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**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
3:00 pm
Council Chambers**

- A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- B. PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW 1369-26
- C. MINUTES/NOTES
 - 1. Council Committee Minutes
 - March 24, 2026
 - 2. Council Meeting Minutes
 - March 24, 2026
- D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - a) Blackfoot MOU Pancake Breakfast July 18
 - Donation Request of \$300
 - Request for a Councillor to attend
 - b) Chief Mountain Gas Coop – Delegation Presentation March 24, 2026
- F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS
 - 1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Waterton Biosphere Newsletter
 - 2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - 3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - 4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - 5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
- G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
 - 1. Operations
 - a) Public Works Department Report
 - Report from Public Works dated April 7, 2026
 - Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report
 - b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report
 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated April 7, 2026
 - 2. Finance
 - 3. Planning and Community Services
 - a) Enforcement Services – First Quarter Report
 - Report from Community Peace Officer, for April 14, 2026
 - 4. Municipal
 - a) CAO Report
 - Report from Administration, dated April 9, 2026
 - b) Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library
 - Report from Administration, dated April 7, 2026
 - c) Council Remuneration – Misc. Meetings
 - Report from Administration, dated April 7, 2026
 - d) Corporate Policy C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges
 - Report from Administration, dated April 7, 2026
 - e) Nomination of Deputy Director of Emergency Management
 - Report from Administration, dated April 9, 2026
- H. CORRESPONDENCE

1) For Action

- a) South Canadian Rockies
 - Invitation to Resident Tourism Partnership Forum
 - Resident Sentiment Study Overview
- b) Boundary Creek Landowners Association
 - Invitation to Open House
- c) Pincher Creek Foundation
 - Expression of Interest – Acquisition of Fleet Vehicle

2) For Information

- a) Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - Changes to Bill 28
 - Changes to Assessment Model Review (AMR)
- b) Highway 3 Resident & Landowner Coalition
 - Petition Package
- c) Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Publication of Proposed Multi-species Action Plan for the Alberta At-risk Native Trout in Canada on the Species at Risk Public Registry
- d) Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Centre
 - Announcement of KPSquared
- e) Cavvy Energy
 - WAG Report April 2026

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

- a) Application for ASB Board Member – ATIA Sec. 22.1
- b) DRAS Public Notices - Water Act – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Road Closure Purchase Request NW 15-9-1 W5M & SW 22-9-1 W5M – ATIA Sec. 29.1

K. ADJOURNMENT

**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.

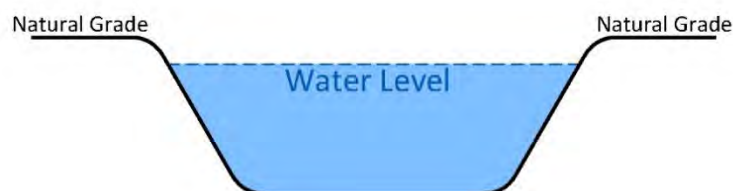
4. Add to Part VII Special Land Use Provisions the following:

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)

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 REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
 MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
 Tuesday, March 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, Acting Director of Corporate Services Brendan Schlossberger, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the agenda for March 10, 2026, be amended:

Removed:

Delegation:

b) Waterton Lakes National Park Superintendent – *Had to cancel and will reschedule at a later date.*

Additional:

Closed Session:

c) Deadstock Bin - Division 3 – ATIA Sec. 29.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) Chief Mountain Gas

Delbert Beazer and Ron Schmidt, representing Chief Mountain Gas Co-op, attended the meeting to inform Council about Chief Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd and that they are a member-owned and operated utility serving taxpayers in the municipality.

Chief Mountain Gas, founded in 1973, is a member-owned natural gas distributor serving Cardston County. The co-op merged with Summerview Gas Co-op in 2002 and later with Livingstone Gas Co-op. Today, Chief Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd provides gas services to 1720 members. Its distribution system includes 16 km of high-pressure steel lines, 96 km of high-pressure aluminum lines, and extensive polyethylene service lines. Atco and Apex are nearby franchise zones. Currently, the membership stands at 1188, comprising residential, commercial, irrigation, Hutterite colonies, grain dryers, greenhouses, Federal and USA Governments, and industry partners.

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Delbert reviewed the board's structure as well as the current staff. They examined the cost differences among Chief Mountain Gas, Atco/Apex, and Enmax, which were partly due to additional distribution fees and per-GJ costs. Council asked if the area could be expanded, but the franchise area is fixed and cannot be changed without an agreement, and is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Council thanked them for their continued work to provide reliable service to our community.

Chief Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd. left at 11:25 am.

Tax Assessor Doug Jenson attended the meeting at this time for the tax discussion.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:27 am.

- a) Public Works Call Log – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Preliminary Tax Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Deadstock Bin – Division 3 Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 2:13 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

- Discussion over land acknowledgement
- Follow-up discussion on Minister of Environment and Protected Areas Teams Meeting
- ORRSC - Miistakis presentation

5. Adjournment

Councillor Tony Bruder

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 2:35 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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

10093

The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, March 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, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Interim Director of Corporate Services Brendan Schlossberger and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Dave Cox 26/124

Moved that the agenda for March 24, 2026, be amended to include:

Unfinished Business:

a) Bobby Burns Park Tree Cleanup

Action:

d) Follow-up discussion on Minister of Environment and Protected Areas - Teams Meeting

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

D. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/125

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

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/126

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

Carried

3) Coffee with Council – Division 1

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/127

Moved that the notes from Coffee with Council in Division 1, on March 17, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

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4) Special Council Meeting – March 18, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/128

Moved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 18, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Bobby Burns Fishpond Tree Cleanup

CAO Roland Milligan informed the Council that the Bobby Burns Fishpond Tree Cleanup costs are \$3,000 per day, estimated to take two days. As the park is owned by the Municipality the work will be done under the Parks and Recreation department of the 2026 Budget.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Bringing Hearts Home – Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/129

Moved that the MD donate \$15k for 2026, towards the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation, Bringing Hearts Home campaign,

AND THAT the amount is drawn from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (6-12-0-735-6735).

Carried

b) AltaLink – Wildfire Mitigation Program

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/130

Moved to accept the AltaLink Wildfire Mitigation Program presentation from the March 10, 2026, Committee Meeting, as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission (postponed)
 - Waterton Biosphere Carnivore Working Group
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Castle Mountain Community Association
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Family and Community Support Services
 - Police Advisory Meeting
 - Coffee with Council Division 1
 - Special Council Meeting
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - MOU Meeting in Standoff

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- July 18, 2026, will be Pancake Breakfast. The request is for two Councillors and a \$300 donation.
- Healthcare Committee
- Coffee with Council Division 1
- Special Council Meeting

Councillor John MacGarva 26/131

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/132

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period March 2, 2026, to March 15, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Policy C-PW-009 Dust Control and Schedule “A”

Councillor John MacGarva 26/133

Moved that Council approve Schedule A for Policy C-PW-009 Dust Control, with amendments, as discussed.

Carried

c) C-FIN-500 Resale of Materials and Supplies

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/134

Moved that due to the following reasons, the MD will be discontinuing the sale of gravel to private properties:

- Limited availability of gravel: Gravel has become increasingly difficult to source, placing pressure on our long-term supply.
- Rising operational costs: Crushing costs have increased substantially. Current sale prices do not cover the full cost of crushing operations, even before accounting for royalties, stripping costs, or equipment wear.
- Significant investment in new pit development: The purchase of land and consultant fees associated with pit planning have been substantial, and we have not yet begun material extraction from the site.
- Ensure the municipality's reserves are preserved and that operational costs are responsibly managed.

AND THAT, effective immediately, Policy C-FIN-500 Resale of Materials and Supplies be repealed.

Carried

d) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/135

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for March 5, 2026, to March 18, 2026, as information.

Carried

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e) 10 Year Bridge Structure – Asset Management Plan – 2026 Interim Update

Councillor Dave Cox 26/136

Moved that the Bridge Structure Asset Management Plan – 10 Year Prioritization Plan – Interim Update, be received as information.

Carried

f) Circular Materials – Advancing the Circular Economy

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/137

Moved to accept the discussion on Circular Materials – Advancing the Circular Economy, as information.

Carried

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

a) Bylaw 1368-26 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Secondary Suites

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/138

Moved that Bylaw 1368-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment to add a detached secondary suite and to limit the dwelling density within the agriculturally oriented districts, be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 26/139

Moved that Bylaw 1368-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Secondary Suites) be given third reading.

Carried

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

Councillor John MacGarva 26/140

Moved that Bylaw 1370-26, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment to change the land use designation of lands Block 4, Plan 7910279, hereto, from “Grouped Country Residential - GRC” to “Rural Business – RB”; and the portion of SW 34-7-2 W5M hereto, from “Agricultural - A” to “Rural Business – RB” to allow for rural business subdivision and development; be given second reading.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 26/141

Moved that Bylaw 1370-26 be given third reading.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/142

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period March 9, 2026, to March 20, 2026, as information.

Carried

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- b) 2026 Coffee with Council – Division 2

Councillor Dave Cox 26/143

Moved that the November Coffee with Council for Division 2 be rescheduled for Thursday, November 26, 2026.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

- a) Kootenai Brown Historical Park - Invitation to Canada Day in the Park

Councillor Dave Cox 26/144

Moved that all interested Councillors be authorized to attend the Kootenai Brown Historical Park - Invitation to Canada Day in the Park.

Carried

- b) Matthew Halton High School (Hawks Basketball Team) - Request for Sponsorship for Provincial Championship

Councillor Dave Cox 26/145

Moved that Council authorize a sponsorship in the amount of \$500 to the Matthew Halton High School (Hawks Basketball Team) for the Provincial Championship,

AND THAT the amount to come from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

- c) St. Michael's School - Request for Auction Item for "A Night In Paris" Event

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/146

Moved that the MD provide a certificate for an in-kind donation of one tandem load of gravel and delivery for the St. Michaels school upcoming fundraiser "A Night In Paris",

AND THAT the specifics of the donation be coordinated between the auction winner and the Public Works Superintendent.

Carried

- d) Follow-up discussion on Minister Environment and Protected Areas - Teams Meeting

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/147

Moved that a letter of follow-up from the meeting with the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, regarding concerns with deadstock on the landscape, be sent,

AND THAT the letter be copied to the following departments:

Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Minister of Forestry and Parks, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Member of Parliament, Member of Legislative Assembly, Alberta Transportation, neighbouring Municipalities, as well as staff members, as discussed.

Carried

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B. For Information

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/148

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) Dave Bairnes - URGENT: #2840 Sentinel Record - Forensic Disclosure
- b) Minister of Environment and Protected Areas - Alberta's AIS Prevention and Response Framework
- c) STARS - Thank You for the Donation

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/149

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 5:02 pm.

- a) 2026-2027 Proposed Crowsnest Pass RCMP Detachment Priorities – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Land Use Bylaw - Non-Compliance – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva 26/150

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:17 pm.

Carried

- b) Land Use Bylaw - Non-Compliance

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/151

Moved that the MD move forward with a legal opinion on the non-compliance Land Use Bylaw issue, as discussed in closed session.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/152

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:18 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Re: Blackfoot MOU

From Paula Brown <plmbrown5@gmail.com>

Date Fri 2026-03-27 17:09

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

Good afternoon

Thank you for reaching out to me, yes you have all your information correct. The only change would be we only need one councillor but are happy with two, everyone is welcome. The check can be made to the Town of Cardston.

Sincerely
Paula Brown

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2026, at 2:51 PM, Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

Good Afternoon Paula,

Councillor MacGarva mentioned that he was at last MOU meeting and there was a request for donation towards another pancake breakfast. I just wanted to make sure I had the details correct.

Pancake breakfast is July 18 in Standoff? Is the donation request is \$300 and 2 Councillors to assist with cooking?

Jessica McClelland

Executive Assistant

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- Established 1973 as Member Owned Natural Gas Distributor for Cardston County.
- Amalgamated with Summerview Gas Co-op in 2002. Summerview had amalgamated with Livingstone Gas Co-op previously.
- Currently Serving 1720 Member Customers with Gas.
- We serve the USA Port of Piegan, & Waterton Park.

- We are a natural gas distributor with 16 KM of High-Pressure Steel Lines, 96 KM of High-Pressure Aluminum Lines, and countless KM of Polyethylene plastic service lines.
- Chief Mountain offers 100% burner tip service to all our service area.
- We have customers in 6 different Municipalities, Cardston County, Municipal Districts of Pincher Creek, Willow Creek, Ranchlands, County of Warner, and Waterton Park.
- We work closely with Atco and Apex in adjoining Franchise Areas.



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We are a member owned natural gas distributor incorporated in 1973 to provide natural gas service to the rural customers located in the southwest corner of Alberta.

In 2002 we amalgamated with Summerview Gas Co-op and became a larger co-operative with a much larger geographic area (hi-lighted in light green in map).



We provide burner-tip service to our customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service includes sales and installation of all natural gas appliances from patio heaters to furnaces. [Check out our link of products we sell.](#)

We strive to keep our customers in mind at all times as this is their Co-op. We are currently the lowest priced gas utility in Canada, both fixed rate and variable rate!

We are pleased with our new website and encourage you to check out all the

features. Please continue to read your meters at the first of the month.

Our office is located in Cardston, Alberta at 190 - 1st Street East. Phone 1-866-653-3011. Fax 403-653-1395. *Chief Mountain Photos compliments of Ted Visser, CMGC Customer.*



FedGas 50th For Kids

With your support we can make a real difference in the lives of children from across Alberta. **Everyday more than 100 kids from outside the Edmonton and Calgary zones** are treated at the Stollery Children's Hospital and the Alberta Children's Hospital. Your contribution will support excellence in child health programs and will enable our hospitals to invest in enhancements that will provide the best care possible for all of our kids! Donations can be made online at [Fed Gas](#) or [Children's Hospital... read more](#)

Chief Mountain Gas Co-op will be sponsoring \$630 per youth for 2 youths to attend **ACCA Youth Camps Program**. Please apply to Chief Mountain for this sponsorship... [read more](#)

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Board Members Zone 1

- MD of Pincher Creek, MD of Willow Creek and MD of Ranchlands

Jim Welsch – Chairman

Ron Schmidt

Dennis Lastuka

Board Member Zone 2

- West 1/2 of Cardston County/ Waterton Park

Brett Stewart

Burke Nish

Tim Forsyth

Board Members Zone 3

- East ½ of Cardston County/Magrath/Del Bonita, County of Warner

Gary Stanford – Vice Chairman

John Schneyder

BJ Scheirlinck - Secretary

Construction



Heritage Acres 2025



EXPANSION

- In August 2017 CMGC made a commitment to continue to serve our customers with 100% burner tip service.
- CMGC Purchased Glacier Mechanical in Pincher Creek, a thriving HVAC, Plumbing and Refrigeration Business.
- This gave us another office building and more staff to accommodate the increased workload.

INTRODUCING!!

PATIO OVEN



VIEW

See what's new with
BLACKSTONE
Get Tips, Tricks &
RECIPES!

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- Ken Olds – General Manager
- Brennan Beazer – Operations Manager
- Brandon Schaffer – Plumber/Gasfitter
- Tim Anderson – Plumber/Gasfitter
- Rob Pierson – Utility Operator/Electrician
- Grady Taylor – Utility Operator
- Bobbi Woolford – RUBIS Billing/Finance
- Candace Chrapko – AR/AP Clerk
- Tara Hricise – Secretary
- Jordan Butler – Apprentice
- Ilnar Saguire –Apprentice
- Demet Saga – Apprentice
- Carson Love - Apprentice
- Jason Webb – Manager, Plumber/Gas Fitter - PC
- Greg Way – Plumber/Gas Fitter - PC
- Dwayne Dyck – Sheet Metal - PC
- Henry Hill – Gasfitter- Refrigeration - PC
- Bryce Crawford - Plumber/Gas Fitter – PC
- Rueger Perrett - Apprentice
- Gina Marr – Secretary - PC

- We feel it is very crucial for the Municipal Councils to be aware of Chief Mountain Gas Co-op Ltd. and that we are a member owned and operated utility serving your taxpayers.
- Thank you for allowing us to introduce ourselves to you today.



Fw: WBRA March 2026 Update

From Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Date Wed 2026-04-01 17:02
To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Hi Jessica,

Can you please ad the for information.

Thank you
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From: Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association <info@watertonbiosphere.com>
Sent: March 31, 2026 6:00 PM
To: Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: WBRA March 2026 Update

Tuesday, March 31, 2026



What's new with WBRA



SPRING IS HERE, BEARS MAY BE NEAR - Spring has arrived and bears are waking up from their winter slumber. The WBR would like to remind areas residents to practice bear safety - make noise, hike in groups, watch for bear signs, and carry bear spray. Now is also a great time to check the expiry date on your bear spray. Bear spray generally lasts 3-5 years. (Photo: Dreamstime)

DOTC Needs You!

PINCHER CREEK
DAY *on the*
CREEK *May 12th, 2026*

Student Outdoor Experiential Learning Event



Last Call for Volunteers

To get involved, contact Nora by April 13th:
nmanners@watertonbiosphere.com

MANY HANDS, LIGHT WORK - If you're looking to get involved in meaningful volunteerism this year, look no further. The Waterton Biosphere Region and its supporters are once again hosting the Day on the Creek outdoor experiential learning event. On May 12th, students from area schools will be gathering along the banks of Pincher Creek to learn about biodiversity, water resources, wildlife coexistence strategies, regional history, and more! If you're willing to lend a hand to make this day amazing, please contact Nora Manners [HERE](#)

Community Meetings well Attended



KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE - Landowners, residents and interested community members in Claresholm, Pincher Creek, and Cardston gathered at community meetings in mid-February to discuss bears, depredation compensation, occurrence records, and current trends in large carnivore conflict. Waterton Biosphere Region staff presented data on recent records and fielded questions from more than 130 area residents in total. For those who missed the events, please contact Jeff Bectell [HERE](#) if you have any questions or concerns. (Photos: T. Porter/WBR)

Project Season Coming Soon



IS 2026 THE YEAR? - Perhaps you've been wondering if this is the year to get involved with a habitat stewardship project on your property. We're here to tell you, 'Yes, it is!' The Waterton Biosphere Region has a variety of solutions and knowledge to make your property work for both you and nature! Please contact Elizabeth Anderson [HERE](#) for more information about current funding opportunities. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and events. (Photo: T. Porter/WBR)

Show Your Support



PUT YOUR DOLLARS TO WORK - If you're looking to support good work in our community, consider giving to the Waterton Biosphere Region. Every dollar donated goes toward building healthy ecosystems right here in southwest Alberta. By supporting the WBR you are supporting biodiversity, sustainable development, and capacity building. Click the link below to lend a hand. Photo above: WBR staff take part in a bat roost count at a stakeholder's quonset. (Photo: T. Porter/WBR)

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Recommendation to Council

TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT			
PREPARED BY: Jeremy Cartwright		DATE: April 7, 2026	
DEPARTMENT: Public Works			
ATTACHMENTS:			
1.Shop/Fleet Report			
APPROVALS:			
	<u>April 7, 2026</u>		<u>2026/04/08</u>
Public Works Manager	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Public Works Department Report for the period of March 16 to April 5, 2026, as information.

- Temp snow fence maintenance-** Removal of T posts & temporary snow fence (All Divisions)
- Permanent snow fence maintenance-** Assessing inventory needs for 2026-2027 repairs and rebuilds
- Permanent snow fence maintenance-**Remove broken sections on fence located in Div 4
- Bridge maintenance-** Reset hazard markers at Fishers bridge BF#2488
- Bridge maintenance-** Reset delineators on Southfork hill and change batteries for flashers
- Culvert Maintenance** – Culvert checks in Div 1 & 4
- Waste water services maintenance-** Plow snow at WWTP facilities
- Park maintenance-**Empty garbage at Patton Park and dog park
- Gravel road maintenance-** Grading and plowing
- Gravel road maintenance-** Brushing in Div 4, tree removal from Carbondale Road
- Gravel pit maintenance** – Strip overburden off for crusher at Summerview Pit
- Gravel pit operations-** Take sample from Summerview pit crushing operations to Lethbridge for testing
- Hard surface maintenance-** Plowing of Hamlets and hard surfaces
- Hard Surface maintenance-** Plow administration building parking lot. Shovel walkways
- AES operations-** Haul water to terminal and shop
- Airport Operations-** Repair hanger siding
- Sign Maintenance-** Input signs in asset management software (MRF)
- Safety-** Safe work practices review, bis trainer courses
- Soil Conservation-** Windrow pea stubble field in Div 4 to help the soil erosion taking place.

Recommendation to Council

EVENTS

- SWP review 1.5hr sessions – March 23-25
- Safety Meeting – April 1.2026
- Safety specialist updated PW Emergency Response Plan

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE "A"

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT



PREPARED BY: Brett Ackerman

DATE: April 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY: March 16, 2026 – April 05, 2026

Graders

N/A

Heavy Trucks/Trailers/Equipment

Unit # 419 (Plow) – lighting repair and float inspection.

Unit # 420 (Tandem) – CVIP, wheels off.

Unit # 402 (5500) – Backup alarm.

Unit # 28 (Trailer) – Brake inspection, new breakaway kit and electric brake system charger.

Unit # 36 (Skid Steer) – Fuel shut-off solenoid.

Unit # 402A (Sander) – Spinner shaft bearings.

Unit # 59M (Mower) – Pre-season inspection. Mower blades, bearings, hydraulic motor hose.

Unit # 010 (Packer) – Wobbly packer, wheel bearings and axle pivot pins.

Light Duty and Light Trailers

Unit # 415 (1-Ton) – Transmission, transfer case, gear shift inspection for improper shifting. Minor electrical repairs.

Unit # 477 (1-Ton) – Fuel system pressure test and leak repair.

Unit # 501 (3/4-Ton) – Lube – oil - filter. Wiper transmission R&R. Tow hitch install.

Unit # 510 (1/2-Ton) – R&R 2-way radio. Old unit out for repairs.

Unit # 488 (3/4-Ton) – Lube – oil – filter. Wheel seal. 4x new tires.

Unit # 500 (3/4-Ton) – Lube – oil – filter. Rear brakes and caliper slides.

Unit #506 (3/4-Ton) – Tow hitch install. EVAP system diagnostics for stumble/sag.

Unit # 513 (3/4-Ton) – Wheel vibration.

AES Equipment – Finished outstanding items, annual service on sprayers and atvs.

EVENTS – Technician from Load-Rite was onsite for installation and calibration of L5000 loader scale system.



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

SUMMARY OF MAJOR UPDATES MAR 19th – APR. 8th

LARGE (PRE-2026) PROJECTS

- Submitting DFPP interim report 6 for intake/drought study.
- Additional bench testing complete for Manganese removal, required results achieved.
- BF 75481 (Olin Creek) construction ongoing. Completion anticipated by Council.

LARGE 2026 IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Lundbreck Wastewater Line rehabilitation: Awarded to Insituform Technologies. Timing TBD.
- Proceeding with land acquisition, design, regulatory approvals for BF 1348 (Connelly Creek) and Pisony Road culvert.
- Progressing design and legal survey work for BF 71542 and BF 76203.

LARGE 2027 IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Kicked off reduced prelim. eng. scope for Gladstone and Campbell culvert replacements.
- Notified of successful grant application under DFPP for Therriault Dam, awaiting agreement.

STUDIES & PLANNING WORK

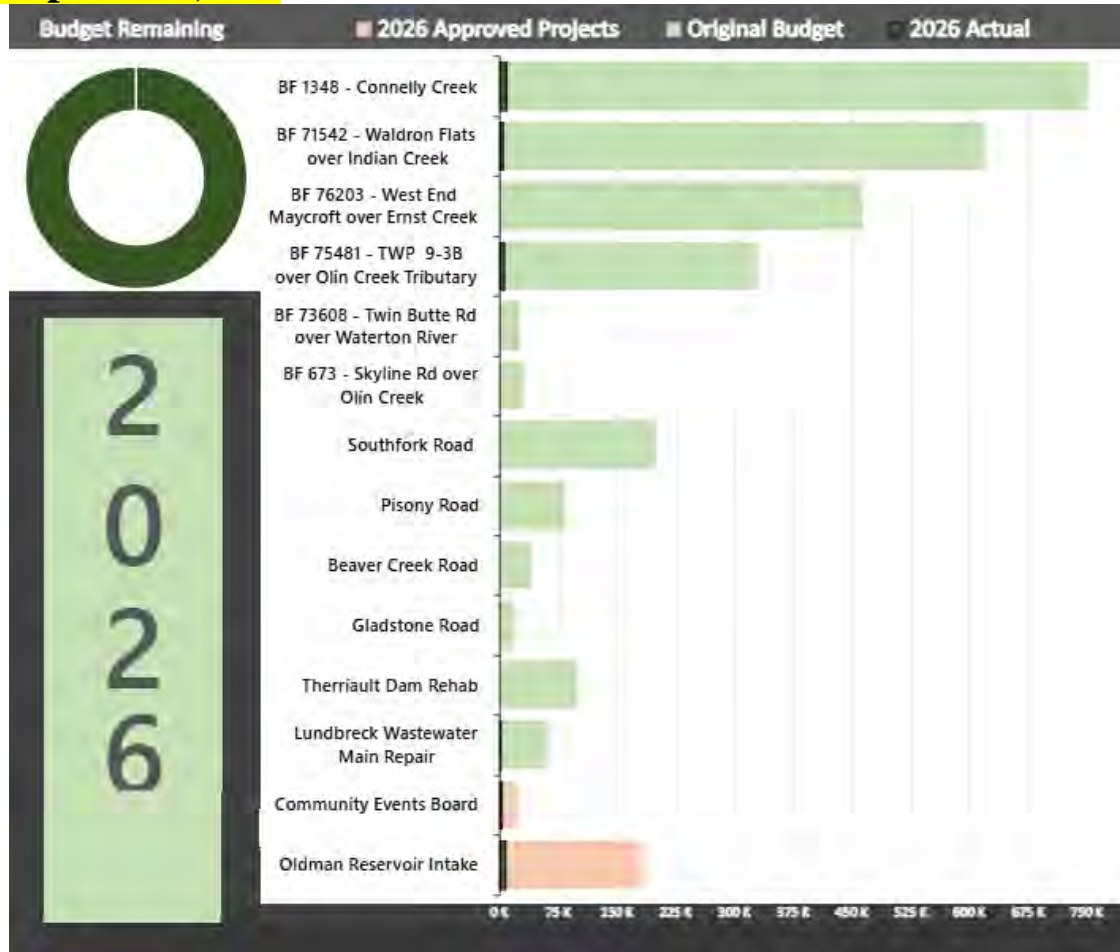
- Regional Facilities Condition Assessment: Reviewing quotation/award plan. Awaiting grant agreement.
- Regional Drought Study: Geotechnical work complete. Awaiting results.
 - Visited ToPC WTP and held 3-way licensing discussion with AEPA.
- Airport paving assessment/Southfork road ban review approved by Council. Awaiting alternate opinion prior to award.

OPERATIONS UPDATES

- No significant change to water shortage risk (low – normal).
- Networking upgrades awarded to MPE.
- Reviewed and provided comment on new water/sewer connection inquiry in Lundbreck.
- Lundbreck reservoir repair scope awarded. Planned for Jul. 20th.
- Standpipe liability entrance signage delivered, planning install.
- Pincher Creek standpipe minor control loop filtration upgrades complete.
- Lift Station record drawings update received.
- Proceeding with TFA for Carbondale Pit for reclamation.
- Provided landowner with options for Pine Creek Pit reclamation, awaiting response.
- Lift access light and HVAC work completed in Admin parking lot, PW Shop, & yard.
- Meetings held with CM on upcoming curbside program and depot contract changes (after CNPCL did site tours).
- Multiple DRAS Public Notices received.

General Projects Budget Update

2026 Approved Budget: \$3,293,682. Apr. 7th Spent: \$26,660 \$ Mar. 17th Spent: \$4,341.



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 tops up capital project and covers 70% of costs for a Drought Projects Assessment.
 - Interim report 6 to be submitted before Council.
- Potassium Permanganate (KMnO₄) treatment setup order placed, scoping install location/building.
 - Final comments sent to MPE Mar. 27th. Awaiting comments for pricing.
- Additional budget request of \$115,000 approved by Council Jan. 20th.
- Complete bench testing of KMnO₄ for Manganese removal. Testing went well.

Watercourse Crossing Inspection & Remediation Project – 100% Grant funded

- Funding agreement signed Mar. 28th, 2023 for \$1.55M.
 - Extension received to March 31st, 2027.

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)**.
- Kickoff complete March 4th.
- Project start delayed to Mar. 16th with weather.
- Extension granted to Apr. 14th due to inclement weather and other factors.
- **Detour road constructed. Base work complete. Culverts placed. Some rework was necessary due to isolation breach.**

March 20, 2026
Looking Southwest,
completed detour road



March 24, 2026
Base material approved
for construction.



March 28, 2026
Backfilling and base packing underway. 5-10 passes needed.



April 2, 2026
Isolation Breach.



April 3, 2026
Post isolation breach upstream end



April 3, 2026
Post Isolation Breach,
down stream end.



April 3, 2026
Pipes bolted together
and backfilling had
begun.



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 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.
 - Site tour complete Mar. 12th, minimal seed has taken to date.

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.
- 4 quotes received (31,610 to \$103,351). Project awarded to Insituform Technologies (\$37,132). Contract executed Apr. 2nd.
- Timing of work TBD, within 2 months expected.

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.
 - Notified funder we are proceeding with design with intent to construct.
- Preliminary engineering kicked off Apr. 3rd, received Mar. 12th. Internal review complete Mar. 18th with minor comments. Replacement recommendation is a 3.3m diameter x 64m L culvert (nearly the same as budget assumption).
- Awarded design, land acquisition, regulatory approvals Apr. 7th.

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.
- Legal survey complete. Design 80% complete.

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.
- Legal survey complete. Design 80% complete.

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.
- Kicked off land acquisition, detailed design, and regulatory approval work Apr. 2nd.
- 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.
 - Revised proposal received Mar 17th. Kicked off reduced scope prelim. eng. Mar. 20th with intent to utilize local Engineer in Training (EIT) to assist with site visits and hydrology.
- 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.
- Discussed geotechnical results with major construction contractor. They plan to take a better look, but initial thoughts agreed with proposed solution (significant excavation required to deal with saturating deep organic layers and clay).

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. Notice received of successful application Apr. 2nd. Awaiting grant recipient package and grant agreement.

- Spillway design complete, regulatory submissions pending grant agreement review and final checks.
- 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 (lifecycle assessment on hot to best use water source during drought) pending grant agreement review

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.
- Proposal received Mar. 16th. Kicked off reduced scope prelim. eng. Mar. 20th with intent to utilize local EIT to assist with site visits and hydrology.

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.
- Received notice Mar. 6th of successful grant (\$200,000). Awaiting grant agreement.
- Starting review of scope and engineering services quotation/award plan.

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).
- Final water resource assessment received Feb 3rd.
- Initial geotechnical round complete week of Mar. 25th. Awaiting results.
- Site visit of TOPC WTP complete March 23rd.
- 3 way discussion between Town and AEPA regarding licensing concerns held Apr. 2nd.
Options include:
 - ~~Oldman River Allocation order for new license.~~
 - Use Town license. Water allocation transfer to MD (or Town) with point of use change. Can be either temporary (25 year) or permanent with separate agreement specifying clauses or terms resulting in transfer back of license.
 - Transfer MD license to Town Castle intakes and divert through works of Town. Mitigate IO and WCO concerns via existing raw water storage.

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.
- “Final” draft report received Feb. 26th, minor comments sent back Mar. 17th for 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.
- Quarterly documented monitoring required.
- Provincial audit results received Mar. 12th. Audit required that we submit the geotechnical and spillway study results to them due to observed seepage and that comment be provided on hazard potential downstream to the Regulator.

Miscellaneous

- Airport pavement assessment to be kicked off, Revised costing for Southfork road assessment received Feb. 18th. Council approved up to \$30,000 for Southfork road assessment Mar. 10th. Reviewing alternate options internally prior to kicking off any work.

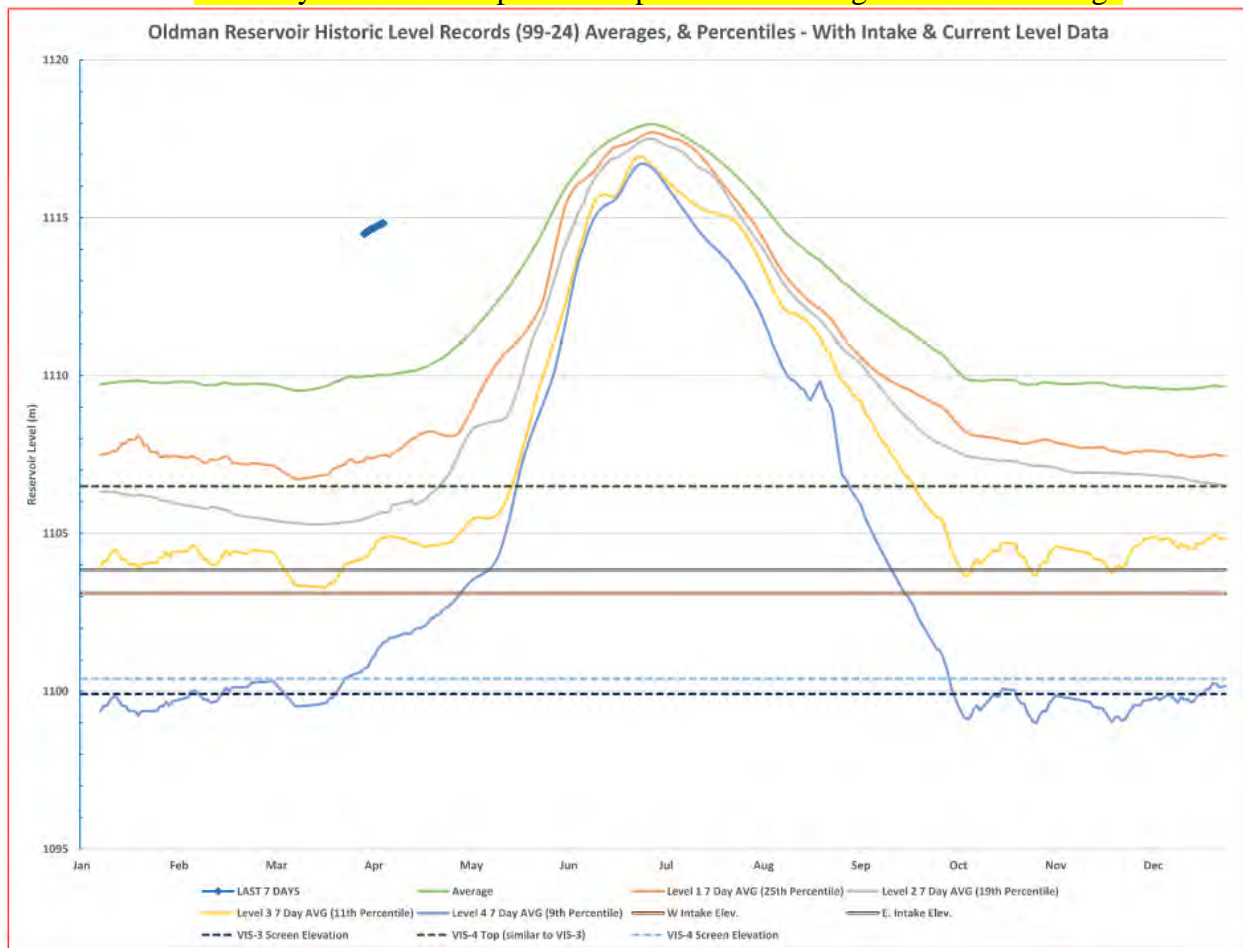
- Discussed alternate testing with company ATEC uses to assess road bans. Awaiting proposal including pavement analysis prior to moving forward.
- 10 yr. bridge study update complete.
 - Presented to Council at Mar. 24th meeting.

Operations Updates

WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

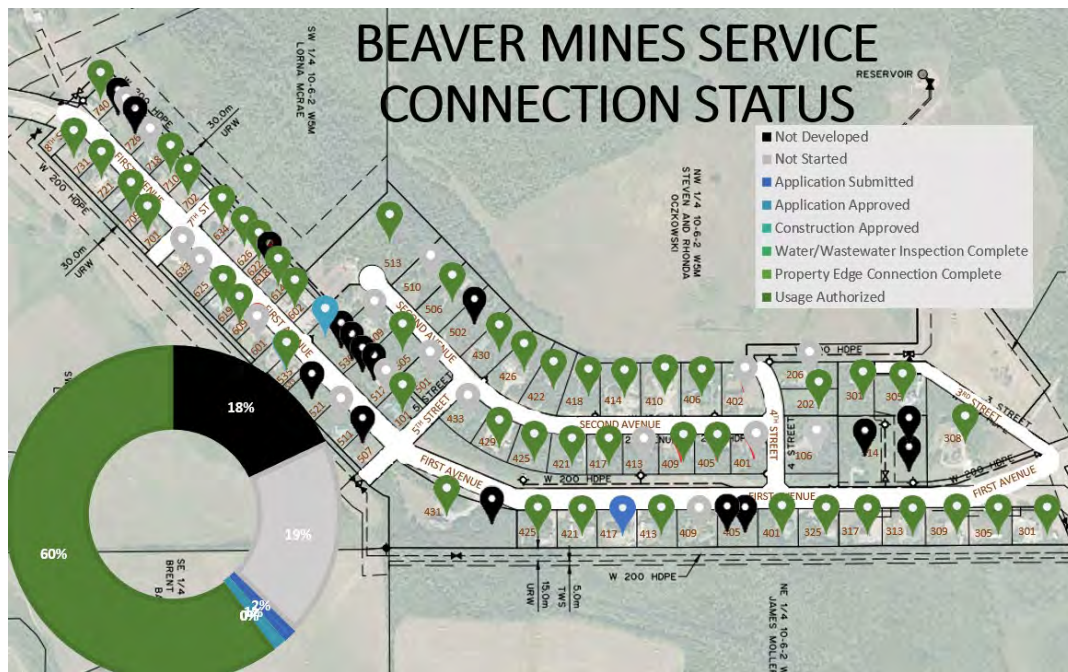
Implemented Stage: Normal (Restrictions ended Dec. 13th)

- Monitoring risk scoring once/month. Risk assessed Apr. 7th. Risk score: 5.1. Mar. 12th. Risk score: 4.8 (normal).
 - Slightly increased risk due to below average March mountain snow surveys.
 - Offset by headwaters alpine snow pillows remaining well above average.



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
 - Reminders sent regarding mandatory Jan. 1, 2028 connection with Jan/Feb bills.



General Water Operations Updates April 7th, 2026:

- Networking upgrades scope awarded to MPE along with SCADA alarm text hardware. Work planned for late April.
- Planning reinstall of Lagoon Aerators within next week.
- New connection application received on Breckenridge Ave., Lundbreck.
- Telus visit complete Mar. 3rd to review CMR backup dialer issues. No Telus line available. Reached out to alternate technician, arranging install of hardwire line.
- Working to finalize Utility Services Guidelines (USG) updates to include Hamlet of Lundbreck, and Rural Transmission connections.
- Reviewing plan to access Lundbreck reservoir for minor repair work. 10-12 days of downtime expected on main reservoir, reviewed with PCES.
 - Awarded to Greatario Services for Jul. 20th start.
- 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.
 - Liability signage put up on all standpipes. Entrance signage ordered – delivered. Install planning underway. Implementing maintenance/inspections to assist with reducing concerns.
 - Upgraded filter installation complete week of Mar. 16th. Tuning pricing.
- Reviewing expiring water plant approval reapplication
 - AEPA requested another extension request, completed and received Mar. 26th.
- Letter sent to Cowley Mar 28th detailing various requests and proposed path forward for water assets, licenses, and amended operations contract
 - Meeting held with Cowley Feb, 19th. Alignment not successful.
 - Assessing alternate options internally, Cowley has indicated openness to transfer of building ownership.
- Beaver Mines Water/Wastewater Projects
 - Awaiting thaw/rain event to assess BM WWTP infiltration.
 - Minor changes to Lift STN Record drawings received.

General Miscellaneous Operations Update Apr. 7th, 2026:

- 2026 gravel pit reclamation work:
 - Carbondale
 - Received verbal direction that Forestry & Parks may only require this site to be regraded (forego reseeding, 2 years monitoring) due to future campsite potential.
 - Planning TFA submission for full scope of reclamation while we await written confirmation.
 - Castle Falls
 - Received verbal direction that Forestry & Parks may forego additional work on this site (topsoil spreading, additional reseeding, 2 years monitoring) due to future campsite potential.
 - Awaiting written confirmation.
 - Pine Creek
 - Site visit complete Mar. 25th.
 - Reclamation options sent do landowner for consideration Mar 30th. Awaiting response.
- Site visit held with cleaners Mar. 30th to review annual cleaning work
- Five (5) Admin parking lot lights replaced.
- Five (5) PW Shop lights replaced. Lift related HVAC work complete.
- Monthly working group meeting held Mar. 18th.
- Meeting held with CM Mar. 27th to discuss upcoming curbside program. In process of gathering address list.
 - Additional meeting Apr. 1st to discuss depot contract. CM met with CNPCL prior and we have a tentative path forward with CNPCL supplying transfer services to CM for the depot recycling works.
 - Discussing potential of tying in Castle Mountain Resort (CMR) recycling bin to program
- Reviewing transition toolkit provided by CM. More information/releases coming.
- 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.
- Circular Materials notified regarding EPR reporting non-compliance with Paper. Circular Materials has indicated they have been working to resolve via meeting with CNPCL
 - CM is auditing our tickets to Capital Paper/E-360, working to obtain verification from CNPCL.
 - Received and sent Mar. 24th.
- Waste handling contract expiring.

Recommendation:

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for Mar. 19th – Apr. 8th, 2026 is received as information.

Prepared by: David Desabrais

Date: Apr. 7th, 2026

Council Meeting

Date: Apr. 14th, 2026



M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9

Enforcement Services – First Quarter (Q1) Report



Presented to Council – April 14, 2026

Department Overview

Enforcement Services continued to provide proactive and complaint-driven enforcement throughout the first quarter of 2026. The primary focus was on achieving voluntary compliance with municipal bylaws, followed by traffic safety and education.

Statistical Summary

Records Management

- Total Files Opened: 31
- Files Carried Over from 2025: 2
- Files Closed: 25
- Bylaw Related Files: 18
 - 9 (50%) – Animal Control Bylaw
- Provincial Statute Related Files: 8
 - 7 (88%) – Traffic Safety Act

Enforcement Actions

Warning Notices Issued: 7

Violation Tickets Issued: 23

Remedial Orders Issued: 1

Municipal Government Act (MGA) Orders Issued: 0

Key Activities and Highlights

- Continued emphasis on voluntary compliance, resulting in a high percentage of files being resolved without formal enforcement.
- Attended the AACPO Conference in February.
- Pop with a Cop at Lundbreck School February 12 (Grades 1-6) and March 5 (Grades 7-12).
- Attended Coffee with Council in Twin Butte with the South West Rural Crime Watch executive.

Conclusion

Enforcement Services remains committed to maintaining public safety and community standards through a balanced approach of education, compliance, and enforcement. Administration will continue to monitor trends and adjust priorities as needed moving into the next quarter.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

March 23, 2026, to April 10, 2026

Discussion:

- Mar 24 Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
- Mar 25 Employer Pre-Bargaining Meeting
- Mar 25 Stat Road Allowance Development Discussion
- Mar 26 Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
- Mar 27 MD Pincher Creek/Circular Materials Depot and Curbside Discussion
- Mar 31 LOC Process Review Meeting
- Mar 31 Land Lease Project Meeting
- Apr 7 Meeting with Minister Hunter at the Town
- Apr 7 Planning Session
- Apr 7 Subdivision Authority and Municipal Planning Commission Meetings
- Apr 8 Minister Hunter and MLA Petrovic – Funding Announcement
- Apr 9 Safety Inspection – AES/Airport

Upcoming:

- Apr 13 Meeting with Southern Alberta District Officer – RCMP
- Apr 14 Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
- Apr 15 ARMAA Zone 1 Spring Meeting – Lethbridge County
- Apr 16 Lundbreck Hamlet Study Open House

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer’s report for the period March 23, 2026, to April 10, 2026.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, CAO

Date: April 9, 2026

Respectfully presented to: Council

Date: April 14, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

March 20, 2026 to April 9, 2026

Correspondence from the Last Council:

- Minister of Environment and Protected Areas - Deadstock on the Landscape
- Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation – Donation to “Bringing Hearts Home” campaign
- St. Michaels School – Donation to “A Night In Paris”
- Matthew Halton High School – Donation to Provincial Championships

Advertising/Social:

- “Remember to Share the Road” PSA – Large Moving Equipment
- South Canadian Rockies – Tourism Event
- Waterton Biosphere – Day at the Creek Event
- Easter Hours – MD Offices and Eco Centre
- Deadstock Pickup & Removal Project
- Cessation of Municipal Gravel Sales
- Annual Spring Clean-up (Beaver Mines and Lundbreck)
- Lundbreck Hamlet Growth Study Open House – April 16, 2026
- TIPP Program Payment – Change in Date Due to Easter Break
- Request for Proposal – Dust Control Supply and Application
- Closure of Bobby Burns Park – Due to Safety

Other Activities:

- 2026 Newsletter
- Alberta Alert Refresher Training

Invites to Council:

- Carmen Hancock - Waterton Lakes National Park Superintendent – rescheduled to April 28, 2026

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

- Regular Committee, Council – April 14, 2026
- Public Hearing Bylaw 1369-26 – April 14, 2026
- Rural Crime Watch – April 15, 2026 6:30 pm
- Lundbreck Hamlet Study – April 16, 2026 5:30 pm to 7:30pm
- 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: PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT LIBRARY	
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PREPARED BY: JESSICA MCCLELLAND	DATE: April 7, 2026
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DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

		ATTACHMENTS:
Department Supervisor	Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Library Manager re: Revised Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement • 2026-2030 Intermunicipal Library Board Agreement • Letter re: Changes to Library Board Bylaw • Amended Library Bylaw

APPROVALS:

			
Department Director	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:
<p>That the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement, as presented.</p> <p>That the Council accept the changes to the amended Library Board Bylaw.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Background for both documents provided by the Library Manager, in the attachments provided.

<u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</u>

Fw: Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement

From Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Date Thu 2026-03-26 13:31
To Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

 1 attachment (207 KB)

2026-2030 Joint Municipal Agreement - Pincher Creek Municipal Library - Revised Draft.pdf;

For Next Council.

Roland Milligan

Chief Administrative Officer

M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9

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From: Kayla Lorenzen <klorenzen@pinchercreeklibrary.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2026 12:39
To: Konrad Dunbar <cao@pinchercreek.ca>; Roland Milligan <AdminCAO@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; vilocow@cowley.ca <vilocow@cowley.ca>
Subject: Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement

Hello Konrad, Roland, and Tiare,

After the Library Board submitted the new Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement in the fall, the government wanted it to be revised with some specific changes made. The Library Board made the changes that were requested, but decided to have PLSB staff go over the draft of the revised edition before sending it back to all three Councils to be ratified again, so that it only had to go back to the Council's one more time with a version we knew the government would accept.

The new revised version of the Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement, that I have attached here, is compliant, but there is one point, that the three councils could add more detail to if they wish to.

If the council's wanted there could be a bit more detail around 17.1(c) (#13). This part of the agreement involves a new municipality joining the agreement. More detail could revolve around the following suggestions as per the PLSB staff; perhaps the joining municipality needs to make a formal request (and

what does that process look like), any discussions that need to happen around that at the municipal levels, ensuring the joining municipality understands its responsibilities under the Act and Regulation once they join, etc. PLSB staff stated that it's up to the municipalities if they wish to add more to that clause.

The reason that we had to add this point to our agreement, when it wasn't included before, is because recently the government changed the Libraries Act so that four municipalities could create a Joint Intermunicipal Library Board together when previously it had been limited to three. Since we already had three municipalities as a part of our agreement, other municipalities wouldn't have been able to join before the Act was changed. Even now, the options for municipalities that could potentially join this agreement are mostly limited to if Castle Mountain/Beaver Mines/Lundbreck decided to incorporate as villages or maybe potentially the Crowsnest Pass, given that the municipalities that can form a joint intermunicipal library agreement together are kind of limited to all of the municipalities that are located in the boundaries of the same municipal district as one another. When I asked a different PLSB staff member about this, she wasn't entirely sure there was even another municipality that could join our agreement at this time. In theory, yes, but in actuality, maybe not. She wasn't confident that the Crowsnest Pass could join if they wanted to, and that if they did, we would probably have to talk to government about it first.

This is what the Libraries Act states about municipalities joining intermunicipal agreements:

Joining and withdrawing from intermunicipal agreements

11(1) After an intermunicipal library board has been established under section 10, the council of a municipality may, by bylaw, subject to the regulations and the terms of the intermunicipal agreement in respect of that board, authorize the municipality to be

(a) added as a party to the intermunicipal agreement if the agreement is between

(i) no more than 3 municipalities, or

(ii) any number of municipalities located within the existing boundaries of the same municipal district as the municipality,

or

(b) removed as a party to the intermunicipal agreement.

Please let me know if any of the councils would like to have more detail added to point #13 or if they are fine to ratify the revised version of the agreement as is.

Thanks so much and have a wonderful day,

Kayla

Kayla Lorenzen (She/Her)

Library Manager

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INTERMUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2 of the Libraries Act

Memorandum of an agreement made this _____ day of _____ A.D. 2026

BETWEEN:

The Town of Pincher Creek
of the first part

And

The Municipal District of the Pincher Creek No. 9
of the second part

And

The Village of Cowley
of the third part

WHEREAS Part 1, Division 2 of the Libraries Act makes provisions whereby such Councils may, with the consent of the Minister, enter into agreements relating to the provision of a library service; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and proper by Councils and Parties concerned, that such an agreement be entered into.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

1. That the parties hereto agree to establish and operate jointly an intermunicipal library board to be known as The Pincher Creek & District Public Library Board (hereafter referred to as the Board)
2. That the management and operation of the library shall be delegated to the Board constituted as follows:
 - a. 4 members appointed by the Council of the Town of Pincher Creek of which only 1 appointee may be a member of council;
 - b. 4 members appointed by the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 of which only 1 appointee may be a member of council;

- c. 1 members appointed by the Council of the Village of Cowley;
3. That the Board so appointed shall exercise all powers and perform all the duties delegated to an Intermunicipal Library Board under Section 12.4 of the *Libraries Act*.
4. That the parties to this agreement will jointly approve the bylaws of the Board. With the following exception:
 - a. *Libraries Act* 36.1(a) can only be disallowed by the Town of Pincher Creek.
 - b. *Libraries Act* 36.1(b) can be disallowed by any municipal council party to this agreement.
5. That the financing of the Board shall be arranged as follows:
 - a. That the annual budget and estimate of funding for the upcoming year shall be prepared by the Board prior to September 15th of the current year, and provided to Joint Council for review, followed by individual Councils approval;
 - b. The Village of Cowley shall contribute \$1450 annually towards the boards annual approved budget.
 - c. The Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District No. 9 shall contribute equally to the remaining balance towards the Board's annual approved budget.
 - d. These monies shall be due to the Intermunicipal Library Board, half in January and the remainder in July of each year.
6. That an annual financial report shall be conducted in accordance with the *Libraries Act* by a person appointed by the Board and when complete, shall be submitted to each Council that is party to this agreement.
 - a. Consists of a Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Reserves, and any other relevant statements. Appropriate financial notes shall accompany these in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards.
 - b. Provide a Summary of the Financial Review and Opinion to the Board.
 - c. Be prepared and reviewed by a person who is not a Library employee, nor a Board Trustee, nor a Councillor of a municipality that is party to this agreement. They shall be certified, at minimum by a Public Business Accountant; however, a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) is preferred;
7. That the Board or any party to this agreement may propose amendments to this agreement:
 - a. Proposed amendments must be agreed to by at least two parties to this agreement.
 - b. Amendments will be filed with the Minister responsible for libraries.

8. Using the following system, it is hoped that any dispute between the parties to this agreement can be settled:

- Step 1** It is important to avoid any dispute by ensuring the plan is adhered to as adopted.
- Step 2** Should any party to this agreement identify an issue that it wishes to dispute, that party should inform all other parties, in writing, the reasons for its dispute.
- Step 3** Each party to the agreement will appoint a representative, all of whom will constitute an ad hoc Dispute Committee.
- Step 4** The Committee should discuss the issue with the intent to seek a solution by consensus.
- Step 5** Should the Committee be unable to arrive at a consensus, then each Committee representative will contact their chief elected officer to arrange a joint meeting of the councils of the municipalities that are parties to the agreement. Councils will then discuss possible solutions.
- Step 6** Should the councils be unable to reach a solution, any municipality may contact Alberta Municipal Affairs to commence a mediation process under the department's guidance.
- Step 7** In the case where further action under the Act is unavailable, the results of the mediation report will be binding on each municipality.

9. That this agreement shall remain in full effect until December 31, 2030.
- a. This agreement will be amended every five (5) years.
 - b. This agreement may be reopened by any party, with reasons being given to the other parties with 60 days notice in writing.
10. That each party to this agreement contributes as assets and liabilities to the Board those assets and liabilities which each Council and Library Board has invested in the Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library on the day this agreement takes effect.
11. Withdrawal: A party may withdraw from the agreement by giving one year notice by September 15th, one year in advance. If any municipality withdraws from this agreement, it leaves all its assets and liabilities with the Board.
12. If two of the three municipalities, parties to this agreement, wish to dissolve the Intermunicipal Library Board they shall provide notice to all participating municipalities parties to this agreement as well as to the Intermunicipal Library Board, one year in advance to their desired dissolution date and shall proceed in accordance with Section 17.2 of the Libraries Regulations. The final dissolution shall be in accordance to the directions, and the order of the Minister responsible for libraries.

Establish an Intermunicipal Library Agreement
Town/MD/Cowley

13. A party may join the Joint Intermunicipal Library Agreement by giving all municipalities party to this agreement one year notice before September 15th for a joining date of the following January 1st.

14. This agreement comes into effect on the date written above.

Town of Pincher Creek

Mayor

CAO

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

Reeve

CAO

Village of Cowley

Mayor

CAO



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March 26, 2026

Re: change of Library Board bylaw, Section 10 Access to Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act Designated Position.

To:

The M.D. No. 9 Pincher Creek
The Town of Pincher Creek
The Village of Cowley

At a regularly scheduled board meeting of March 26, 2026, the Library board gave first, second and third readings to a bylaw change.

As per the Libraries Act in the Province of Alberta, Section 37(2), Bylaw transmission:

An intermunicipal library board, on passing a bylaw under section 36, shall forthwith forward a copy of the bylaw to the council of each municipality that is a party to the intermunicipal agreement respecting that board.

The council of a municipality may disallow a bylaw passed by a municipal board it has appointed. Section 38

A copy of the bylaws of the Library Board is attached. The changes are all in section 10 (bottom of pg. 4). Section 10 is a new section added to our bylaws to designate the Library Manager position as both the Access to Information Coordinator as per the ATIA and the Privacy Officer as per the POPA. The Library Board respectfully asks the Council to accept this bylaw change.

Once the change has been ratified by all three councils I will start the process of getting signed copies for each council. Thank-you.

On behalf of the Library board,

Kayla Lorenzen,
Library Manager

**SAFETY AND USE BYLAWS OF
THE PINCHER CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Approved by the Board on:

Accepted by Town of Pincher Creek Municipal Council on:

Accepted by M.D. No. 9 of Pincher Creek Municipal Council on:

Accepted by the Village of Cowley Municipal Council on:

The Pincher Creek Public Library Board enacts the following bylaws pursuant to Section 36 of The *Alberta Libraries Act*.

1. Definitions in these bylaws shall mean:
 - 1.1. **Board:** the Pincher Creek Public Library Board aka “The Board”.
 - 1.2. **Applicant:** a person applying for a library card.
 - 1.3. **Cardholder:** the registered user of a current library card.
 - 1.4. **Cardholder Categories:** shall include the following:
 - 1.4.1. Adult: any person 19 years and older.
 - 1.4.2. Children/Youth: any person up to and including 18 years of age.
 - 1.4.3. TAL Card borrower: a cardholder with a current TAL card. This could include non-residents with a card from another library.
 - 1.4.4. ME Libraries borrower: a cardholder whose card is registered in the ME Libraries program. This could include non-residents with a card from another library.
 - 1.5. **Good Standing:** a cardholder with no outstanding overdue items or charges
 - 1.6. **Library Manager:** the person charged by the Board with operation of the Pincher Creek Municipal Library.
 - 1.7. **Library:** The Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library aka “The Library”.
 - 1.8. **Library Resources:** any resources, regardless of format, that are held in the Library’s collection, or borrowed by the Library, and include but are not limited to books, periodicals, audio recordings, video recordings, projected media, paintings, drawings, photographs, toys and games, kits, and electronic databases.
 - 1.9. **Loan Period:** the period of time, as set out in Schedule B, which a cardholder may borrow library resources and includes any renewal of an original loan period.
 - 1.10. **ME Libraries:** A provincial program that allows library card holders to borrow materials from any library in Alberta that participates in the Alberta Public Library Network.
 - 1.11. **Non-resident:** any person who does not have a residence within the service area and does not pay property or business taxes within the service area (see 1.13).
 - 1.12. **Resident:** any person who has a residence within and/or pays property or business taxes within the service area (see 1.13).

- 1.13. **Service Area:** The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No.9., The Town of Pincher Creek, The Village of Cowley, The Piikani Nation, I.D. No. 4 Waterton.
 - 1.14. **TAL Card:** the Alberta Library Card allows a cardholder to borrow materials from any library participating in the Alberta Library Card program.
2. Interpreting the Bylaws
 - 2.1. The Board is a corporation established under the *Libraries Act* Section 3(4) as defined by the *Interpretation Act, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter 1-8*
3. Admittance to/Conduct in the Building
 - 3.1. The building is to be open free of charge to the public for library purposes at the hours posted.
 - 3.2. No person using the library building shall:
 - 3.2.1. Contravene any Board policy
 - 3.2.2. Create any unnecessary disturbance for other library users
 - 3.2.3. Take away any Library item from the building unless the item has been properly checked out in accordance with library circulation policies and procedures.
 - 3.2.4. Go into or stay in the Library outside of those time periods chosen for public use, unless approved by a motion of the Board or at the discretion of the library manager.
 - 3.2.5. Solicit other Library users and staff for personal, commercial, religious, or political reasons.
 - 3.3. Except with the permission of the Library Manager, no person shall:
 - 3.3.1. Consume food or drink while using the public access computers.
 - 3.3.2. Bring any animal, other than a service animal, into the building.
 - 3.3.3. Bring a wheeled vehicle or conveyance, other than a wheelchair, walker, baby carriage or stroller, into the Library.
 - 3.4. Persons who do not act in accordance with 3.2 and 3.3 shall be asked to put an end to their actions. If the action continues or the seriousness of the action justifies it, library staff will direct the person to leave the building. Library staff may also ask for outside assistance, including contacting local law enforcement officers.
 - 3.5. All persons using the Library shall comply with applicable public health regulations.
 - 3.6. No member of the public is to be left in the Library for any purpose without a library staff person or member of the board present at all times. Town of Pincher Creek staff shall have access to the Library in relation to building concerns. Law enforcement officers or fire fighters may have access to the Library under special circumstances.

4. Procedures for Acquiring a Library Card
 - 4.1. Any person may, in accordance with Schedule A, apply for a library card. Non-residents should apply for a library card at their local library. A library card is issued upon:
 - 4.1.1. Completion of an official Pincher Creek Municipal Library card application form.
 - 4.1.2. Presentation of one piece of photo identification or utility bill or bank statement bearing the applicant's permanent address (proof of residency). If a child under 16 is applying for a card, a parent or legal guardian must present the above identification.
 - 4.1.3. Presentation of payment of applicable fees as outlined in Schedule A.
 - 4.2. Applicants will receive a library card which:
 - 4.2.1. Is valid from the date of issue to the date of expiry, unless revoked by the Library Manager under 7.3.
 - 4.2.2. Remains the property of the Pincher Creek Public Library Board.
 - 4.3. An applicant may receive a TAL card if the applicant is a resident cardholder in good standing.
 - 4.4. An applicant may participate in the ME Libraries program if the applicant is a resident cardholder in good standing.
 - 4.5. Personal information collected through the membership application is used to provide library services, manage circulation through an automated system, and generate aggregated data to inform services and resource decisions. This collection is authorized under section 4 of the Protection of Privacy Act.
5. Responsibilities of a Cardholder
 - 5.1. The cardholder named on a library card will be the only person who may use the card. The cardholder may designate alternate people to access his/her Library records or collect holds on his/her behalf.
 - 5.2. Loss or theft of a current library card must be reported immediately to the Library. Cardholders are responsible for all library resources borrowed and all charges attributable before the loss or theft of the library card is reported.
 - 5.3. Cardholders must notify the Library of any change of contact information as soon as possible.
 - 5.4. A cardholder is responsible for all library resources borrowed on their card and will compensate the Library for all library resources damaged or lost while borrowed on their card. In the case of a child or youth, up to age of 16 years, the parent or legal guardian who signed the child/youth cardholder's application form is responsible for all library resources borrowed on that library card and will compensate the Library for all library resources damaged or lost while borrowed on that card.
 - 5.5. A cardholder will return or renew any library resources on or before the due date as provided in Schedule B.

6. Loan of Library Resources
 - 6.1. There is no charge for using library resources on Library premises or borrowing library resources normally lent by the Library, consultation with members of the library staff or receiving basic information service.
 - 6.2. Loan periods for library resources are set out in Schedule B.
 - 6.3. Library resources may be reserved and/or renewed in accordance with procedures established by the Library Manager.

7. Penalty Provisions
 - 7.1. The procedures for demanding the return of overdue resources are set out in Schedule C.
 - 7.2. As per 5.4, cardholders are responsible for all charges resulting from failing to return or the late return of library resources.
 - 7.3. A library card may be denied or revoked if the cardholder fails to satisfy the conditions prescribed in 6 or has previously shown that she/he cannot be trusted with library resources by repeated damage to or loss of library materials, and/or loss or damage assessments.
 - 7.4. In case of serious dereliction, the Board may prosecute an offence under the *Libraries Act, s.41*. Such an offence is punishable under the *Libraries Act, s.41*. The range of penalties applying on conviction for such an offence is set out in Schedule C.
 - 7.5. Any fine or penalty imposed pursuant to an offence under 7.4 belongs to the Pincher Creek Public Library Board in accordance with the *Libraries Act, s.42*.

8. Service and Equipment Rental
 - 8.1 Service and Equipment rental fees are listed in Schedule D.

9. Room Rental Fees
 - 9.1. Charges for the use of Library premises not normally used for public library purposes (i.e. the multi-purpose room) are set out in Schedule E.

10. Access to Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act Designated Position
 - 10.1. Access to Information Act
 - 10.1.1. The Access to Information Coordinator for the Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library shall be the Library Manager.
 - 10.2. Protection of Privacy Act
 - 10.2.1. The Library Manager shall be the Privacy Officer for the Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library.

Read a first time _____

Read a second time _____

Chairman

Treasurer

Read a third time and adopted this __ day of _____, 20__.

SCHEDULE A – Fees for the Issuance of Library Cards

Resident Individual Adult Card Fee (19 years and older)	\$10.00/year
Temporary residents	\$10.00/year (no partial year refund) plus a \$60.00 deposit, refundable when library card and all borrowed items are returned and any fines are paid in full
Children and youth up to 18 years	Free. Youth under 16 need the signature of a parent or guardian
Associations & Businesses	\$50.00/year

Card Fees may be waived at the discretion of the Library Manager – proof of hardships may be required. All library card fees are subject to review.

SCHEDULE B – Loan Periods for Library Resources

1. All circulating resources are loaned for three weeks, with the following exceptions:
 - a. DVDs are loaned for one week.
 - b. Interlibrary loans (i.e. loan of items from libraries outside of the Chinook Arch Regional Library System) are typically loaned for three weeks unless otherwise authorized by the lending library.
2. Renewal Periods: All circulating resources may be renewed a maximum of two times for a total loan of nine weeks, with the exception of DVD recordings which may be renewed twice for a total loan of three weeks.
 - a. Extended due dates may be granted at the discretion of the Library Manager or designate in the event of upcoming travel, anticipated hospitalization or recuperation, or other foreseeable circumstances.
 - b. All renewals are subject to reservations from other cardholders.

SCHEDULE C – Overdue Fines and Procedures for the Return of Overdue Material

C.1 Overdue Fines

1. The Library does not charge overdue fines.

C.2 Procedures for return of overdue materials

1. First and second overdue notices are produced at seven and 14 days overdue. The cardholder is contacted according to stated preference. It is the cardholder's responsibility to keep contact information up to date.
2. A third and final notice is produced 100 days after the item(s) is/are due. This notice declares the item(s) 'lost' and indicates the amount billed. Again the cardholder is contacted according to stated preference. This notice is also printed and mailed to the cardholder.
3. Cardholders who have reached a maximum fine of \$20.00, or have other fees owing totaling an amount greater than \$20.00, will not be allowed to borrow resources until their account is paid.
4. Notwithstanding number 3, accounts may be paid in installments without loss of borrowing privileges and accounts may be reduced or waived under special circumstances at the discretion of the Library Manager.

C.3 Penalties for lost or damaged items

1. The purchase cost as listed in the library's integrated library system (ILS) shall be charged. This charge may be waived if an exact replacement copy in new or pristine condition is provided by the cardholder and with the permission of the Library Manager.
2. In the case of books belonging to other libraries, the other library has the right to set conditions for the penalties for lost or damaged items.

SCHEDULE D – Service and Equipment Fees

Photocopying and Printing	\$0.25/page, black & white \$1.00/page, colour
Faxing	\$1.00/page, sending
Laminating	\$1.50/linear foot, minimum charge of one linear foot
Other charges, such as coffee/tea, book bags, headphones	prices as marked

SCHEDULE E – Multi-purpose Room Rental Fees

Non-profit Organizations and Private Individuals	No charge, unless there is a cost to the library
For-Profit Companies	Fee to be negotiated at time of booking

It is hereby noted these bylaws have been reviewed by the following Councils and have been ratified.

SIGNED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 20__.

TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

Seal

Mayor

CAO

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

Seal

Reeve

CAO

VILLAGE OF COWLEY

Seal

Mayor

CAO

Recommendation to Council



TITLE: COUNCIL REMUNERATION – MISC. MEETINGS

PREPARED BY: JESSICA MCCLELLAND

DATE: January 21, 2026

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

			ATTACHMENTS:
Department Supervisor		Date	

APPROVALS:

Department Director	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That any interested Councillor be authorized to attend, and be compensated for the April 7, 2026, Meeting with Minister Hunter.

That Reeve Lemire be authorized to attend, and be compensated for, the April 13, 2026, meeting with the RCMP Southern Alberta District Officer.

BACKGROUND:




Policy C-CO-001 regarding Councillors and Members at Large Remuneration specifies that a resolution is necessary if Councillors want to be paid for meetings beyond their regular duties.

Two separate meetings were scheduled on a short timeline, so we were unable to receive resolutions prior to the meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Payment for Council members.

Recommendation to Council

TITLE: Corporate Policy C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges			
PREPARED BY: Jessica McClelland		DATE: March 27, 2026	
DEPARTMENT: Administration			
		ATTACHMENTS:	
Department Supervisor	Date	1. Draft Amendments to C-FIN-529	
APPROVALS:			
			
Department Director	Date	CAO	Date

REQUEST:

That Council approve amended Policy C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges.

BACKGROUND:

Administration has been directed to continue the process of updating the Corporate Policy Manual. This policy was sent to all departments for consideration/updates. Changes are highlighted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.



FEEES AND CHARGES

All Items GST Extra Except

* GST Included

** GST Exempt

Approved by Council

Date: August 25, 2015

Revised by Council

Date: October 11, 2016

Revised by Council

Date: January 10, 2017

Revised by Council

Date: July 11, 2017

Revised by Council

Date: April 24, 2018

Revised by Council

Date: May 22, 2018

Revised by Council

Date: May 14, 2019

Revised by Council

Date: May 26, 2020

Revised by Council

Date: July 9, 2024

Revised by Council

Date: December 10, 2024

Revised by Council

Date: March 24, 2026

Administration

Assessment

Appeals

Commercial	\$50.00 Parcel **
Farmland	\$20.00 Parcel **
Industrial	\$500.00 Parcel **
Residential	\$20.00 Parcel **

Assessment Details

Taxpayer or Agent	No Charge
Non Taxpayer	\$10.00 per Parcel **

Assessment Roll Viewing

Taxpayer or Agent	No Charge
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Cash Receipting

Returned Cheque, AFT and EFT	\$25.00
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G.I.S.

Aerial Photography 8 ½" X 11"

Taxpayer or Agent	\$2.50 each
Non Taxpayer	\$5.00 each

Aerial Photography 11" X 17"

Taxpayer or Agent	\$5.00 each
Non Taxpayer	\$10.00 each
Greater than 11" X 17"	
Taxpayer or Agent	\$25.00 each
Non Taxpayer	\$50.00 each
Custom G.I.S. Work	
Taxpayer or Agent	\$50.00 plus \$30.00 pr/hr plus media costs
Non Taxpayer	\$100.00 plus \$30.00 pr/hr plus media costs

Information Requests

Less than 15 Minutes of Staff Time	
Taxpayer or Agent	No Charge
Non Taxpayer	\$25.00
Greater than 15 Minutes of Staff Time	
Taxpayer or Agent	\$25.00 plus \$25.00 per/hr after first hr
Non Taxpayer	\$50.00 plus \$25.00 pr/hr after first hr

Leases

MD Property Varies by Agreement	
Airport	per Year \$1.00 / square meter of lot size
Road Allowance for Each ½ Mile or Less	\$20.00 year *

Maps

Paper Map	
Picked Up	\$10.00 each *
Folded and Mailed	\$12.50 each *
Rolled and Mailed	\$25.00 each *
Laminated Map	
Picked Up	\$20.00 each *
Rolled and Mailed	\$35.00 each *
Map Books	
Picked Up	\$20.00 each *
Mailed	\$30.00 each *
Digital	\$10.00 plus media costs

Photocopies

MD Bylaws/Minutes	\$0.25 per page **
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Taxes

Tax Certificates	\$25.00 Parcel **
Tax Notification Registration	\$25.00 Parcel **applied to Tax Account
Tax Receipts	
Current Year	
Taxpayer or Agent	No Charge
Non Taxpayer	Not for Sale
Prior Years	
Taxpayer or Agent	\$2.00 each **
Non Taxpayer	Not for Sale
Tax Sale	Cost Recovery Plus \$25.00 Parcel ** Applied to Tax Account

Agricultural and Environmental Services

Products

Herbicide	Premix 2,4D/Banvel	\$10.00 10L Jug *
		*Chemicals will be sold to MD residents only

Rentals

Live Skunk Traps	
Returned Within a Month	No Charge
Returned After One Month	\$60.00 each

Livestock Equipment *Weekend Considered as One Day

Electronic Scale	\$40.00 day plus \$60.00 Damage Deposit **
Loading Chute	\$40.00 day plus \$60.00 Damage Deposit **
Panels	\$40.00 day plus \$60.00 Damage Deposit **
Squeeze	\$40.00 day plus \$60.00 Damage Deposit **
Solar Watering System	\$150.00 per two-weeks plus \$150.00 Damage Deposit**
Electric Fencing Unit	\$150.00 per two-weeks plus \$150.00 Damage Deposit**

Services

Weed Spraying Equipment and Operator

Mule (side by side UTV)	\$200.00 pr/hr
Quad (ATV)	\$200.00 *when spraying
	\$100.00 *when picking

Roadside Sprayer	\$200.00 pr/hr
Small Boom Truck	\$200.00 pr/hr
Truck and Spot Sprayer	\$200.00 pr/hr

Planning and Development

Publications

Area Structure Plans

Burmis Lundbreck	\$20.00 each **
Castle Mountain Resort	\$20.00 each **
Oldman River Reservoir	\$20.00 each **
Intermunicipal Dev. Plan	\$15.00 each **
Land Use Bylaw	\$30.00 each **
Municipal Development Plan	\$15.00 each **

Services

Amendments	
Area Structure Plans	\$600.00 each **
Intermunicipal Dev. Plan	\$600.00 each **
Land Use Bylaw	\$600.00 each **
Municipal Dev. Plan	\$600.00 each **

Appeal Fees:

Development	\$600.00 each **
Subdivision	\$600.00 each **
Cash in Lieu of Land	Subdivision Market Value of Land

Development Permits:

Permitted Use	\$100.00 each **
Discretionary Use	\$150.00 each **
Solar Energy System	\$10,000.00 per Titled Parcel ** (Industrial)
WECS Category 1	\$200.00 per Titled Parcel **
WECS Category 2	\$1000.00 per Titled Parcel **
WECS Category 3	\$10,000.00 per Titled Parcel **
MET Towers	\$500.00 each **
<i>Telecommunications Tower</i>	<i>\$200.00 each ** Mailout and Advertising Costs</i>

After Development Commences Double Regular Fee **

Compliance Certificates	\$75.00 for Taxpayers \$100.00 for Agents **
Rezoning/Redesignation Fee	\$1000.00 each **
Road Closures Application	\$600.00 each **

Public Works

Services *A one-time allowance of up to one hour of grading is included per year at no charge. Any time beyond this will be billed at the listed rate.

Utility Permits(Overhead Lines) Company \$200.00**

Road Use Agreements (Non-refundable fee) - Pre and Post inspection and administration \$400.00

Pipeline Crossings of Road Allowances-Permitting and inspections \$400.00

Buried Distribution Electrical and Utility Line Installation

Company -Permitting and inspections \$400.00

Resident - \$50.00

Grader Work for Roads and Driveways ~~\$280.00 hr~~ * Alberta Road Builders Rate plus 20%
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Sign Requests – Cost and Installation plus 20%

Right of Access and Waiver Requests

- a) Approaches \$75.00
- b) Road Allowance \$75.00
- c) Proximity Request \$75.00
- d) Power Lines/Poles \$75.00

Oil, Utilities, Gas and Seismic Activities

~~Approaches~~ ~~\$350.00~~ ** \$400.00

~~Pipeline Crossings~~ ~~\$350.00~~ ** \$400.00

~~Seismic Approvals~~ ~~\$350.00~~ ** \$400.00

~~Rig Moves – Pre Inspec.~~ ~~\$550.00~~ \$600.00

~~Rig Moves – Post Inspec.~~ ~~\$550.00~~ \$600.00

Large Commercial Projects

Pre-Use Roads Inspection \$550.00

Post Use Roads Inspection \$550.00

Snow Plowing \$280.00 pr/hr, prorated *minimum charge \$180

Overweight/Over Dimension Permit ~~Managed by Roadata~~ ~~\$22.50~~

Land/ Crop Disturbance \$250.00/ acre**

~~Approaches- New Approach Approvals~~

~~Permitting and Inspections-includes widening of existing~~ \$400.00

Products

Dust Control

Individual Taxpayers	\$325.00 per 100 Meters **
Commercial	\$720.00 per 100 Meters **

Gravel – *MD no longer provides private gravel sales (resolution. 26/134)*

~~Water Standpipe~~ — **not needed in policy, part of Utility Bylaw 1359-25*

Cowley	\$1.00 100 gallons **
Pincher Creek	\$1.00 100 gallons **
Beaver Mines	\$1.00 100 gallons **

Rick Lemire
Reeve

Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation to Council



TITLE: Nomination of Deputy Director of Emergency Management			
PREPARED BY:		DATE: April 9, 2026	
DEPARTMENT:			
			ATTACHMENTS: 1. Michelle Stuart Bio
Department Supervisor	Date		
APPROVALS:			
		 _____ Roland Milligan	2026-04-09
Department Director	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:

Upon the recommendation of the Emergency Advisory Committee, Council hereby appoints, as a designated officer, Michelle Stuart as Deputy Regional Director of Emergency Management under the Emergency Management Bylaw.

BACKGROUND:

The Pincher Creek Regional Emergency Advisory Committee (for the Town of Pincher Creek, MD of Pincher Creek, and Village of Cowley), at their March 26, 2025, meeting, passed the following resolution:

"That the Emergency Advisory Committee recommend to the Councils of the Partnering Municipalities, the appointment as a designated officer of Michelle Stuart as a Deputy Regional Director of Emergency Management."

The Emergency Management Bylaws of the Partnering Municipalities state:

That upon the recommendation of the Emergency Advisory Committee, Council shall appoint by resolution a Regional Director of Emergency Management and one or more Deputy Regional Directors of Emergency Management.

The Regional Director of Emergency Management shall be, under the Act and Regulations, the director of emergency management for all Partnering Municipalities and the director of the emergency management agency.

Each of the Deputy Regional Directors of Emergency Management shall be a deputy director of emergency management for all Partnering Municipalities and a deputy director of the emergency management agency.

Recommendation to Council

Current DDEM, Brian Millis, Manager of HR and Health & Safety for the Town of Pincher Creek, has indicated his intent to step down as Deputy Director, upon the appointment of a suitable replacement.

A bio for Michelle is attached to this report. Along with recently receiving her ICS 300 training, with the help of Brett Wuth and AEMA, Michelle is also looking take the required course for DEM training.

If Michelle is appointed by all three member municipalities, this leaves PCREMO with Brett Wuth as the director, and Al Roth and Michelle Stuart as deputy directors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The role falls within the scope of work done and budgeted by PCREMO, and as contributed to by the MD.

Michelle Stuart

Michelle Stuart is currently employed with the MD of Pincher Creek as the Health and Safety Specialist, currently serves as Safety Officer for PCREMO, and continues her work as a Primary Care Paramedic with Pincher Creek Emergency Services.

With more than 20 years of experience in emergency services and public safety in Alberta, Michelle has built her career around service, safety, and emergency response. She began with Pincher Creek Emergency Services in 2004 as a volunteer firefighter and, over the years, completed numerous courses and certifications to support her work in emergency services, including NFPA 1001 firefighter training, Basic Emergency Management, ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300, Primary Care Paramedic certification, and certification as a Basic Safety Codes Officer.

Throughout her career, Michelle has worked in fire services, emergency medical services, occupational safety, and industrial emergency response, including roles with Pincher Creek Emergency Services, Coaldale Fire Department, Teck Line Creek Operations, and at Ekati Diamond Mine.

Michelle also took part in the response to the 2017 Waterton Kenow wildfire, where she supported structural protection efforts at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

She brings a great deal of practical experience, a strong background in safety and emergency response, and a genuine commitment to the communities she serves.



RESIDENT TOURISM PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Monday, April 20, 9am-noon
Free lunch provided
Pincher Creek Community Hall

All residents, tourism operators,
and stakeholders in South
Canadian Rockies are invited to
attend this free event!

Join us to discuss tourism in our region and the results of the Resident Sentiment Survey:



Discussion & Updates:

Discuss the results of the Resident Sentiment Survey and what it means for our region.



Ask your questions:

Ask our panelists and speakers questions about tourism in our region.



Free networking lunch:

Free networking lunch provided. Ask questions, engage with fellow residents and business owners, and chat with SCR about our organization and programs.

About Us:

The Destination Management Organization of South Canadian Rockies is comprised of Castle Provincial Park, Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek. The South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association (SCRTA) is the primary voice for tourism in our region. If you are concerned about tourism or involved with a tourism related organization or business in South Canadian Rockies, please consider attending this session.

Agenda and full package will be email upon registration.

Email projects@southcanadianrockies.ca for more info.

**RSVP required by:
Wednesday, April 15**

Please scan the QR code to register via Eventbrite or email:

projects@southcanadianrockies.ca





Dear Valued Municipal Stakeholders,

Tourism plays an important role in the communities that make up the South Canadian Rockies. Visitors are drawn to the landscapes, recreation opportunities, culture and hospitality that define this part of Alberta, and tourism contributes to local businesses, employment and community vitality across the region.

To better understand how tourism is perceived locally, the South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association (SCR) recently participated in a resident sentiment study conducted in collaboration with Travel Alberta. The survey gathered perspectives from residents across the region about tourism's role in their community, the opportunities it creates and the challenges that may accompany growth in tourism and other industries in the area.

The purpose of sharing these findings is to support informed conversations about tourism and community development across the region. Municipal governments play an essential role in shaping how tourism grows and evolves, from infrastructure planning and land use decisions to supporting local businesses and protecting the natural assets that attract visitors.

This package provides a snapshot of key findings from the resident sentiment survey, along with messaging that reflects SCR's approach to sustainable tourism development in the South Canadian Rockies.

SCR values its relationship with municipalities across the region and looks forward to continuing to work together to ensure tourism supports strong communities, healthy landscapes and long-term economic opportunity for the South Canadian Rockies.

SCR would welcome the opportunity to meet with municipal leaders to provide more details on the sentiment survey and the opportunities and challenges related to tourism across the region.

Sincerely,

South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association



Tourism Snapshot: South Canadian Rockies Resident Sentiment Survey

The South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association participated in a resident sentiment study conducted in collaboration with Travel Alberta to better understand how residents view tourism in their communities. The results show strong resident support for tourism alongside recognition that growth must be managed thoughtfully.

Key findings from the 2025 resident sentiment survey include:

Resident awareness of tourism is high

- 90 percent of residents say they are informed about tourism and its impact on their community
- 42 percent say they are very informed about tourism locally

Resident Awareness of Tourism





Tourism is widely recognized as important to local communities

- 87 percent of residents say tourism is important to their community
- Residents recognize tourism's role in supporting the local economy, recreation opportunities and economic diversification

Community pride and advocacy are very strong

- The South Canadian Rockies has a Net Promoter Score of 47, significantly higher than the Alberta average of negative four. Net Promoter Score is a commonly used measure of how likely people are to recommend a place to others. In this case, it reflects strong community pride and positive perceptions of the region, with 60 percent of residents saying they would strongly recommend their community as a place to visit.
- 60 percent of residents are promoters who would strongly recommend their community as a place to visit

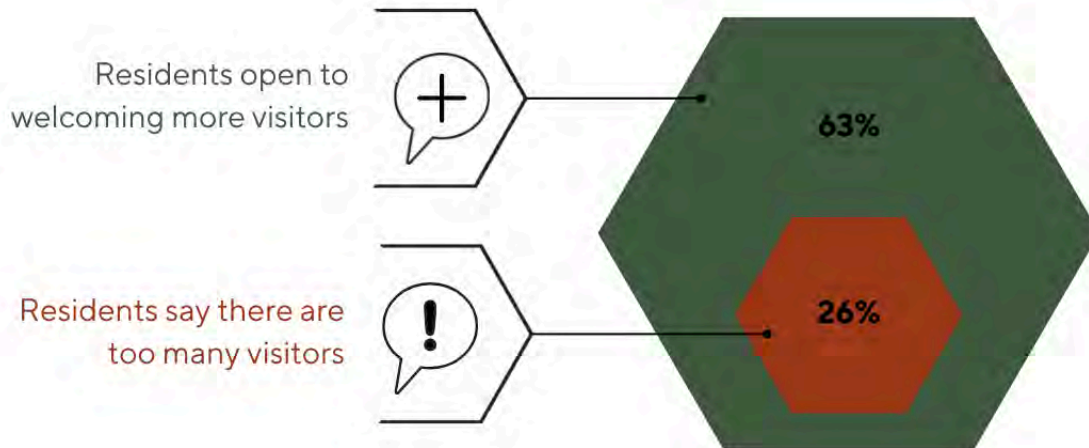
Residents are highly engaged in their communities

- 64 percent of residents report actively participating in community events and activities
- Residents in the South Canadian Rockies report significantly higher community participation than the provincial average

Many residents welcome more visitors

- 63 percent of residents say they would welcome more visitors to their community
- Only 26 percent say there are too many visitors in the summer

Residents' Opinions on Welcoming Visitors

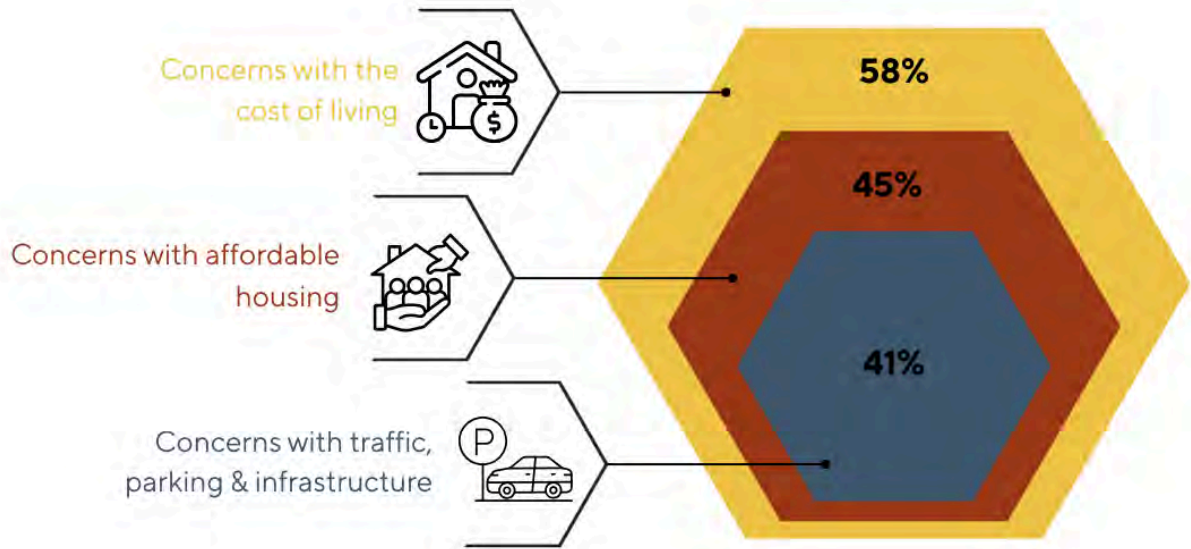


Residents also identify challenges associated with tourism growth and visitation pressures

- 58 percent say tourism increases the cost of living
- 45 percent say tourism makes affordable housing harder to find
- Residents also identify traffic, parking and infrastructure pressures as concerns



Residents' Concerns with Tourism Growth



These findings suggest tourism is broadly supported across the South Canadian Rockies, while also highlighting the importance of balanced and thoughtful planning as visitation grows.

Why This Matters for Municipalities

Tourism is closely connected to many of the issues municipalities in the South Canadian Rockies manage every day, including infrastructure planning, land use decisions, economic development and community wellbeing. As visitation grows across the South Canadian Rockies, municipalities are often at the forefront of balancing opportunities related to tourism with local priorities such as housing availability, transportation infrastructure, environmental protection and quality of life for residents.

The resident sentiment survey provides insight into how communities across the region view tourism today. It highlights strong local support for tourism while also identifying areas where thoughtful planning and collaboration will be important as visitation increases.



For municipal leaders, these findings provide useful context as communities consider how tourism fits into broader conversations about growth, infrastructure and long-term regional development.

Key Themes from the South Canadian Rockies Resident Sentiment Study

The resident sentiment survey provides insight into how tourism is experienced by communities across the South Canadian Rockies. The findings highlight strong community pride, recognition of tourism’s economic role and a desire among residents to ensure tourism growth remains sustainable.

Strong community connection and engagement

Residents in the South Canadian Rockies report very high levels of engagement in their communities and local activities. Sixty-four percent of residents say they actively participate in community events and activities, significantly higher than the provincial average. This reflects a population that is closely connected to local recreation, culture and outdoor experiences.

Strong Community Connection and Engagement

SCR residents are significantly more engaged than the Alberta average.

64% of SCR Residents' Active Community Participation



39% Alberta-wide Active Community Participation





Residents also report high satisfaction with key elements of community life, including recreation opportunities and unique experiences. Quality of life, recreation opportunities and unique experiences are rated significantly higher than provincial averages.

Tourism contributes to recreation and community vibrancy

Residents recognize the role tourism plays in supporting amenities, services and experiences that benefit both visitors and locals. Many residents say tourism contributes positively to recreation opportunities, events and activities in their community. Tourism also helps support businesses and services that contribute to vibrant communities.

Tourism is viewed as an important economic opportunity for the region

Residents identify tourism as an important industry supporting economic opportunity and diversification in the region. Tourism contributes to local businesses, employment and services that benefit residents as well as visitors. Residents also recognize tourism's role in supporting the broader regional economy.

Residents emphasize that tourism growth should be balanced

While residents generally support tourism, the survey also highlights several areas of concern. Housing availability, cost of living and pressure on local infrastructure are frequently identified as challenges associated with tourism growth. Residents also emphasize the importance of protecting natural landscapes, trails and outdoor spaces that attract visitors to the region.

The findings also point to the importance of managing the pace and scale of tourism development to ensure it reflects community needs and capacity. As visitation grows, there is an increased focus on avoiding overcrowding in popular areas, maintaining access to local amenities and ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with demand.

Residents' feedback suggests that future tourism development should be thoughtful and aligned with local priorities, with an emphasis on sustainability, appropriate scale and long-term community benefit. This includes supporting development that responds to demonstrated need, enhances the visitor experience and contributes positively to the communities that host it.

Opportunities identified by residents



Residents identified several areas where tourism development and visitor infrastructure could be strengthened. These include infrastructure improvements such as transportation and parking, expanded accommodation options, protection of natural areas and additional tourism amenities including trails, events and year-round activities.

Residents also expressed interest in stronger visitor education and information to help ensure visitors understand how to respect local communities and natural environments.

These insights highlight the importance of managing tourism in a way that supports economic opportunity while protecting community well-being across the South Canadian Rockies.

What the Findings Mean for Communities

The survey results suggest several considerations for communities across the South Canadian Rockies.

Tourism is supported, but expectations are high. Residents value tourism and recognize its economic benefits, but they expect tourism growth to reflect community priorities and protect local quality of life.

Infrastructure planning will play an important role. Transportation, parking, visitor services and other infrastructure will be important for managing visitor activity and ensuring positive experiences for both residents and guests.

Housing and tourism conversations are increasingly linked. Workforce housing and affordability are common challenges across tourism destinations. Addressing these challenges will help support tourism businesses and maintain livable communities.

Environmental stewardship remains central. Residents consistently emphasize protecting natural landscapes, trails and outdoor spaces that define the region's appeal.

Core Tourism Messaging

Municipal leaders frequently engage in conversations about tourism, growth and development. The following messages reflect SCR's approach to sustainable tourism and may be helpful in discussions about tourism's role in the region.



SCR's communications about tourism are guided by a balanced approach that reflects economic opportunity, community wellbeing and environmental stewardship.

- **Tourism supports local communities and regional economic development.** Tourism is a long-term economic driver supporting local businesses, employment and economic diversification across the South Canadian Rockies.
- **Strong communities support strong tourism.** Thriving communities are essential to a thriving visitor economy.
- **Tourism growth should be balanced.** Tourism development must protect natural landscapes, respect community values and contribute to long-term sustainability.
- **Tourism co-exists with other industries.** The South Canadian Rockies region has long supported a variety of industries, including agriculture, forestry and mining, alongside tourism.
- **Tourism opportunities exist year-round.** The region offers experiences across all seasons, supporting economic stability and diversified visitation.

Talking Points for Municipal Leaders

- Tourism supports local businesses, jobs and economic opportunity across the South Canadian Rockies.
- Residents in the region generally support tourism and recognize the benefits it brings to their communities.
- At the same time, residents expect tourism to grow in ways that protect community character, natural landscapes and quality of life.
- The goal is not growth at any cost. The goal is well-managed tourism that benefits both residents and visitors.
- Regional collaboration between municipalities, tourism organizations and industry partners will help ensure tourism development continues to reflect the priorities of local communities.

SCR's Role in the Region

The South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association serves as a regional tourism organization supporting communities, tourism operators and partners across the region.

SCR's role includes promoting the region as a tourism destination, supporting tourism operators and local businesses, sharing research and insights related to tourism trends



and visitor activity, and contributing a tourism perspective to regional discussions affecting visitor experiences and tourism sustainability.

SCR works collaboratively with municipalities, industry partners, Travel Alberta and government organizations to ensure tourism development reflects the long-term interests of the region and its communities. As a regional partner of Travel Alberta, SCR plays an active role in connecting provincial strategy with local priorities, serving as a conduit for research, insights and coordinated tourism initiatives across the South Canadian Rockies.



BCLA OPEN HOUSE 2026

Environmentally Significant Areas, Ecological Connectivity and Municipal Development

WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2026, starting at 1:00 PM

WHERE: Boundary Creek Community Hall, 12074 Range Road 270, Cardston County, Alberta / <https://maps.apple/p/zPmjXxjWttIkuI> / GPS Location: 49.040539, -113.475599

PURPOSE: The BCLA Open House provides an opportunity for the Boundary Creek community and guests to meet, visit and learn about various topics of interest to the community. This year's Open House will include presentations on Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) and Ecological Connectivity. The presentations will provide an opportunity to learn and discuss how ESAs have evolved since the 1980s, and how ESAs and ecological connectivity are currently being applied by some Alberta municipalities to inform their planning and development decisions. Both speakers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in this important area of interest.

AGENDA:

- The History & Evolution of Environmentally Significant Areas in Alberta; Presenter: Shari Clare, Fiera Biological Consulting, Edmonton, AB
- Refreshment Break
- From Maps to Management: Integrating Ecological Connectivity into Local Planning; Presenter: Danah Duke, Miistakis Institute, Calgary, AB
- Closing Remarks

IF you plan to attend, please RSVP to info@boundarycreekland.ca so we can plan accordingly.



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Date: March 25, 2026

To: Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer
MD of Pincher Creek
Heron St., Pincher Creek, AB

Subject: Expression of Interest – Acquisition of Fleet Vehicle

Dear Rolland,

The Pincher Creek Foundation would like to express its interest in acquiring a fleet truck should the MD of Pincher Creek consider the disposal or trade-in of any truck within your fleet.

As a Housing Management Body serving our community, we operate and maintain multiple residential facilities within the Town of Pincher Creek. A reliable vehicle is an essential resource for our Maintenance Department to effectively carry out these responsibilities.

Should there be any upcoming plans to liquidate, replace, or return fleet trucks to a dealer, we would appreciate the opportunity to be considered prior to final disposition. We are open to discussing valuations and any applicable terms or timelines that align with your processes.

We value the strong working relationship between our organizations and appreciate your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me directly should you require any additional information or wish to discuss further.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Annie Lok
Chief Administrative Officer
Pincher Creek Foundation
cao@pcfound.ca



ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Minister
MLA, Peace River

April 2, 2026

I am pleased to share that today, our government introduced Bill 28 the Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026. Bill 28 makes amendments to the *Municipal Government Act* to modernize municipal rules, improve clarity and consistency, and strengthen service delivery.

Rather than addressing issues piecemeal, Alberta's government is proposing a single, comprehensive package of changes that reflects how interconnected municipal systems are. The proposed amendments are organized around five themes:

- growth and housing – *how communities expand*;
- assessment and property tax – *how services are paid for fairly*;
- governance and accountability – *who is responsible and to whom*;
- municipal transparency – *how municipalities make decisions and operate day to day*, and
- public institutions – *how essential public services are governed and protected*.

Together, these five themes form a coherent approach to modernizing municipal legislation, solidifying local governance, and supporting communities across Alberta.

Growth and Housing

The proposed changes will accelerate construction to build more homes faster by improving transparency, reducing red tape, and lowering development costs by:

- clarifying the application of off-site levies; and
- requiring permit timeline reporting to be posted on municipal websites.

Also included are amendments related to “Automatic Yes” frameworks, which will allow municipalities to fast-track low-risk development permits, increasing predictability for builders and helping accelerate housing construction across Alberta. Future regulation will build on this work by restricting particular non-statutory studies in the development process to further streamline approvals.

In addition, charter schools will be treated consistently with other publicly funded schools by enabling access to municipal and school reserve land, supporting parental choice in education.

The proposed changes would also allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs to set requirements for community design codes that municipalities may choose to adopt, helping streamline approvals for developments that meet established land-use and design standards while preserving local decision-making.

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Assessment and Property Tax

The proposed legislative amendments will implement some of the decisions from the recently completed policy phase of the Assessment Model Review. These decisions will lay the foundation to modernize the regulated property assessment system and promote fairness for municipalities and industries by:

- clarifying the rules that determine which costs are assessable, which will improve consistency and reduce assessment appeals;
- enabling greater use of standardized rates for regulated properties, which will increase predictability and efficiency of assessment;
- applying penalties to property owners who fail to report timely property information; and
- establishing a regular cycle for review of assessment models.

More details about the outcomes of the policy phase of the Assessment Model Review are being sent to you under separate cover.

Using the updated rules and policies, new models for assessing individual types of regulated properties will now be developed to better reflect current costs, technology and construction practices. The work for this next phase of the Assessment Model Review will be undertaken over the next two years, and will continue to involve significant input from municipal, industry and assessment stakeholders.

In addition, the proposed amendments will prevent municipalities from taxing Albertans on similar homes differently based solely on whether or how they are occupied.

Governance and Accountability

Alberta's government is proposing to strengthen accountability and integrity in local government by creating a provincial councillor accountability framework. The framework will govern issues such as pecuniary interest, unauthorized use of municipal assets, disclosure of confidential information, egregious behaviour, threatening behaviour and improper use of influence.

Under the proposed framework, complaints will be investigated by an independent third-party, ensuring impartial, timely resolution of issues before they escalate, and a roster of commissioners will be appointed by the province to hear appeals.

In addition, proposed changes will update the process for viability reviews by making the vote of electors a plebiscite (non-binding vote) with final decisions on dissolution at Cabinet's discretion. This will apply to viability reviews that are already underway where a vote of electors has not yet occurred, as well as any future reviews.

Municipal Transparency

The proposed changes will improve transparency by requiring municipalities to publicly disclose the salaries of municipal staff above a specified threshold, aligning practices with other public sector disclosure standards.

In addition, proposed changes will allow rural, small urban, and specialized municipalities to show policing costs as a separate line on property tax notices, improving transparency for residents.

A province-wide framework for councillor information requests, requiring timely access to readily available information and consistent sharing of broader information with all councillors will strengthen councils' ability to govern effectively and make informed decisions. Councils will also be able to adopt local policies to manage significant information requests in a practical, sustainable way.

The proposed changes will also modernize governance and operations of Business Improvement Areas, including flexibility for interim appointments, electronic notifications, and in-year budget changes, to reduce red tape, improve flexibility and help commercial districts stay vibrant and responsive to local needs.

Public Institutions

The proposed amendments will clarify how municipalities govern and oversee municipal public utilities, establishing that municipalities may be required by regulation to transfer control and operations of a municipal public utility to a public utility entity, such as a regional services commission or a municipally controlled corporation.

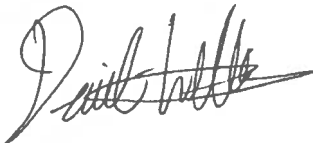
I invite you to read Bill 28. A copy of the bill can be found here:

<https://www.assembly.ab.ca/assembly-business/bills/bill?billinfoid=12124&from=bills>

Additional information about the proposed amendments is also available here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/modernizing-municipal-legislation-across-the-province>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs



ALBERTA

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Minister

MLA, Peace River

AR121809

April 1, 2026

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

Municipal Affairs has been working collaboratively in recent years with industry representatives, professional assessors, and municipal partners to modernize Alberta's regulated property assessment framework through the Assessment Model Review (AMR). One important phase of this work has now been completed, and I am pleased to share policy updates that aim to simplify rules, reduce uncertainty, and improve consistency, transparency, and fairness across the system.

Most regulated property assessment models covering wells, pipelines, telecommunications systems, electric power systems, machinery and equipment, and railways, were last updated in 2005. As you may be aware, the last time the assessment models were reviewed in 2020, government opted not to proceed with proposed changes.

Based on a renewed engagement process designed by stakeholders, the AMR process re-launched in March 2024 with a review of the foundational policies that guide Alberta's regulated assessment system. These policy updates are a major milestone and set the stage for the next phase.

Key decisions include:

- standardizing assessment rates, where feasible, to make assessments more predictable;
- updating assessment models on a regular schedule to reflect changes in technology and construction practices;
- setting more consistent rules by clarifying when construction is considered finished for purposes of assessment, making sure actual construction costs are included with tightly-defined exclusions, and creating a provincial benchmark to fairly adjust labour-related construction costs in remote areas; and,
- introducing penalties for owners who do not provide required assessment information on time.

The rules will be effective for the 2027 tax year, and will apply to facilities built or expanded after that date. These rules will also be applied in the development of updated assessment models for each individual regulated property type as they are reviewed. Accordingly, we do not expect there to be significant assessment changes in 2027 and 2028 resulting from these policy changes.


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Looking ahead, through the next phase of the AMR, we will continue to work with stakeholders to update the assessment models – the rules, rates and procedures for determining valuation – for individual regulated property types. These reviews will be followed by broad and direct engagement with municipalities and industry to consider the impacts of the new assessment models on revenue.

Your municipality will be directly engaged on the overall results of the AMR and the potential impacts of updated assessments. This is an upcoming phase of the AMR process; engagement will focus on implementation of these policy changes. The final decision by government on any changes to assessment models is expected to occur in late 2028.

Attached is a fact sheet summarizing the policy changes, and a frequently asked question document for your use. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your municipal associations on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Dan Williams, ECA
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Attachment:

1. Fact sheet
2. Frequently Asked Questions

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

Frequently asked questions

Assessment Model Review – Policy Changes

Municipal Affairs is updating the rules that govern regulated property assessments in Alberta as part of the Assessment Model Review. These amendments reflect the input of municipalities, industry, and professional assessors, and aim to simplify rules, reduce ambiguity in interpretation and improve consistency, transparency, and fairness.

Why do assessment models need to be updated now?

Many regulated property types have changed substantially since the last major updates in 2005.

Construction methods, materials, and costs have evolved significantly, and models must reflect current industry practices.

New technologies in several sectors are not recognized or costed in existing models.

Modernizing the models improves fairness, consistency, and transparency in how industrial property is valued.

Updated models ensure clearer rules and valuations that better reflect how today's industrial assets are built and operated.

Which properties are expected to be impacted by the policy changes?

The policy changes are expected to impact regulated property, which includes telecommunications and cable, railways, electric power systems wells, pipelines, and machinery and equipment.

Can you outline the policy changes being implemented and what they are meant to address?

These changes are intended to modernize and reduce ambiguity by clarifying definitions, improving transparency, and aligning assessment rules with current practices.

Clarified rules will allow new assessment models to be developed for each regulated property type. Key policy changes that are being implemented include:

- standardizing assessment rates, where feasible, to make assessments more predictable.
- updating assessment models on a regular schedule to reflect changes in technology and construction practices.
- setting more consistent rules by clarifying when construction is considered finished for purposes of assessment, making sure actual construction costs are included, and creating a

provincial benchmark to fairly adjust labour related construction costs in remote areas; and

- introducing penalties for owners who do not provide required assessment information on time.

Who was consulted and how were they engaged before these policy changes were implemented?

Since 2022, Municipal Affairs has worked collaboratively with a Steering Committee of industry representatives, professional assessors, and municipal partners including Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and Alberta Municipalities, to modernize Alberta's regulated property assessment framework through the Assessment Model Review.

The recent policy updates reflect their contributions and aim to simplify rules, reduce uncertainty, and improve consistency, transparency, and fairness across the system.

How will these changes affect the tax burden for industry and municipalities?

The first stage of the Assessment Model Review was focused on modernizing the system's principles and foundational policies while providing directions to stakeholders on how the assessment system will function ahead of the next stage.

The updated rules will be effective for the 2027 tax year and will apply to facilities built or expanded after that date, as well as to the assessment models for individual regulated property types as they are developed.

Municipal Affairs does not expect significant assessment changes in the 2027 and 2028 tax years resulting from these policy changes.

How will the transition to new rules work?

The updated rules will be effective for the 2027 tax year and will apply to facilities built or expanded after that date, as well as to the assessment models for individual regulated property types as they are developed.

This avoids retroactive changes and provides a predictable transition for property owners.

What are the next steps following these policy changes?

Over the next few years, Municipal Affairs will continue to work with stakeholders to update the assessment models – the rules and procedures for determining the valuation – for individual regulated property types.

These reviews will be followed by broad and direct engagement with municipalities and industry to consider the impacts of the new assessment models on revenue.

The final decision by government on implementation of any changes to assessment models is expected to occur in late 2028.

Why does Alberta use a regulated assessment standard based on construction costs instead of market value standard like residential assessments?

Alberta uses a regulated assessment standard to ensure uniformity and equity across municipalities, especially for complex industrial properties where comparable market data is limited or unreliable.

The cost-based approach avoids market fluctuations and provides a stable valuation for municipalities and property owners and reduces the risk of sudden shifts in property values.

Assessment Model Review

Policy Updates – March 2026

Overview

Municipal Affairs is updating the policies that govern regulated property assessments in Alberta as part of the ongoing Assessment Model Review. The changes aim to simplify rules, reduce ambiguity, and improve consistency and fairness of assessments. These updated policies reflect the input of municipalities, industry, and professional assessors.

Clearer rules and standardized assessment practices will improve transparency and predictability, while helping reduce disputes and assessment appeals. The updated system balances the needs of municipalities and industry by applying consistent approaches across regulated property types.

Assessment Models

Clarifying the foundational policies governing the assessment system allows the Assessment Model Review to move to its next phase: updating assessment models to better align with current practices, infrastructure, and technology.

Assessment models are the rules and procedures that determine how each type of regulated property is valued for property taxation purposes. The models for most types of regulated property, including wells, pipelines, telecommunications systems, electric power systems, machinery and equipment, and railways, were last updated in 2005.

Key Changes

Standardization

Standardized rates will be prepared and used wherever feasible and these rates will be developed for new property types where they do not currently exist, such as solar installations, and for existing properties where there are typical configurations of multiple components, such as wellsites. If it is unfeasible to calculate a standardized rate, site-specific reported costs will continue to be used.

The modernization and expansion of standardized rates will improve the consistency and efficiency of assessments, while providing municipalities and property owners with greater predictability.

Assessment Rules for Construction Costs

Regulated assessment is based on construction costs, and these policy updates have clarified which construction costs are assessable.

Construction will be considered complete when physical construction ends, and the assessment will not include pre-construction expenditures or post-build commissioning costs.

Most actual construction costs will be included in the assessment, reflecting the owner's capital investment in the asset. Exclusions will be tightly defined, focusing on costs due to extraordinary events and mandatory safety requirements, for example.

A provincial benchmark will be created to fairly adjust labour-related construction costs in remote areas.

These changes reduce ambiguity and align assessments with actual costs. They clarify rules for stakeholders, reduce complaints, limit subjective claims, and improve comparability and equity across properties, including those in remote areas.

Depreciation

When updated assessment models are developed, they will continue to include both a ceiling and floor limit for depreciation of machinery and equipment under Schedule C of the assessment formula.

This incentivises up-front capital investment by industry and supports long-term revenue in later years for municipalities. It provides scope clarity for assessment model development, reducing stakeholder uncertainty.

Specific assessment models for mature oil and gas assets will be developed as part of the next phase of the model review. Depreciation curves and other factors will be updated to better reflect the characteristics of these assets.

Reporting Consequences

Assessed persons may receive an administrative penalty (fine) when mandatory reporting is not provided to an assessor within 60 days of a formal request.

In these cases, the property owner will also lose the ability to appeal the assessment to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

This will improve assessment accuracy and fairness, boost reporting and legislative compliance, and encourage proactive property owner disclosure.

Review Schedule

Following the current Assessment Model Review, models will be updated on a regular, predetermined schedule (e.g., one to two property types a year) with each property type reviewed on a five-year cycle.

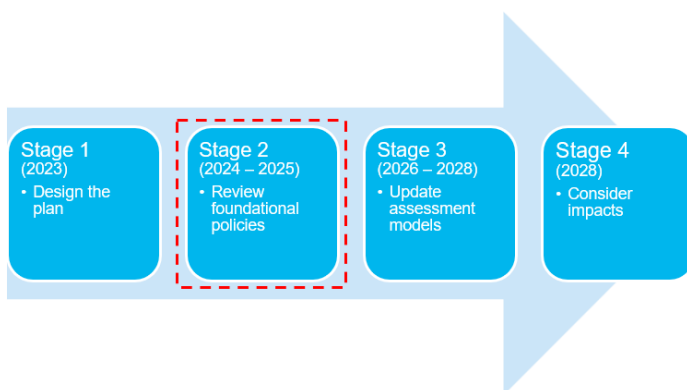
This change keeps assessment models current, captures modern technologies and construction practices, and reduces system shock resulting from delayed updates or overly broad changes.

Transition Rules

These policy changes will take effect on January 1, 2027, and will apply to new facilities assessed on a reported cost basis; assessments for existing major facilities will remain unchanged. The new rules will be applied to assessment models, including standardized rates, as they are updated in the next phase of the Assessment Model Review.

AMR Timeline

These changes mark the end of the policy review stage and move the Assessment Model Review forward into the next phase, which focuses on individual model reviews.



Next Steps

Updates to legislation and regulation to reflect these policy decisions are expected in spring 2026.

Municipal Affairs will work with industry, municipal and assessment stakeholders to begin reviews of the assessment models for individual regulated property types in 2026.

Resources

Stakeholders can follow the progress of the AMR on the at [Assessment Model Review engagement | Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/assessment-model-review-engagement)

Contact us

For inquiries during the AMR process, please contact the AMR Team toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, then 780-422-1377, or at ma.amr@gov.ab.ca.

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March 27th, 2026

To:

The Honourable Premier of Alberta
Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors
Members of the Legislative Assembly Representing Southern Alberta
Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors – Southern Region

Re: Submission of Petition – Highway 3 Interim Access Management Redesign

Dear Premier and Honourable Ministers,

On behalf of the Highway 3 Resident & Landowner Coalition, I am submitting the attached petition containing **104 signatures** from residents, adjacent landowners, agricultural operators, and community members along the Highway 3 corridor. This petition requests that the Government of Alberta and Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors (TEC) **redesign the interim access management plans to align with Rural Arterial Divided (RAD) standards** and protect existing access until full freeway conditions are justified.

The current interim access designs introduce disconnected service roads, consolidated accesses, and changes that significantly impact irrigated farmland, farm operations, local safety, and long-standing access patterns. These impacts were clearly highlighted during TEC's own 2024 Preliminary Design Engagement; however, the current designs do not reflect or address the documented concerns of corridor stakeholders.

We respectfully ask the Province to:

- 1. Align interim access plans with RAD design standards.**
- 2. Provide agricultural median crossings where required.**
- 3. Halt construction of unnecessary service roads that prematurely sever irrigated farmland.**
- 4. Revise access plans in direct response to TEC's engagement findings.**
- 5. Complete a corridor-wide review to ensure decisions reflect current land use and operational needs.**

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with TEC representatives, MLAs, and relevant officials to discuss these concerns and solutions further.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lane Palichuk

On behalf of the **Highway 3 Resident & Landowner Coalition**

Highway 3 Interim Access Management Concerns

Overview

Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors (TEC) is proceeding with a freeway style controlled interim access management plan as part of the Highway 3 Twinning Project. While the Coalition supports twinning, the current interim access design does not follow the Rural Arterial Divided (RAD) standards appropriate for twinned highways that are **not yet functioning as freeways**.

Key Issues

1. **Loss of Critical Agricultural Access.** The interim plan proposes the removal or consolidation of multiple resident and farm accesses, forcing operators into long detours or requiring use of new disconnected service roads that cut through productive irrigated farmland.
2. **Premature Construction of Service Roads**
Several proposed service roads are unnecessary during the interim phase and will permanently fragment farmland, reduce efficiency of farm/ranch operations, businesses and increase safety risks.
3. **Misalignment With Stakeholder Feedback**
During TEC's 2024 Preliminary Design Engagement, corridor landowners and residents raised extensive concerns regarding safety, travel distances, access removal, impacts on irrigation operation, and agricultural equipment movement. Despite this, the interim design appears unchanged.
4. **Lack of Corridor-Wide Consistency**
The interim access plan treats different portions of the corridor inconsistently, with some areas receiving RAD-style crossings while others do not. A unified corridor-wide review is needed.

Requested Solution

The Coalition urges the Province to revise the interim design to:

- Match RAD access spacing and crossing standards.
- Provide necessary agricultural median crossings.
- Avoid or minimize service roads until full freeway conversion occurs.
- Incorporate the engagement findings TEC collected from landowners.

- Complete a corridor-wide assessment ensuring that interim decisions reflect present-day land use, agricultural operations, safety, and community needs.

Conclusion

The residents and landowners along Highway 3 are not opposed to twinning. The request is simply for a practical, safe, and agriculture-respectful interim design that aligns with Alberta's own established standards until a full freeway is warranted.

Signature Verification Statement

Signature Verification Statement

This petition contains **104 signatures** gathered from residents, adjacent landowners, agricultural operators, and community members affected by the Highway 3 interim access management plan. All signatures were collected voluntarily and represent individuals with a stake in the Highway 3 corridor and the impacts of the proposed access changes.

Petition to Redesign Interim Access Management on Highway 3 – Submitted to the Premier of Alberta and Minister of Transportation

Petition to Redesign Interim Access Management on Highway 3

PETITION TO REDESIGN INTERIM ACCESS MANAGEMENT ON HIGHWAY 3 TO COMPLETELY ALIGN WITH RURAL ARTERIAL DIVIDED (RAD) STANDARDS AND MAINTAIN EXISTING ACCESS AS REQUIRED UNTIL FULL FREEWAY CONDITIONS ARE JUSTIFIED.

To:

The Premier of Alberta

The Honourable Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors

Members of the Legislative Assembly representing southern Alberta

Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors (TEC) – Southern Region

Cypress County, County of Forty Mile, MD of Taber, and other affected municipalities

We, the undersigned residents, adjacent landowners, agricultural operators, and community members along the Highway 3 corridor, petition the Government of Alberta and Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors (TEC) to:

- 1. Redesign Highway 3 interim access to match a Rural Arterial Divided (RAD) standard.**
- 2. Provide agricultural median crossings where residents, land use, and operations require them during the initial twinning phase.**
- 3. Halt construction of unnecessary service roads that prematurely sever irrigated farmland.**
- 4. Revise access plans in direct response to documented landowner engagement summary concerns.**

5. Conduct a corridor-wide review ensuring access decisions reflect current needs, minimize agricultural impact, and maintain safety.

Landowner Engagement Findings:

During the 2024 Preliminary Design Engagement, TEC documented significant corridor-wide concerns from residents and adjacent landowners. Feedback was gathered specifically to inform the preliminary design, yet the access strategies that generated these concerns remain unchanged in the designs now being presented.

Background:

Highway 3 twinning projects include service roads, intersection reconstructions, and consolidated accesses that significantly impact agricultural land. Documented landowner concerns from engagement sessions remain unaddressed, and access strategies continue unchanged.

Highway 3 Twinning Project Interim RAD Alignment Petition

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4	Richard Harty	NW-1-5-9-W4	Richard Harty	Mar 18/26
5	David Sergeant	SW 1/4-25-11-07-W4	D. Sergeant	Mar 18/26
6	Sandra Sergeant	SW 1/4-25-11-07-W4	S. Sergeant	Mar 18/26
7	Heather Petrie	NW 35 10 8 W4	Heather Petrie	Mar 18/26
8	Meredith Petrie	NW 35 10 8 W4	Meredith Petrie	Mar 18/26
9	Yolene Watson	SW-30-11-06-W4	Yolene Watson	MAR 18 2026
10	Rue Fischer	16-6232 TWP 121A	Rue Fischer	Mar 18/2026
11	Kelly Fischer	16-6232 TWP 121A	Kelly Fischer	Mar 18/2026
12	Jennifer McIntosh	218 Drimmer St	Jennifer McIntosh	March 18/26
13	Erin Scott	" "	Erin Scott	March 18/26
14	Sage Watson	SW-19-11-7 W4	Sage Watson	March 18/26
15	Jamie Palichuk	607 Tokar Road ^{Seven} Persimmon ^{gan} Pub	Jamie Palichuk	March 18/26
16	Albert Cramer	12118 Range rd. 63	Albert Cramer	March 18/26
17	Doug Anderson	6521 B Hwy #3, Cypress	Doug Anderson	18 MAR 26
18	Sheila Anderson	6521 B Hwy #3	Sheila Anderson	18 MAR 26
19	TRACY WHITE	11507 RR 63	Tracy White	18/MAR/26
20	GEORGE STRIGLEY	11507 RR 63	George Strigley	18/MAR/26

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4	Michael Ost	7001 42 TWP RD 112		March 18/26
5	Rob Steinhilber	209 FOSTER ST PERROSS		March 18/26
6	D. Brian Scholten	11013 RR 80		Mar 18/26
7	Reid Scholten	11013 RR 80		Mar. 18/26
8	Brooke Tschetter	6316 TWP RD 112		Mar 18/26
9	Cole Kirchner	402 Railway		Mar 18/26
10	Bryony George	6223 TWP RD 122		Mar 18/26
11	Thomas Daborn	6223 TWP RD 122		Mar 18/26
12	Orland Wieler	7009 Highway 3		Mar 18/26
13	Andrew Wieler	7009 Highway 3		Mar 18, 2026
14	Nell MacKinnon	8014 Hwy 3		Mar 18 2026
15	Emmi Wieler	7009 HWY 3		Mar 18/26
16	Kelly Creasy	6230 TWP RD 121A		Mar 18/2026
17	Lane Palichuk	607 Tokar Road		Mar 18/2026
18	Matt Seitz	75002 RR 63 County Forty Mile		Mar 18/26
19	GERALD SCHNEIDER	11416 RR 71		Mar 18/26
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3	Paul Blasetti	7019 Township 112 Cypress County	<i>Paul Blasetti</i>	Mar. 18/26
4	Sharon Westerlund	7215 Highway 3 Cypress County	<i>Sharon Westerlund</i>	Mar 18/26
5	CLAY WESTERLUND	7215 HWY 3 CYPRESS COUNTY	<i>Clay Westerlund</i>	MAR 18/26
6	Michael Paget (Petrie)	NW 35 10 B W 4	<i>Michael Paget</i>	March 18/26
7	Lelia Vander	10531 RR 81	<i>Lelia Vander</i>	Mar 18/26
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4	Hil Krueger	11002 ^{RANGE} RD 75		MAR 18/26
5	LISEERLE	7402 TWP RD 112		Mar 18/26
6	Joy Huffadine	11206 RR63		Mar 18/26
7	Sudni Heidinge	22 nd Ave, SP.		Mar 18/26.
8	Taylor LOFUGUS	7111 Highway 3		march 18/26
9	Trenton Doerksen	12110 RR63 ^{SE 9-12-6W4 Cypress county}		March 18/26
10	Mani Eichelbaum	15-5th Ave Seep Pass		March 18/26
11	Wamen + Joan Schieder			March 18/26
12	MIKE SCHONKER	10515 HWY 887		MARCH 18/26
13	Glen Hauk	11517 rd 70		march/18/26
14	Rosanne Palichuk	7111 Highway 3		March 18/26
15	Wade Munsch	12113 RR 41		march 18/26
16	Wade Watson	11415 RR 70		March 22/26
17	Reese Klarber	6429 ^{to R. 1055 Cypress County #03}		March 24/26
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3	Brian Baedke	638 TWP 632	<i>Brian Baedke</i>	March 18/26
4	Pam BAEDKE	638 TWP 100	<i>P Baedke</i>	March 18/26
5	Kenna Gibney	595 Mildred St. ^{Seven persons} AB	<i>Kenna Gibney</i>	March 19/26
6	Dana Blaseth	7019 TWP 112 CUPRESS COUNTY	<i>D Blaseth</i>	Mar 19. 2026
7	Brook Reascher	525E Alloway Ave SE Medford	<i>Brook Reascher</i>	Mar 20/26
8	ROB GIBNEY	595 MILDRED ST. SEVEN PERSONS	<i>Rob Gibney</i>	MAR 22/26
9	Kendra Gibney	595 MILDRED ST. SEVEN PERSONS	<i>Kendra Gibney</i>	MAR 22/26
10	Myrna Bushell	530 Railway St. Seven Persons	<i>Myrna Bushell</i>	March 24/26
11	Steve Haupt	NE 10 1194	<i>Steve Haupt</i>	MARCH 24
12	Tim & Sherry Laczkowski	11515 RR70	<i>Tim Laczkowski</i>	March 25/26
13	Kody Traxel	NE 6 11 7 11	<i>Kody Traxel</i>	03/25/26
14	Rick Schmalke	RR 09-12-06 WY	<i>Rick Schmalke</i>	MARCH 24/2026
15	KEITH TRAXEL	229 DRINKMAN ST. SEVEN PERSONS	<i>Keith Traxel</i>	
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3	DAVID ERFLE	SE 7402-TR 112		MARCH 18/26
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9	Thane Heiding	225 th Ave ^{Cypress county} Seven Persons TH	TH	March 18/26
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11	BRUCE SEEBERGER	NW 22-11-7-W4	Bruce Seeburger	March 18/26
12	Dana Sapach	NW 14-11-7/7127 HWY 3		March 25/26
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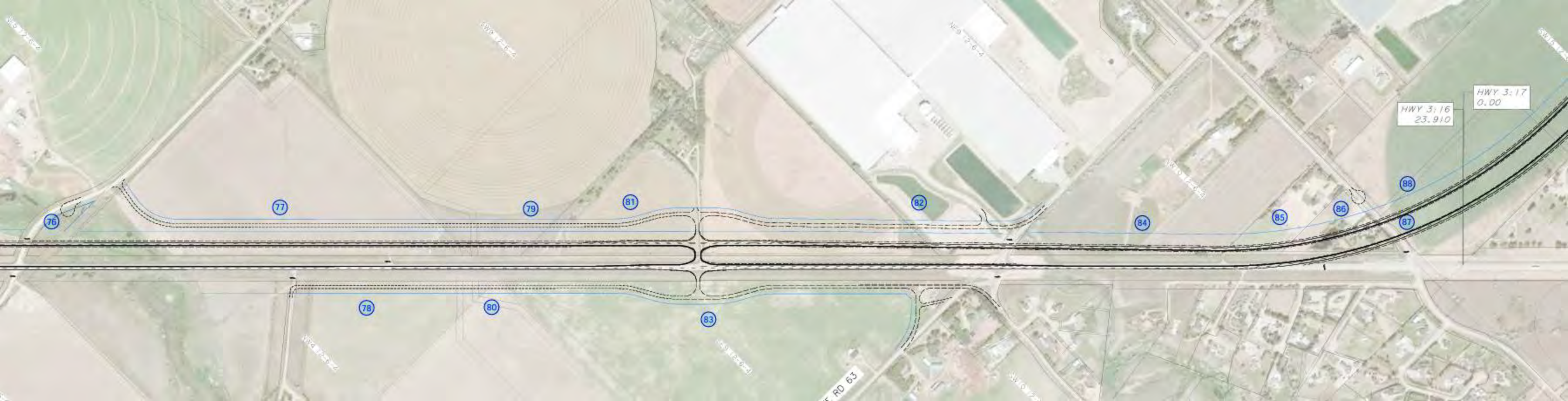
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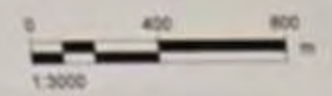
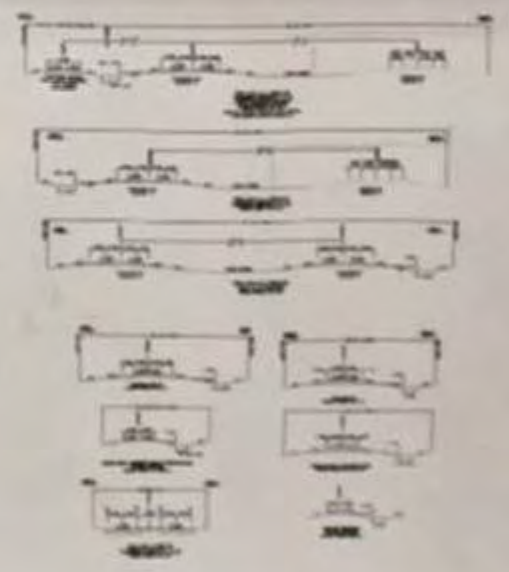
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Highway 3 Twinning – East of Highway 885 (Whitla) to Medicine Hat Preliminary Design Engagement Summary

Introduction

Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) has confirmed AECOM and ISL as consulting team partners to complete the design and construction administration for the twinning of Highway 3 from east of Highway 885 (Whitla) to Medicine Hat. This work will include expanding Highway 3 from 2 undivided lanes in each direction to 2 (4 total) divided lanes in each direction. The twinning of Highway 3 will improve safety and efficiency along the corridor.

Engagement Process

The project will consider input from adjacent landowners and businesses, stakeholders including community groups, Cypress County, the City of Medicine Hat, and County of Forty Mile. First Nations consultation is ongoing.

Two phases of engagement will take place for the project with the first occurring in the preliminary design phase and the second in the detailed design phase. In the fall of 2024, the project team initiated the first round of engagement to share information about the project and gather feedback to inform the preliminary design. The second round of engagement will occur in 2025 to share the preliminary design and gather feedback to inform the recommended design.

The engagement opportunities conducted in the preliminary design phase of the project included a public information session from 4 to 7 p.m. on September 10, 2024 at the Medicine Hat College – Big Eagle Room (299 College Drive SE, Medicine Hat) and on September 11, 2024 at the Seven Persons Community Hall (426 Drinnan Street, Seven Persons). The project team in attendance included representatives from TEC, AECOM and ISL.

Display boards were used to share information about the project background, preliminary design overview, the Highway 3 corridor, the project map, the engagement process with anticipated timeline and design options for three different segments along Highway 3. The three segments include 1) Whitla to Seven Persons, 2) Seven Persons to Range Road 70 and 3) Range Road 70 to Medicine Hat. The same information was shared at each event and online on the TEC [project website](#).

Display boards from the information sessions and a link to an online survey (open from September 3 to 20, 2024) were made available for those who wanted to learn more about the project and provide feedback online.

The engagement opportunities were advertised using:

- The Government of Alberta project website;
- Road signs along Highway 3 between Whitla and Medicine Hat;
- Advertisements in the Medicine Hat News and the 40-Mile County Commentator/Cypress Courier;
- Social Media posts shared on the Cypress County, County of Forty Mile, Medicine Hat, and Seven Persons Community Association social media platforms; and
- Letters sent to immediately adjacent landowners and stakeholders in the project area.

Note:

- *Indigenous consultation is being conducted separately from the public and stakeholder engagement process.*
- *Letters that were sent to adjacent landowners and stakeholders were based on land title information, which resulted in some landowners being missed in the mailout. Participants who attended the information sessions provided their addresses which will be used by the project team to update the project contact list for future project correspondence.*

A total of 219 responses were received through the paper and online comment forms. Approximately 115 people attended the September 10, 2024 information session at the Medicine Hat College in Medicine Hat and approximately 250 people attended the September 11, 2024 information session at the Seven Persons Community Hall in Seven Persons.

We asked participants the following questions:

1. Do you have feedback or information to share about the twinning of Highway 3 from Whita to Medicine Hat that can help inform the preliminary design?
2. Do you have anything else to share with the project team?

Below is a summary of the feedback received. All feedback received was shared with the project team for their information and consideration in finalizing the preliminary design for this project.

Key Themes

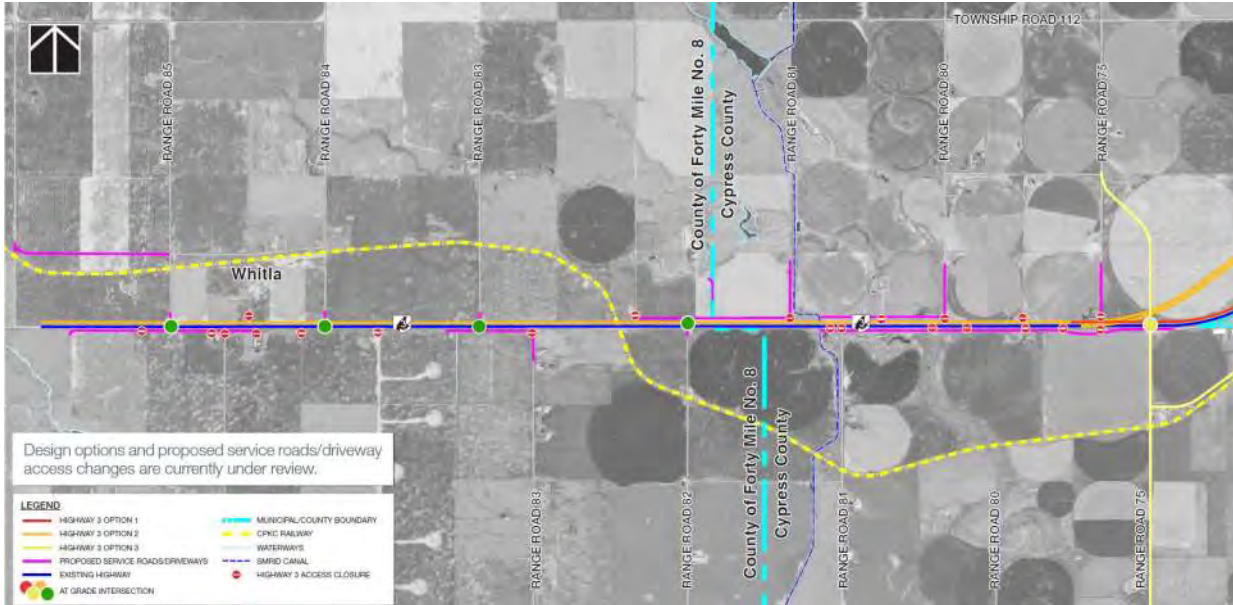
Question: Do you have feedback or information to share about the twinning of Highway 3 from Whita to Medicine Hat that can help inform the preliminary design?

TOP THEMES

- The majority of participants were supportive of the twinning of Highway 3 to improve safety and mobility along the highway.
- Many people were opposed to impacting land, in particular agricultural land for this project and thereby impacting the livelihood of agricultural operators and the community as a whole.
- Many were also worried about highway access points and connectivity due to the proposed access roads and closures to support the twinning of Highway 3. There were concerns with the lack of intersections provided on the open house display boards.
- Many were concerned about the negative impacts on local businesses if the highway were to bypass Seven Persons. Currently, some businesses in Seven Persons rely on travelers along the highway to make stops at their establishments. Conversely, some people wanted the highway to bypass small towns so vehicles could maintain speed on the highway.
- Several participants were concerned about the impacts to their properties and homes.
- Most people, regardless of whether they were in favour of the project, agreed that the highway twinning should follow the current Highway 3 alignment as much as possible. It was further explained that this would reduce impacts on landowners and communities and reduce project costs.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN OPTIONS THEMES

Whitla to Seven Persons Preliminary Design Options



Red line = Option 1
 Orange line = Option 2
 Yellow line = Option 3

- Overall, few people provided comments on the design options from Whitla to Seven Persons. Most comments provided concerned option designs from Seven Persons to Medicine Hat, which are summarized in the next two sections.
- A few people noted that the roadway will need to provide access to the recent wind energy development in the area.
- One individual was concerned about service roads impacting their land and the trees on their land.

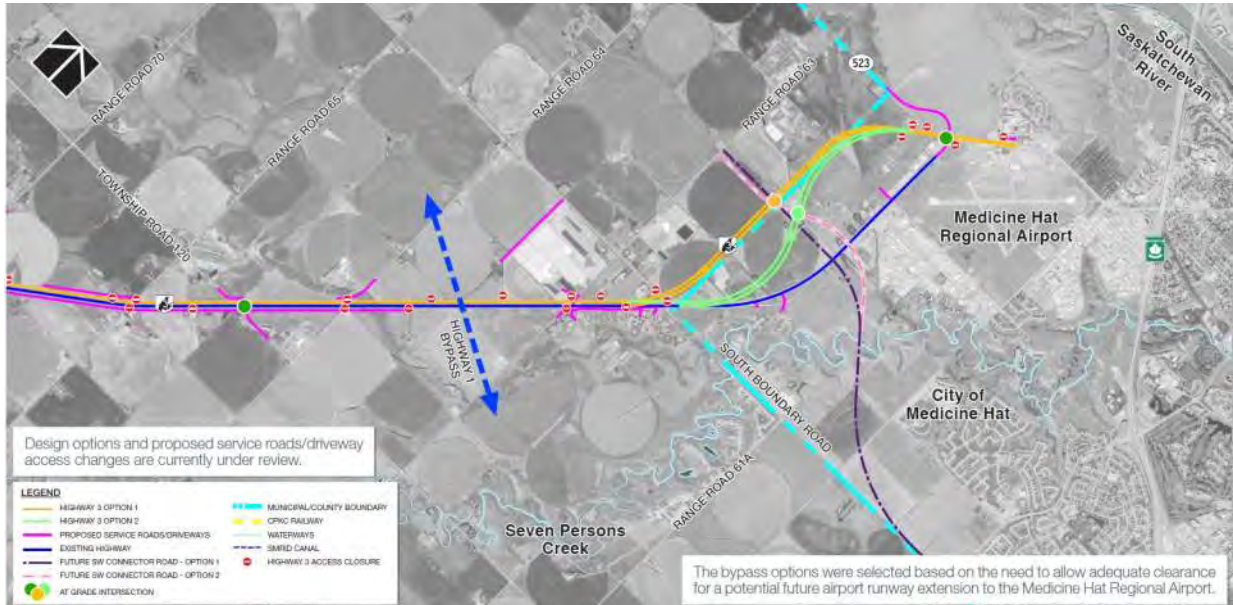
Seven Persons to Range Road 70 Preliminary Design Options



Red line = Option 1
 Orange line = Option 2
 Yellow line = Option 3

- Many people preferred either option 1 or 3 for Seven Persons as these options will remove less land from landowners and support roadway access and/or visibility to local businesses and tourist attractions in Seven Persons. Between Options 1 and 3, more participants preferred Option 3.
- A few respondents also shared that they wanted to see increased safety measures for the highway in this area, with suggestions including a reduction in speed limit, turning lanes or traffic lights.
- Many were also worried about the lack of access points through this section of roadway.
- Some people noted that the lack of intersections in this area would create long travel routes for adjacent property owners.
- Some people felt that the service road network presented had more land impacts than should be required for the first stage of twinning.

Range Road 70 to Medicine Hat Preliminary Design Options



Orange line = Option 1

Turquoise/Light Blue line = Option 2

- Option 1 was preferred over option 2 by some landowners. Some landowners noted that option 1 and 2 were both a concern as their land will be impacted.
- Others preferred option 1 as it would better accommodate the Medicine Hat Airport runway extension in the future.
- Option 2 was least preferred as it takes away relatively more land and people noted that the highway would traverse through a cemetery.
- Some people were concerned about access closures from Range Road 63 to Seven Persons, with continued access to Range Road 63 and Township Road 120 being the most important. Many people use these intersections to access businesses or landowners cross the road with their agricultural machinery.
- A few people expressed concerns about the congestion at the intersections of Range Road 63 and Township Road 120. Improving the intersection was a priority. Township Road 120 currently has significant queueing during peak hours. People want to see changes to improve the safety and operation of this intersection.

OVERALL PROJECT THEMES

Land Impacts

- One of the major concerns for many is the potential project impacts on people's property and access to their property.
- Some people were concerned that the highway would negatively impact their land, removing trees or irrigation/agricultural lands.

Access Points

- Many participants were concerned about the number of proposed access closures and new service roads that would be required along the highway. It was noted that access closures and select service roads would impact people's ability to easily access their property from the highway or make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to reach their communities.
- Some commented that the closure of several access points would make it difficult and unsafe for agricultural operators to access and cross the highway with their machinery.
- Some were also concerned that traffic would increase in other areas due to limited access points to Highway 3.

Other Concerns

- Some other considerations included the cost of the project and the maintenance of service roads.
- Others were also concerned about increased noise and visual impacts of the highway being closer to their property.

Question: Do you have anything else to share with the project team?

Participants were asked if they had anything else to share with the project team. Many reiterated their support and/or concerns for the project. Similar themes were found for the second question that were noted in the first question above. Below are some additional themes captured.

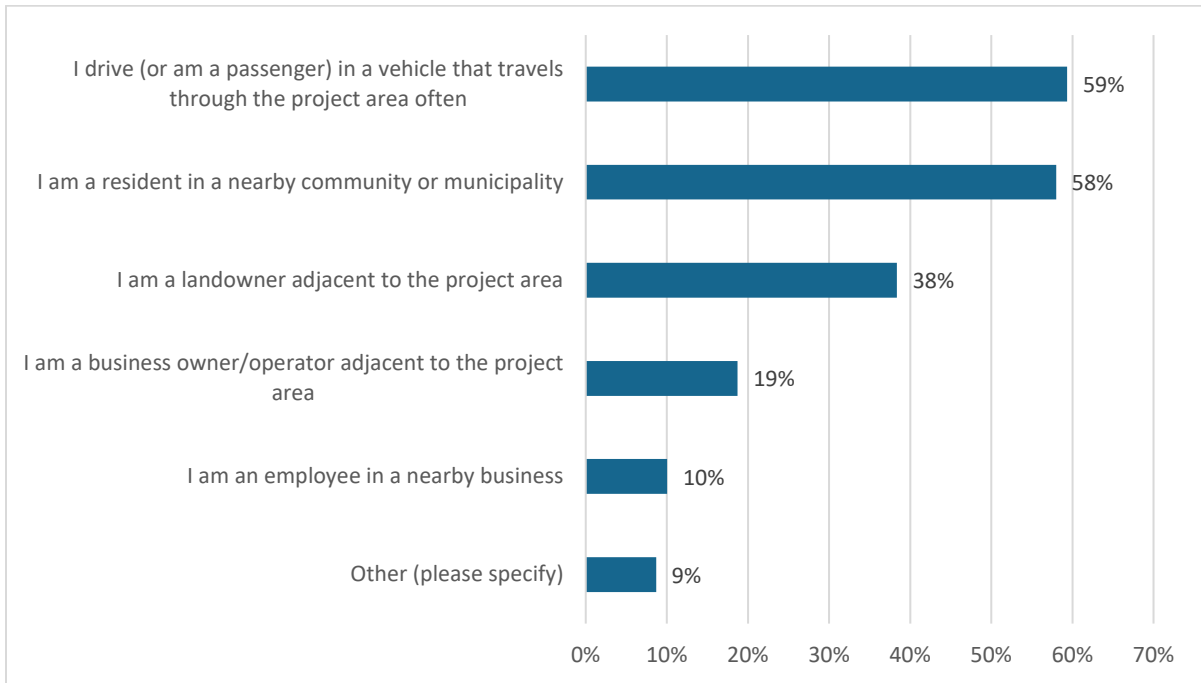
SAFETY

- Some people said that the highway twinning would support safe travel on the highway, with lights, speed limit reductions, and more merge lanes to support safety.
- A few were concerned about increases in wildlife collisions as more vehicles use the highway.
- A few people noted that service roads should be paved to help with travel efficiency and safety and reduce dust on the roads.

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- Some participants wished that there was more consultation with landowners before a plan was developed and shared with the public.
- Others also noted that the information sessions were timed during the harvest season and some community members were unable to attend the sessions as a result.

Demographics



Other respondents’ descriptions:

- Engineering manager with St. Mary River Irrigation District
- Stakeholder association
- Host of a major fundraiser in the area
- Business owner in Medicine Hat whose business travels the highway frequently
- Parent, business owner in Medicine Hat
- I am a landowner who will be impacted by the twinning of the highway but will not have land expropriated for construction.
- I am a landowner of land that will be effected by the twinning of highway 3.
- School bus driver
- Fire department
- Does not specify
- Farming
- Family impacted
- Medicine Hat resident
- Chamber of Commerce
- Farmer who has land both sides of highway few miles off of highway
- Have family directly affected by the project
- Have family that owns land nearby
- I live south of Seven Persons on a ranch and drive this highway all the time



Next Steps

Feedback received through the stakeholder and public engagement process, Indigenous consultation process, and technical work will inform the development of detailed design, which will be shared in the 2025 engagement sessions.



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March 26, 2026

Subject: Publication of Proposed Multi-species Action Plan for the Alberta At-risk Native Trout in Canada on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

I am pleased to inform you that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has posted the proposed version of the Multi-species Action Plan for the Alberta At-risk Native Trout in Canada on the Species at Risk Public Registry. This action plan was prepared under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) by DFO, in collaboration with various partners.

Due to their overlapping geographical areas and common threats, the following 3 native at-risk trout species in Alberta have been included in this action plan:

- Rainbow Trout (Athabasca River populations), listed as Endangered in 2019
- Bull Trout (Saskatchewan - Nelson Rivers populations), listed as Threatened in 2019
- Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta population; also known as Saskatchewan – Nelson Rivers populations), listed as Threatened in 2013

The action plan outlines measures to help achieve the population and distribution objectives described in the species' recovery strategies. We invite you to review and comment on the proposed action plan, including measures to be taken to implement to support the trout populations. The document is available in both English and French at:

English: [Multi-species Action Plan for the Alberta At-risk Native Trout in Canada - Document search - Species at risk registry](#)

French: [Plan d'action multiespèces pour les truites indigènes en péril de l'Alberta, au Canada - Recherche de documents - Registre public des espèces en péril](#)

The proposed action plan will be open for a 60-day comment period, which will end on May 25 2026. Following the conclusion of the 60-day comment period, DFO will consider the comments received and post the final version on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

DFO values your input on the proposed action plan. We encourage you to share the Registry links with others who you think may be interested. Should you have questions about the Alberta native at-risk trout or processes related to the publication of the action plan, please contact me by e-mail at Zing-Ying.Ho@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please send comments on the proposed multi-species action plan to SARA_LEP@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Thank you for your contribution and dedication to the conservation of Alberta native trout.

Sincerely,

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More information on the *Species at Risk Act* and related processes can be found at [Species at risk public registry](#).

For further reference, you may also wish to view the following websites:

For more information on the aquatic species at risk map: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/sara-lep/map-carte/index-eng.html>

For more information on aquatic species at risk in Canada: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/sara-lep/index-eng.html>

For more information on the Alberta native at-risk trout species:

- [Rainbow Trout \(Athabasca River populations\)](#)
- [Bull Trout \(Saskatchewan - Nelson Rivers populations\)](#)
- [Westslope Cutthroat Trout \(Alberta population\)](#)



Figure 1: Rainbow Trout (Athabasca River populations) (Photo credit: Ward Hughson)



Figure 2: Bull Trout (Saskatchewan - Nelson Rivers populations) (Photo credit: Jeremy Stewart)



Figure 3: Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta population) (Photo credit: Shane Petry)

Executive summary

Rainbow Trout (Athabasca River populations), Bull Trout (Saskatchewan – Nelson Rivers populations), and Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta population) were listed on schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) as endangered in 2019, threatened in 2019, and threatened in 2013, respectively.

The main threats facing these species described in sections 5 of the Athabasca Rainbow Trout and Bull Trout recovery strategies, and in part 2, section 3 of the Westslope Cutthroat Trout recovery strategy and action plan include:

- habitat loss and/or degradation (including fragmentation)
- human-induced mortality (for example, fishing-related mortality)
- interaction with other species (for example, hybridization and competition)

Climate change is also a threat to these species, reducing suitable habitat and increasing risks such as the spread of non-native species, pathogens, diseases, and displacement by warmer water species. Although the actions included in this plan do not directly address this threat, they may help strengthen the species' resilience to these climate related impacts.

This "Multi-species Action Plan for the Alberta At-risk Native Trout in Canada" (action plan) outlines measures that provide the best chance of achieving the population and distribution objectives for these species, including the measures to be taken to address the threats and monitor these species' recovery. The population and distribution objectives for Athabasca Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, and Westslope Cutthroat Trout are outlined in the species' respective recovery strategies (DFO 2020b, 2020c, 2019).

Section 1.3 of this action plan outlines the measures to be taken to implement the recovery strategies of the Athabasca Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, and Westslope Cutthroat Trout to reduce threats, improve knowledge of population genetics, recover and monitor populations, restore habitat, and improve awareness of the species.

For the Athabasca Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, and Westslope Cutthroat Trout, critical habitat was identified in the recovery strategies to the extent possible, using the best available information, and describes the functions, features, and attributes necessary to support the species' lifecycle processes. This action plan does not identify additional critical habitat.

An evaluation of the socio-economic costs of implementing the action plan and the benefits to be derived from its implementation is provided in section 3.



Update on Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Centres

From Board Directors <board@pincherchildcare.ca>

Date Wed 2026-03-25 10:36

To MDInfo <MDInfo@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Hello MD of Pincher Creek

Over the past several months, the board of directors of Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Centre and in particular, the sustainability committee have been carefully reviewing our financial situation and exploring options to ensure the long-term stability of our centres. Throughout this process, our priority has been maintaining quality care for families and supporting our staff team.

We also want to sincerely thank Ola Crook for her dedication and leadership. Her resignation was accepted in February, and we are grateful for the care and commitment she has shown to this organization.

In partnership with the Town of Pincher Creek, the Board has thoughtfully explored the best way to ensure childcare services continue to support our community. With care and consideration, we've identified a path forward that prioritizes stability and the well-being of families.

We are planning to move operations to KPSquared—an organization that closely aligns with our values of respect, equity, compassion, inclusive care and community. We are committed to making this change as smooth and supportive as possible for everyone involved.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns, or if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

Christy Gustavison

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PCCELC Board





Cavvy WAG - April 2026

From Sophie Schneider <sophie.schneider@cavvyenergy.com>

Date Wed 2026-04-08 14:19

Cc Darrell Archibald <darrell.archibald@cavvyenergy.com>

Sent on behalf of Waterton Superintendent, Darrell Archibald.

Cavvy Energy WAG Report

Hello and welcome back to the Cavvy Energy WAG Report.

Corporate Update

Q4 and Full Year 2025 Financial and Operating Results

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

- Grew third-party gathering and processing revenues by \$18.6 million
- Reduced net debt by \$26.9 million
- Increased TPP reserve value to \$1.5 billion

"Successful execution of our strategy led to strong performance in 2025 and created the foundation for the next phase of Cavvy's growth" stated Darcy Reding, President and CEO.

"Our focus on run-time reliability, operational excellence, third-party processing revenue growth, and debt repayment drove the strong operational and financial performance reflected in our year-end results."

Cavvy continues to prioritize safe, regulatory compliant operations throughout 2026 and beyond.

Check out the full results here: [Financial Reports – Cavvy Energy](#).

News from the Waterton Plant

Infrastructure Update

Production connected to the newly constructed pipeline—approved by the Alberta Energy Regulator following a 2024 hearing—began flowing in early 2026. The pipeline ties into nearby existing infrastructure that connects to the plant inlet.

Together, the wells and pipeline enable Cavvy to efficiently recover and market natural gas while maximizing the use of established facilities, minimizing additional surface disturbance, and improving overall operational efficiency.

As the sole oil and gas producer in the Waterton Field, Cavvy remains committed to responsible resource development. Maintaining stable production at the Waterton Complex supports continued plant operations and provides ongoing economic and operational benefits to both the facility and the surrounding community.

Environmental

Please see below for highlights from our Waterton Environmental Coordinator:

- The Waterton Gas Plant's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) approval renewal application was submitted to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) on November 28, 2025, and is currently under review with the AER.
- The annual regulatory reporting for the Waterton Gas Plant's EPEA approval is proceeding with the report submissions to the AER between the months of March and May 2026. The reporting for EPEA requirements is for ambient air monitoring and emissions, groundwater/surface water monitoring, soil monitoring, wastewater, and surface runoff monitoring.
- The 2026 spring groundwater and surface water monitoring programs will commence between April and June at the gas plant and other field licensed facilities.
- The annual invasive species and vegetation control programs will start again later this spring, utilizing the integrated approach of chemical applications, mowing and hand-picking control measures.
- The annual fugitive emissions testing program started in January at the gas plant and the field compressors. It will continue periodically throughout the year.

Well Abandonment

Many of the wells we are working on today were originally drilled by Shell decades ago to support the development of the Waterton Field and deliver natural gas to market. While their purpose has been fulfilled, the responsibility to safely retire these wells remains.

Cavvy, at the start of the year, has been actively conducting abandonment work on the Carbondale 6-12 well. The well produced sour gas, requiring careful management throughout its operational life to ensure safety and environmental protection. Cavvy is now completing abandonment activities in accordance with regulatory requirements, ensuring proper isolation of sour zones, that risks are mitigated, and the surrounding environment is protected.

Cavvy safely completed the downhole abandonment work on March 09, 2026, with cut and capping of the wellhead remaining to be completed later this year.



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