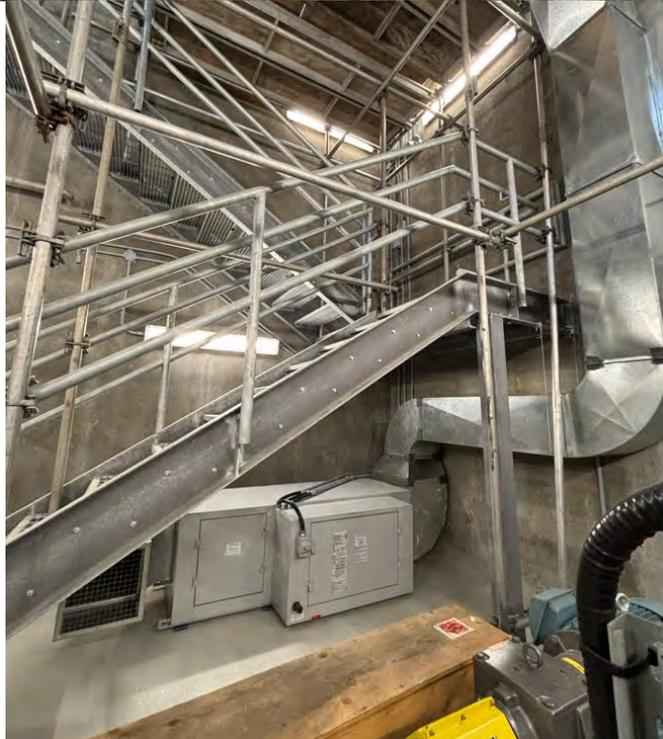
Beaver Mines Lot Servicing

- 49/66 developed applications received, 48 approved, 47 connected (71%)
 - Fifteen (15) undeveloped fully serviced locations, One (1) exempt with conditions
 - Sending reminder regarding mandatory Jan. 1, 2028 connection with Jan/Feb bills.



General Water Operations Updates March 3rd, 2026:

- Valves ordered for treatment skid issues.
- AEPA inspection of Lundbreck Distribution system complete Feb. 26th. Anticipate a few minor recommendations from report.
- Telus site visit complete Mar. 3rd to review CMR backup dialer issues. No Telus line available in the area.
- 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.
- Reviewing plan to access Lundbreck reservoir for minor repair work. 10-12 days of downtime expected on main reservoir, reviewed with PCES.
- 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.
 - Putting liability and instruction signage up at all sites and implementing maintenance/inspections to assist with reducing concerns.
- Reviewing expiring water plant approval reapplication. Operations Manual redrafted, awaiting direction from AEPA on Water Source Assessment requirements.
 - AEPA provided direction that a 1 year Water Source Assessment is required (E.coli testing). Water operations will complete this.
 - AEPA requested another extension request, completed Mar. 3rd.
 - MPE provided comment on reapplication, under final internal review prior to submission.
- Move of Make Up Air (MUA) unit in Lift Station awarded to Airtech Feb. 17th, kicked off Feb. 27th. Anticipate completion week of Council meeting.



- 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”
 - Meeting held with Cowley Feb, 19th. Alignment not successful.
- 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 Mar. 3rd, 2026:

- CEIP Updates (MD):

- 2 fully complete projects: \$11,935.60 in financing.
- 4 projects estimated and approved: \$166,190 in financing.
- 4 projects in pre-qualification and application process.
- Gravel pit reclamation estimates reviewed for year end.
- 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.
 - MD set deadline for response Mar. 6th. CNPCL held meeting with CM Feb. 26th, indicated:
 - Intent to start paper recycling again after discussions with E-360 and CM.
 - CM has stated they do not require tickets to confirm when paper stopped and they have no interest in charging back.
 - CM would be confirming the above via an email (not yet received – MD followed up Mar. 2nd).
- Waste handling contract expiring.

Recommendation:

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for Feb. 19th – Mar. 4th, 2026 is received as information.

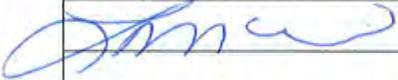
Prepared by: David Desabrais

Date: Mar. 4th, 2026

Council Meeting

Date: Mar. 10th, 2026

Recommendation to Council

TITLE: BYLAW No. 1369-26 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Agricultural Reservoirs & Dugouts)			
PREPARED BY: Laura McKinnon		DATE: March 3, 2026	
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development			
 Department Supervisor	2026/03/03 Date	ATTACHMENTS: 1. Bylaw No. 1369-26	
APPROVALS:			
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Department Director	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1369-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Agricultural Reservoirs & Dugouts), and set a date for the required Public Hearing on April 14, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

BACKGROUND:

Through the years bylaws can become outdated and require updates to keep current with the changing desires and wishes of Council, the public, and even provincial and/or federal regulations.

The current Land Use Bylaw, Bylaw No. 1349-23 was adopted in Spring 2024, with various amendments including alignment with the Municipal Development Plan and Castle Mountain Resort Area Structure Plan.

The general purpose of Bylaw No. 1369-26 is to clarify dugouts and define agricultural water reservoirs within the agriculturally oriented districts within the Land Use Bylaw.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
BYLAW NO. 1369-26**

Being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 1349-23, being the Land Use Bylaw.

WHEREAS Section 640 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, provides that a municipality must pass a Land Use Bylaw;

WHEREAS The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 desire to amend sections of the Land Use Bylaw as shown on Schedule 'A' attached hereto; and

WHEREAS The purpose of the proposed amendment is to define dugouts and reservoirs within the agriculturally oriented districts in the Land Use Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled does hereby enact the following:

1. This bylaw shall be cited as "Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 1369-26".
2. Amendments to Land Use Bylaw No. 1349-23 as per "Schedule A" attached. That the amendments to Bylaw No. 1349-23, being the Land Use Bylaw, include additions to section that affect numbering and formatting which will be changed to maintain the consistency of the portions of the Bylaw being amended.
3. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final passing thereof and a consolidated version of the Land Use Bylaw reflecting the amendment is authorized to be prepared.

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a third time and finally PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Reeve
Rick Lemire

Chief Administrative Officer
Roland Milligan

SCHEDULE 'A'

1. Add to Administration Section 6 Definitions the following:

Agricultural Water Reservoir

An agricultural water reservoir means a development specifically constructed for the purpose of containment and storage of a water supply for non-public use that is greater than 1 acre (0.40 ha) in size, including any associated berms, stockpile and fencing and/or includes any means of water storage above the natural grade of the surrounding lands.

Dugout

A dugout means a development by excavation specifically for the purpose of catching and storing water below the natural grade of the surrounding lands. Depending on the circumstances, the dugout may be intended for either seasonal use or permanent use. Construction that is greater than 1 acre (0.40 ha) or includes storage above grade is classified as a "Agricultural Water Reservoir" and is a separate use.

2. Revise Administration Section 6 Definitions the following:

6.62 Farm Buildings and Structures

In accordance with the National Building Code – Alberta Edition, the development of buildings or structures commonly or normally contained in a farmstead that is associated with a farming operation or an "Extensive agriculture" use where the buildings are of low human occupancy for the housing of livestock or the storage or maintenance of equipment, materials, or produce. Examples include barns, granaries, implement machinery and equipment sheds, ~~dugouts~~, corrals, fences and haystacks but this use does not include "Intensive horticultural facility", or any "Dwelling unit" or "Sleeping unit" including conventional "Single-detached residences" and "Manufactured homes".

3. Add to Part III Section 15 Development Not Requiring a Permit the following:

aa) A dugout or agricultural water reservoir that meets the requirements of the sight triangle, setbacks of the district, and Section 64 of this bylaw.

4. Add to Part VII Special Land Use Provisions the following:

SECTION 64 DUGOUTS AND AGRICULTURAL WATER RESERVOIRS

Dugouts

- 64.1 A dugout used by a landowner to store water for the purposes of agricultural or domestic use that has a capacity of less than 7,500 cubic metres (88,287 cubic ft.) will not require a development permit if located outside the sight triangle and is a minimum of 30.0 m (98.4 ft.) from the right-of-way of a highway or municipal road to the designed capacity of the dugout.
- 64.3 Any requests for a variance to setbacks shall be accompanied by a soil analysis and/or engineered design for the dugout to indicate the ability of the dugout to function without leakage beyond the property line.

Dugout



- 64.4 Where a variance has been granted, a barricade shall be installed along 100 percent of the length of that part of the dugout fronting the highway or public road and 25 percent of the length of the sides of the dugout. The minimum standard of a barricade that may be required around a dugout shall be a post and cable barricade as per Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors standards.
- 64.6 Perimeter fencing may be required to be installed in proximity of residential dwellings if deemed necessary by the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission.

Agricultural water reservoirs

- 64.7 Development permit application for an above grade water reservoir or dugout greater than 1 acre (0.40 ha) for agricultural purposes with a capacity greater than 2,500 cubic metres (88,287 cubic ft.) shall submit the following information:
- (a) a detailed site plan including all setbacks from property lines, location of municipal road, location of easements in proximity of the proposed reservoir site; and
 - (b) if the water source to fill the reservoir is not located on the parcel of land, a site plan indicating the location of the source, information regarding the proposed conveyance route, any proposed road crossings, distances between the proposed development and any existing residences, grouped residential developments, or recreational areas;
 - (c) engineered design plans prepared by a professional engineer.
- 64.8 Agricultural reservoirs may require an approval under the Water Act. Proof of approval or an active application process shall be submitted as part of the development application to determine application completeness.
- 64.9 Upon completion, the developer shall submit a certified copy of the “as built” construction drawing to the municipality.



5. Add to Part IX – DISTRICTS Agriculture -A, Airport Vicinity Protection – AVP, Rural Business – RB, Urban Fringe – UF, Wind Farm Industrial – WFI Section 2.1 Permitted Uses the following:

Agricultural Water Reservoir (see Section 15.1 (aa) and Section 64).
 Dugout (see Section 15.1 (aa) and Section 64)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

February 23, 2026, to March 6, 2026

Discussion:

Feb 23	Community Priorities Meeting with RCMP
Feb 24	Initial On-site Meeting, OHS Municipal Inspection
Feb 24	Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
Feb 25	Joint Health and Safety Meeting
Mar 3	Planning Session
Mar 3	Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Mar 4	PW Monthly Safety Meeting
Mar 4	Ag Service Board Meeting
Mar 5	Safety Inspection – Admin Building
Mar 5	PCREMO Core Working Group Meeting

Upcoming:

Mar 10	Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
Mar 11	Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Mar 12	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
Mar 17	Coffee with Council - Div 1 – Twin Butte
Mar 18	Special Joint Council – Town of Pincher Creek

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period February 23, 2026, to March 6, 2026.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, CAO

Date: March 5, 2026

Respectfully presented to: Council

Date: March 10, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

February 20, 2026 to March 5, 2026

Correspondence from the Last Council:

- Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts
- STARS Foundation Council Delegation
- Fencing at the Rock Creek Wildlife Underpass – Response to Resident Concern
- Gerry Gabinet Mentorship Award
- Bobbie Burns Fish Pond Tree Removal

Advertising/Social:

- Agriculture & Environmental Services Assistant Manager position filled
- Early closure of Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill
- 2026 Gravel Hauling – MD Annual Gravel Program
- Grader name announcement – Washboard Willie
- Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award - Deadline for application is May 1, 2026
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting Package
- Recruiting Seasonal Labour for the 2026 season
- Coffee with Council rescheduled to March 17
- Special Council Meeting Agenda

Other Activities:

- Agricultural Service Board Meeting – March 4, 2026
- Hometown Award Meeting
- Special Council Meeting – February 19, 2026
- Planning for Trade Show
- RCMP Community Meeting with Council – February 23, 2026
- Meeting with PW - Gravel & Dust Control Alignment

Invites to Council:

- Invitation to Waterton/ID #4 to Attend Council – still waiting for them to contact us to attend an MD Council meeting

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

- Regular Committee, Council – March 10, 2026
- Public Hearing Bylaw 1368-26 & Bylaw 1370-26 – March 10, 2026
- Coffee with Council – Division 1 – March 17, 2026
- Special Joint Meeting with Town – March 18, 2026 (Town Hosting)
- Regular Committee, Council – March 24, 2026
- Easter Break April 3 through 6, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – April 14, 2026
- Coffee with Council – Division 3 – April 21, 2026
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – April 22, 2026
- Pincher Creek Trade Show – April 24 and 26, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – April 28, 2026

Recommendation to Council

TITLE: CORPORATE POLICY C-CO-001 COUNCILLORS AND MEMBER AT LARGE REMUNERATION			
PREPARED BY: JESSICA MCCLELLAND		DATE: March 2, 2026	
DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION			
		ATTACHMENTS: Revised Draft C-CO-001 COUNCILLORS AND MEMBER AT LARGE REMUNERATION	
Department Supervisor	Date		
APPROVALS:			
			
Department Director	Date	CAO	Date
RECOMMENDATION:			
That Council approve revised policy C-CO-001 COUNCILLORS AND MEMBER AT LARGE REMUNERATION			

BACKGROUND:

2026 Mileage rates were discussed at the February 24, 2026, Council meeting. At that time, a resolution was made to increase the rate to \$0.73, effective March 1, 2026. To simplify the process going forward, a suggestion was made to base mileage on CRA recommendations, to be reviewed annually every February.

Draft revised policy C-CO-001 Councillors and Member at Large Remuneration, reflects this change.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Increase in mileage rate for meetings.



TITLE: COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS AT LARGE REMUNERATION

Approved by Council	Date: June 28, 2016
Revised by Council	Date: November 7, 2017
Revised by Council	Date: February 12, 2019
Revised by Council	Date: September 26, 2023
Revised by Council	Date: September 9, 2025
Revised by Council	Date: November 12, 2025
Revised by Council	Date: March 10, 2026

PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to set out fair, transparent, and equitable compensation to members of the Council for performing their roles and responsibilities as Councillors and Members at Large for the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 (MD).

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The MD will provide compensation and expense reimbursement to Councillors and Members at Large incurred while fulfilling official duties.

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:
 - a. “Councillor” shall mean a person who is an official by an election to represent the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9.
 - b. “Community” shall mean any meeting held within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9.
 - c. “Members at Large” shall mean community members appointed by Council to sit on boards and committees.
 - d. ***“Employee” shall mean any employee of the MD of Pincher Creek No. 9.***
 - e. “Volunteer Hours” shall mean a contribution of time, effort and talent to a need, cause or mission without compensation of a per diem or mileage. Volunteering is about being able to contribute some of your own time to help people in our community.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

3. The Municipal Government Act allows for compensation for Councillors.
4. Reeve and Council shall act as good stewards of taxpayer dollars by conducting themselves in a manner that maximizes the benefit and value to the community, its residents, and businesses.

5. A resolution of the Council is required for a Councillor to attend a conference, in-service, or meeting other than those committees and organizations they are appointed to at the organizational meeting or otherwise referenced in this policy.
6. Per diems and mileage paid to Councillors by Committees or Boards of which they are members, are to be paid directly to the MD.
7. Changes to stipends and per diems in this policy shall be based on market studies comparing the MD to municipalities of a similar nature. The MD strives to maintain compensation equal to the average.
8. Changes to mileage shall be based on CRA's automobile allowance rates and updated as part of the policy review.
9. Any changes shall be approved in the year of an election by the outgoing Council, for the incoming Council, unless unforeseen circumstances present a rationale for earlier adoption.

MONTHLY STIPEND

10. A Monthly Stipend is a monthly allowance paid to each Councillor in recognition of their commitment to attend/travel to issues and concerns not otherwise covered in this policy. Such commitments may include but are not limited to, attending/traveling to ratepayer concerns, employee appreciation events, Holiday Train, Christmas Party's, Reuse Fair, volunteer appreciation events, invitational luncheons and one on one meetings with the CAO or designate.
11. Councillors shall be compensated with a monthly stipend as follows. This amount shall be prorated during an election month.

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Stipend	\$950	\$1,000	\$1,025	\$1,050	\$1,075

REEVE STIPEND

12. A Reeve Stipend is a monthly allowance paid to the Reeve in recognition of the additional responsibilities attached to the office, including but not limited to signing of documents, meetings with the CAO, etc.
13. The Reeve shall be compensated with a monthly Reeve stipend of \$300. This amount shall be prorated during an election month.
14. The Deputy Reeve shall be compensated with a monthly Deputy Reeve stipend of \$100. This amount shall be prorated during an election month.

PER DIEMS

15. Councillors and Members at Large appointed to Council approved Boards and Committees are entitled to submit per diems to the Municipality for reimbursement.
16. Councillors and Members at Large attending eligible training are entitled to submit per diems to the Municipality for reimbursement.
17. The Members at Large sitting on the Library Board have stated that they wish to remain as volunteers. Their time shall not be considered for any per diems or any other reimbursement from the Municipality.
18. Members at Large shall be compensated with the following per diem(s):

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Half Day (<4 hours)	\$137.50	\$140.25	\$143.00	\$146.00	\$148.50
Full Day (>4 hours)	\$275.00	\$280.50	\$286.00	\$292.00	\$297.50

These rates shall include travel time to and from a residence only when traveling to attend a meeting outside of the community.

19. Councillors shall be compensated with the following per diem(s):

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Virtual Hourly (<1 hour)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Half Day (>0 but <4 hours)	\$137.50	\$140.25	\$143.00	\$146.00	\$148.50
Full Day (>4 hours but <9 hours)	\$275.00	\$280.50	\$286.00	\$292.00	\$297.50
Full Day + Half Day (>9 hours)	\$412.50	\$420.75	\$429.00	\$438.00	\$446.00

These rates shall include travel time to and from a residence only when traveling to attend a meeting outside of the community.

20. It is expected that where the Council wishes for a Councillor(s) to attend and receive compensation for a meeting or event not clearly defined in this policy, the request shall first go the Councillor of the division of where the said event is held. No more than **two** Councillors shall attend. Further, at the meeting following the meeting or event, the Councillors must present the details of the event and outline the overall benefit to the Municipality. This does not apply to Coffee with Council.

MILEAGE

21. Councillors, **Employee**, and Members at Large may claim mileage if their personal vehicle is used on Municipal business. This includes, travel to and from meetings, conventions and/or other work related activities.
- 22.
23. When an appropriate Municipal vehicle is available, it is preferable that it be used by Councillors for travel on Municipal business. If a Municipal vehicle is not available or is

not a practical alternative in a particular circumstance, a private vehicle may be used and a claim made for the full prescribed mileage rate. When a private vehicle is used to travel on MD business but also to accommodate personal uses, mileage claims will be paid only at 50% of the prescribed mileage rate.

24. Eligible Mileage shall be set per Municipal Policy and/or Resolution. *reimbursement be based on CRA recommendations and reviewed annually, every February.*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ALLOWANCE

25. Councillors shall receive an allowance of \$100 per month (or \$1,200 per year) to offset technology costs incurred while in office.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

26. All Councillors are authorized to attend either the Spring or Fall Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Conventions, Brownlee Emerging Trends, Assessment Review Board Training, and/or Councillor Onboarding.
27. One Councillor is authorized to attend the annual FCM Convention, with the intention of the Councillors rotating from one year to the next.
28. Councillors and Members at Large attending other training or conferences require Council approval if per diems and expenses are to be claimed. However, other training and conference registration shall be limited to \$1,000 per Councillor or \$500 per Member at Large, and a maximum of two full days of per diems claimed.

OTHER EXPENSES

29. The Municipality shall provide reimbursement for other appropriate municipal expenses provided an itemized receipt is attached. Such items may include but are not limited to, food, parking, accommodation, conference registration, etc.
30. The Municipality shall deny any ineligible expenses incurred that are not appropriate for municipal business. Such items may include but are not limited to personal services, alcohol, spousal expenses, recreation tickets, etc.

RETIREMENT GIFTS

31. The Municipality may provide a retirement gift for Councillors. The value of the retirement gift shall be \$150 for the first term, plus \$25 for each additional year served.

Rick Lemire
Reeve

Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer

The Pincher Creek Community Center Hall Society

Box 1178

287 Canyon Drive

February 24, 2026

Dear: Municipal District #9 Of Pincher Creek, Reeve and Council.

Town of Pincher Creek Mayor and Council

The Pincher Creek Community Center Hall Society invites you to our yearly AGM to be held on April 13, 2026.

Regular meeting is at 7:00pm. AG meeting is at 7:30pm.

Meeting is at the Community Hall.

We would very much like to see someone from your council in attendance.

We welcome your concerns and questions about our building.

We are looking into some accessibility grants to update our front entrance to automatic opening.

Sincerely: Executive and Board members of the Pincher Creek Community Center Hall Society

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
 The Council
 Pincher Creek, AB. T0K 1W0

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 [unclear], Lethbridge, AB.
 Feb. 18, 2024

Dear Council Members: Re: Destruction of Saskatoon Bushes

NE corner of NE 22- 5-30 W4

It is a usual practice to remove trees if they grow to become a safety issue at intersections, obstructing sight lines, especially for school buses and truckers. The willows at the corner of Tremblay road and Alberta Ranch road have been cut at various times over the years, when we lived in the M.D. Last spring/ summer an MD crew did just that. The willows were shredded.

But, that's not all they did. They came west up the Alberta Ranch Road to opposite the Quonsite building, and trashed a group of Saskatoon bushes, leaving the refuse in the ditch. The bushes were situated on the fenceline and were not a nuisance to anyone. Neither did they cause drifting of snow onto the road. They had grown and were at last producing a decent amount of berries for humans and birds. Why were they destroyed- vandalized?

Bryan Mackenzie, our son, said he inquired as to why the bushes had been destroyed. He was told they were destroyed "because we can!" "Because we can" applies to all of us. Yes, we can go and destroy our neighbours trees, bushes, shrubs and flowers upon a whim, or with fury and vengeance. The crew did not speak to anyone; did not ask permission. In our minds, they committed vandalism –just because they could.

Is there a remedy? Will the bushes grow back? Probably not. They grew there because birds had dropped the seeds as they sat on the fence. They were not hand-planted.

Please instruct the team members cleaning up intersections in future, that their work should not include trashing bushes or trees, if they are not a problem to drivers. Trees and bushes are precious to our environment and for our enjoyment. In this situation they could have talked to Bryan or Sherry with a different result.

Both Mark and I were disappointed and sad to see these bushes gone, destroyed, as we had watched them grow, mature, and produce fruit. A response would be welcome

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Mackenzie



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ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS

Office of the Minister

FEB 25 2026

Mr. Rick Lemire
Reeve
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
1037 Herron Avenue
PO Box 279
Pincher Creek AB T0K 1W0
info@mdpincercreek.ab.ca

Dear Reeve Lemire:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations and best wishes on my recent appointment as Minister of Environment and Protected Areas (EPA), as well as water licence notification concerns.

I am honoured to serve Albertans by strengthening our communities and building a future rooted in prosperity and opportunity. As Minister, I will work diligently to ensure our lands, water, air, and biodiversity are sustainably managed and protected for generations to come. I will also support innovative and responsible resource development that attracts investment and creates jobs.

I recognize the importance of timely access to information about projects that may affect specific regions of our province. To improve access, EPA is implementing a one-window approach for applications and authorizations under the *Water Act* and the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. This includes posting a public notice on EPA's website at regulatoryassurance.alberta.ca/dras.

The website allows users to filter public notices by geographic area. There is currently no feature that allows users to receive notifications for a specific geographic area; however, EPA staff are actively working on developing this capability. Meanwhile, for your reference, I have attached a knowledge article explaining how to filter and locate the site's public notices.

If you require additional information, please have your staff contact Mr. David Hunt, Water Approvals Team Lead, in Lethbridge, at 403-381-5994 (dial 310-0000 for toll-free access), or at david.hunt@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you again for your kind words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grant Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Grant Hunter
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Attachment

Cc: Chelsae Petrovic
MLA, Livingstone-Macleod