

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. DELEGATIONS

C. MINUTES/NOTES

1. Council Committee Minutes
  - May 26, 2026
2. Council Meeting Minutes
  - May 26, 2026

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Delegation from May 26, 2026 Committee Meeting
  - Northback Holdings Corporation

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
  - Waterton Biosphere May 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 June 2, 2026
  - Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report
- b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report
  - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated June 3, 2026
- c) Lundbreck Train Whistling Cessation Applications
  - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated June 3, 2026

2. Finance

3. Planning and Community Services

4. Municipal

- a) CAO Report
  - Report from Administration, dated June 3, 2026

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1) For Action

- a) Pincher Creek and District Community Food Centre
  - Invitation to the Annual General Meeting
- b) Fishburn Marr United Church
  - Invitation to Cemetery Restoration Project
- c) Alberta Development Officers Association
  - Proclamation of Development Officer Week
- d) Pincher Creek Municipal Library
  - Invitation to Indigenous People's Day

- e) Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
  - Castle Mountain Fire Guard Project CFP 24-11. Motion that all of Council is in support of moving to the construction phase of the project

2) For Information

- I. NEW BUSINESS
- J. CLOSED MEETING SESSION
- K. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES  
 REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
 MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
 Tuesday, May 26, 2026,  
 11:00 am  
 Council Chambers

Present: Reeve Rick Lemire, Councillors Tony Bruder, 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, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the agenda for May 26, 2026, be amended to arrange the closed session as follows:

- a) Collective Agreement Renewal – Initial Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Fish Lake Pumping Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1

And that the agenda be amended as discussed.

Carried

### 2. Delegations

- a) Northback Holdings Corporation

Mike Young, Chief Executive Officer of Northback Holdings Corporation, attended the meeting to discuss changes since the last presentation. Changes were made to the Final Terms of Reference as well as the following for the Term License Water Act Application, including:

- Northback will not draw water directly from creeks or streams
- Northback will meet operational water needs using water collected from precipitation and mine dewatering (the removal of water from the mine during operations)
- Water will be collected and stored in dams during precipitation events and freshet – an idea borrowed from Alberta’s irrigation schemes
- Water collected in this manner requires a license under Alberta’s water allocation system

Further information will be provided to the public as it becomes available with the application process.

Mike Young left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:19 am.

### 3. Closed Session

Councillor John MacGarva

REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9  
TUESDAY MAY 26, 2026

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 11:19 am.

- a) Collective Agreement Renewal – Initial Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) Fish Lake Pumping Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Carried

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 1:30 pm.

Carried

4. Round Table

- Webinar on Tourism
- Burn permit fines and authorization

5. Adjournment

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 1:35 pm.

Carried

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 26, 2026**

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

**PRESENT** Reeve Rick Lemire and Councillors Tony Bruder, 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 John MacGarva 26/234

Moved that the agenda for May 26, 2026, be amended to include:

Correspondence:

Operations:

d) Fish Lake Filling Proposal

Action:

g) Heritage Acres – Request for Gravel

h) Kootenai Brown Historical Park – Request for Letter of Support

Closed:

a) Pincher Creek and District Curling Club – ATIA Sec. 29.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION**

**C. MINUTES**

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/235

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of May 12, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026

Councillor Dave Cox 26/236

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 12, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Delegations from May 12, 2026:

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a) Chinook Arch Regional Library System

Councillor John MacGarva 26/237

Moved that the presentation from Chinook Arch Regional Library System, from May 12, 2026, be received as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
  - Hometown Award Meeting
3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
  - Pincher Creek Foundation
  - Healthcare Committee Meeting
  - Curling Rink Tour
  - Castle Mountain Resort
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
  - Pincher Creek Foundation Meeting
  - Police Advisory Committee
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
  - Healthcare Committee Meeting
  - Tourism is Coming to Town: What Municipal Elected Officials Need to Know Webinar
  - Curling Rink Tour

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/238

Moved that administration follow up on the letter sent to Alberta Transportation on April 14, 2026, regarding the Pine Ridge Turnout and the MD's request to install additional signage at this site indicating that overnight parking is not allowed.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/239

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/240

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period May 4, 2026, to May 17, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/241

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for May 6, 2026, to May 20, 2026, as information.

Carried

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c) Bridge File 13957 Range Road 23A Over Connelly Creek – Capital Addition

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/242

Moved that Council approve \$37,500 in 2026 funds for Capital repair work on BF 13957 - Range Road 23A over Connelly Creek, with said funds coming from the Bridge Reserve.

Carried

d) Fish Lake Filling Proposal

Councillor Dave Cox 26/243

Moved that Council approve \$81,250 in 2026 funds for pumping water to Fish Lake, with said funds coming from Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Defeated

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

a) Southern Alberta Land Trust Society (SALTS) Conservation Easement - Lievaart

Councillor John MacGarva 26/244

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

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

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/245

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period May 11, 2026, to May 22, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) Repeal Policy C-AES-001 License of Occupation

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/246

Moved that as Schedule B in Bylaw 1365-25 deals with Temporary Road Allowance Permits, Policy C-AES-001 License of Occupation, be repealed.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

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a) Alberta SouthWest - Annual General Meeting Invitation

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/247

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the Alberta SouthWest AGM on Wednesday, June 3, 2026,

AND THAT administration be directed to RSVP on behalf of Council.

Carried

b) Town of Pincher Creek

Councillor Dave Cox 26/248

Moved that any interested Councillor be authorized to attend the Pincher Creek Rodeo Parade, and the Dignitary Luncheon, on August 15, 2026.

Carried

c) Community Safety Net - Request for Sponsorship

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/249

Moved that Community Safety Net - Request for Sponsorship be granted \$160, to sponsor 10 families,

AND THAT the amount be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

d) Elkford Wildcat Days - Parade Invitation

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/250

Moved that the Elkford Wildcat Days - Parade Invitation, be received as information.

Carried

e) Fire Underwriters Survey - 2026 National Fire Chief of the Year Awards

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/251

Moved that the Fire Underwriters Survey - 2026 National Fire Chief of the Year Awards, be received as information.

Carried

f) Alberta Government - Declaration for Seniors Week

Councillor John MacGarva 26/252

Moved that Council declare the week of June 1 through 7, 2026, as Seniors Week.

Carried

g) Heritage Acres – Request for Gravel

Councillor Dave Cox 26/253

Moved that Council agree to donate the remaining waste material from the Heritage Gravel Pit, to a maximum of 400 cubic yards for use on Heritage Acres Museum Grounds,

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AND THAT arrangements be made for delivery through the Public Works Department, subject to availability.

Carried

h) Kootenai Brown Historical Park – Request for Letter of Support

Councillor John MacGarva 26/254

Moved that Council send a letter of support for the Kootenai Brown Historical Park in their application through FCC AgriSpirit Fund application for funding.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/255

Moved that Council receive the following as information:

a) Chinook Arch Regional Library System  
 - April Board Report

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/256

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:15 pm.

a) Pincher Creek & District Curling Club – ATIA 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva 26/257

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:07 pm.

Carried

Pincher Creek & District Curling Club

Councillor Dave Cox 26/258

Moved that Council authorize a letter of support for the Pincher Creek & District Curling Club, in their application to the Active Communities Initiative (ACI) Grant.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/259

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:09 pm.

Carried

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# Modernizing Grassy Mountain

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May 26, 2026

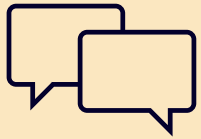


# The Final Terms of Reference

## *Frequently Asked Questions*



**What is the Final Terms of Reference?**



**Was the Final Terms of Reference Impacted by public feedback?**



**When can the public next get involved in the process?**

# Term License Water Act Application

- Northback will not draw water directly from creeks or streams
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- Water collected in this manner requires a license under Alberta’s water allocation system





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**Fw: WBRA May Update**

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**From** Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>  
**Date** Mon 2026-06-01 08:02  
**To** Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Good morning

Can you please add this for information.

Thank you  
Tony  
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**From:** Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association <info@watertonbiosphere.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2026 4:02:15 PM  
**To:** Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>  
**Subject:** WBRA May Update

Friday, May 29, 2026



**What's new with WBRA**

*May 2026 Newsletter*

**Save the Date!**



Our Annual General Meeting takes place on June 22, 2026, at the Waterton Community Centre at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we reflect on the past year and look ahead to what's next.

## Your Experience Matters: Survey Coming in June

In June, watch for an email requesting your participation in our Producer Predation Loss Survey. We are gathering information from producers across Southern Alberta to support improvements to the provincial predator compensation program.

We are asking producers to share up to five years of data (2021–2025), including total cattle numbers, overall death loss by age class, and both suspected and confirmed predator-related losses. Providing multiple years of information helps capture seasonal and yearly variations and strengthens the accuracy of our analysis.

All information will be kept confidential and used only in aggregate form to inform program recommendations. Your input is essential to ensure producer experiences are accurately represented.

## It's Bear Season!

When you live on a farm or ranch, every time you step out your door, you aren't always thinking about the possibility of encountering a bear. Sometimes you are planning to do something that makes you think about taking your bear spray, but for many of us this is not always the case. You're just doing what needs to be done, and the next thing you know, there's a bear. The good news? Most bears aren't looking for trouble. In fact, they usually want to avoid you just as much as you want to avoid them, so what are some good habits to develop? Here are a few suggestions:



- Make noise. This helps let the bears know you are there.
- Be aware of sight lines and wind direction. In areas with poor sight lines such as around buildings or in thick brush, use extra vigilance. This can help avoid a surprise encounter.
- Secure attractants. Bears are more likely to stay in areas with an easy food source. Removing or securing attractants can help reduce the likelihood that bears will be consistently present.
- We recognize that work is often done alone, but when possible, working with someone else is a good idea.
- Share bear sightings or interactions with your family, co-workers and neighbors. Sharing information about bear presence can help others avoid an encounter.
- Keep your bear spray handy, as much as is practical for you.
- Keep an eye on WBR newsletters for announcements about future bear safety workshops to learn more about bear safety, bear behaviour, and the correct use of bear spray.

## Day on the Creek

The banks of Pincher Creek were buzzing with energy this spring as the Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association hosted its largest-ever Day on the Creek – an event that brought together students, educators, volunteers, and community members for a day of outdoor learning and discovery, marking the culmination of a decade-long run from 2017 to 2026.

This year's event included nearly 850 students from 47 Kindergarten to Grade 9 classes, all participating in hands-on sessions led by passionate presenters. With sunny skies overhead, close to 1,000 people - including teachers, parents,

volunteers, and community members - shared in the experience. The day's success was made possible by the incredible support of the community, with 77 presenters and volunteers representing 11 organizations, alongside many dedicated individuals. Their time, knowledge, and enthusiasm created meaningful, memorable experiences for students, sparking curiosity and fostering a deeper care for the natural world.

Through interactive activities and engaging lessons, students explored topics ranging from ecology and conservation to local history and stewardship, building understanding and appreciation for the landscape around them.

As this year's event also marked the final Day on the Creek led by the current planning team, it was an especially meaningful occasion. The connections made, lessons learned, and excitement sparked throughout the day continue to ripple outward, encouraging the next generation to care for and engage with the environment in lasting ways. The Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association extends its sincere thanks to everyone who participated and supported this event over the past decade. Together, we helped create an unforgettable day and a strong foundation for what comes next.



*Photos in the collage contributed by Thomas Porter, Celeste Barnes and Wendy Devent*

## **Mining the WBR... for Species Records**



*Photo of the Long Toed Salamander by Jason Headley, CC-BY-NC*

This past winter WBR started mining....data mining that is. We combed through information from Waterton Lakes National Park, provincial government data sets, iNaturalist, eBird, and historic collection records compiled in the Global Biodiversity Information Facility to produce an updated species list for Waterton Biosphere Region. Many Biosphere Regions in Canada are known to support high species diversity, and this data-mining exercise helps affirm the importance of the area, the programming offered by WBRA and other agencies or organizations, and most importantly, the stewardship efforts implemented by local land managers.

**The data sources revealed an astounding 4,533 species!** These include 486 vertebrate species (including the long-toed salamander as pictured above); 1734 insect species; 112 spider, tick, and mite species; 1503 flowering plant species; 21 conifer species; 206 moss, liverwort, and fern species; 394 fungi species, and a handful of others like worms, snails, or horsetails. Advances in DNA techniques may increase this number in the future as we uncover cryptic or microscopic critters hiding in plain sight.

Almost 700 of these species have last known records that date back over 50 years. While it is possible that they still exist somewhere in the region and just haven't been recorded lately, this also reflects the declines in biodiversity experienced elsewhere around the globe.

Biodiversity declines may be an abstract and seemingly irrelevant concept, until you consider that 50% of modern medicines are derived from natural sources or that even self-pollinating canola yields can be 30% lower without insect pollinators or that pastures and grass species therein produce almost \$400 million of forage value in Alberta annually. Maintaining the diversity and

abundance of natural species is really an investment in our own physical, financial, and environmental well-being.

Small actions you take can help maintain or enhance our species diversity – consider landscape plantings that support native pollinators; delay haying by a few days to allow fledging from more grass-nesting birds; ensure buffer strips are present adjacent to watercourses to support natural insect predators (like spiders and beetles) and prey (like mosquitoes and moths); and maintain connectivity for species big and small through the landscape (e.g., how would a garter snake move through your area compared to a mule deer).

Take a moment this week to marvel at the species you can see within a 5-metre radius of where you stand outside and commit to one or more biodiversity-boosting actions for this year.

## Thank you for your support

Everything we do is powered by the strength of our community. The support we receive allows us to continue delivering meaningful programs, expanding our outreach, and responding to the needs we see every day.



Donations help us plan for the future, enhance what we offer, and ensure we can continue making a difference where it matters most. Every contribution, big or small, plays an important role in keeping this work moving forward.




If you're in a position to help, we invite you to support the WBRA. Together we can continue building something that truly makes an impact

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## Recommendation to Council

<b>TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT</b>			
<b>PREPARED BY: Jeremy Cartwright</b>	<b>DATE: June 2, 2026</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT: Public Works</b>			
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>			
1.Shop/Fleet Report			
<b>APPROVALS:</b>			
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<b>Public Works Manager</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>CAO</b>	<b>Date</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council accepts the Public Works Department Report for the period of May 18 to May 31, 2026, as information.**

**Gravel road maintenance-** Gravel program continuing in Division 2, into Division 3, and Division 1

**Gravel road maintenance-** Graveled chalet road Twp 5-2A with demo Peterbilt

**Gravel road maintenance-** Floated Unit 04 loader from Summerview to Hengerer pit

**Hard surface maintenance-** Patching center line with cold mix on old Shell highway

**AES operations-** Hauled water to airport terminal and AES shop

**Sign maintenance-** New civic signs installed in Division 1, 3 & 5

**Hamlet Maintenance** – Lundbreck annual clean up May 19-20, Beaver Mines annual cleanup May 25 –27

**Texas gate maintenance** – Removed D04-24 and replaced with a 24ft just north of Lank bridge

**Texas gate maintenance-** Inspections of Texas gates completed in Division 1

**Culvert maintenance-** Flush out culvert CUL-03-005 and one other east of Pincher Colony on RR303

**Culvert maintenance-** Culvert end clean-outs

**Yard maintenance-**Weed trimming in PW yard

**Brushing-** Div 5 Maycroft Road

**Training-** In-house training on tractor / wobbly

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

**NONE**

# PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE "A"

## SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT



PREPARED BY: Brett Ackerman

DATE: June 02, 2026

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

### SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY: May 18, 2026 – May 31, 2026

#### Graders

*Unit # 71 (160)* – 1000 hrs service. R&R fuel injectors; oil consumption. Miscellaneous repairs.

*Unit # 64 (160)* – Hydraulic fan line, in field R&R.

*Unit # 74 (150)* – Blade replacement and remove winter equipment.

#### Heavy Trucks/Trailers/Equipment

*Unit #434 (Water)* – Power steering reservoir leak.

*Unit # 421 (Hwy Tractor)* – Tarp crank R&R. De-rig winter equipment.

*Unit # 431 (Water)* – Diagnose check engine light, DEF dosing codes, cleaned plug connections.

*Unit # 014 (Trailer)* – General inspection. Greased wheel bearings. Lighting repairs, trailer plug replaced.

*Unit # UT04 (Trailer)* – R&R tires. Wheel bearings inspect and set. Repaired trailer brakes and undercarriage wiring.

*Unit # Solar Waterer* – R&R batteries. Test pump. Repair wiring harness and trailer plug. Repair split solar panel supports.

#### Light Duty and Light Trailers

*Unit # 502 (1-Ton)* – Rattle reported by driver. Inspect and return to service.

*Unit # 401 (3/4-Ton)* – Replaced seat belt.

### EVENTS

Unit # 72 (140) still with Finning for warranty work. Utility trailer ramps repaired by Boulder Metal. Grader towing receivers fabricated and installed by Mitchell Welding.

Unit # 400 (1-Ton) is out of service. Initial inspection shows cam-shaft failure @ ~166,000kms.



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

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR UPDATES MAY 20<sup>th</sup> – JUN. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**LARGE (PRE-2026) PROJECTS**

- Building and install pricing for Potassium Permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>) partially awarded.
- WCR program discussed with TC Energy for potential collaboration.

**LARGE 2026 IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS**

- Lundbreck Wastewater main lining scheduled June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- BF 13957 Connelly riprap addition approved by Council and awarded for engineering services.
- BF 1348 Connelly land progressing. Legal survey complete, finalizing design.
- BF 76203 Maycroft modified to single larger culvert due to DFO fish passage velocity concerns.

**LARGE 2027+ IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS**

- BF 73608 Waterton and BF 673 Skyline Rd. preliminary eng. kicked off May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDIES & PLANNING WORK**

- Regional Facilities Condition Assessment: RFP closed May 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 bids received. Initial Qualified Proponent selected (Parsus) – final negotiations underway.
- Regional Drought Study geotechnical results received, cost estimation phase started for options.

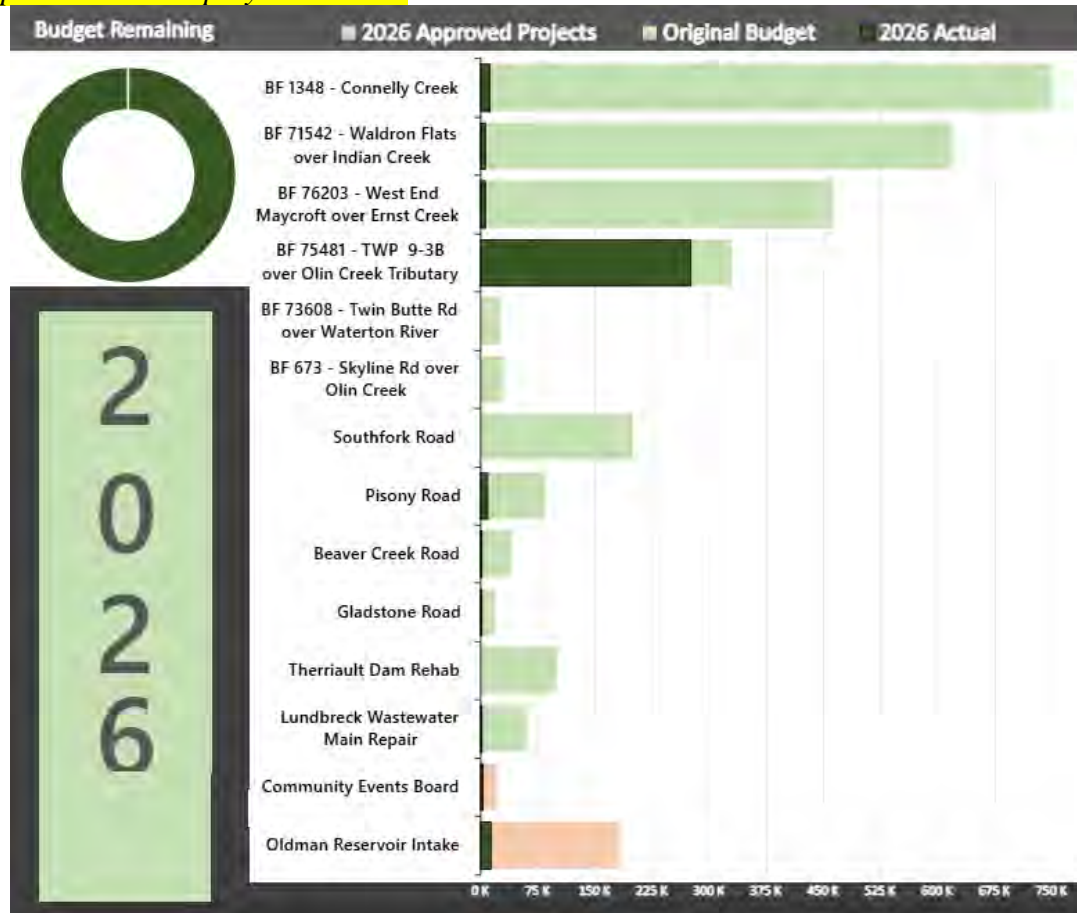
**OPERATIONS UPDATES**

- Water shortage risk has dropped to normal.
- Airport pavement assessment kicked off.
- Southfork road ban assessment formally awarded, data partially collected.
- Beaver Mines inspection complete, 1 additional application.
- Rain event resulted in significant infiltration in Beaver Mines collection system, resulting in treatment system triggering shutdown. Trucked wastewater to Lundbreck to avoid any major upset issues Jun. 2 for 7 hrs (night) and Jun. 3 for 7 hrs (day).
  - Identified manholes of concern and 1 private property leak.
- Dealt with other relatively minor rain related concerns.
- Awarded BM Lift Station I/A modifications.
- Responded to provincial inspection for Lundbreck Distribution system.
- Beaver Mines Wastewater System in contravention for may again due to high Temporary Suspended Solids (TSS).
- Awaiting modifications to Circular Materials (CM) draft Statement of Work (SoW) for Eco Center recycling changes.

## General Projects Budget Update

2026 Approved Budget: **\$3,331,182.** ~~\$3,293,682.~~ May 20<sup>th</sup> Spent: \$317,173

*\*No update due to employee absence.*



## Large Ongoing Projects (Pre-2026 Construction Start)

### Oldman Reservoir Water Intake Low Level Project

- \$1.68M grant application finalized Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- Potassium Permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>) treatment setup order placed.
  - Building package and install pricing received May 19<sup>th</sup> from Thunder Mountain Welding, awarding prior to Council.
  - Awaiting pricing for processing scope.
  - Highway development permit approved.
- Additional budget request of \$115,000 approved by Council Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

- Funder has requested meeting regarding ongoing work (bring new staff up to speed).
- Meeting with TC Energy Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding habitat restoration for DFO offset credits. They plan to review data over Summer and see if there are any potential MD projects.

### **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. 4<sup>th</sup>. Ten (10) bids received. Awarded to low bidder (Vitae Environmental Ltd.) for **\$277,910 (Eng. Est. \$299,357)**.
- **Project complete, in warranty phase.**

### **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.
- Seeding reviewed May 8<sup>th</sup> – coming in well with some stinkweed growth.

### **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.
- Seeding reviewed May 8<sup>th</sup>, deficient. **Volker reseed delayed until after rain events.**

### **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. 12<sup>th</sup>, 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).*

- 4 quotes received (31,610 to \$103,351). Project awarded to Insituform Technologies (**\$37,132**). Contract executed Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Line preparation (cleaning, measurements, etc.) complete May 6<sup>th</sup>. **Lining scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Received funder guidance/approval to proceed with prelim eng. under WCR program.
  - Notified funder we are proceeding with design with intent to construct.
- Replacement recommendation is a 3.3m diameter x 64m L culvert (nearly the same as budget assumption).
- Awarded design, land acquisition, regulatory approvals Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Bridge (BF 13957) washout concern identified at upstream crossing. Working to include mitigation scope within environmental approvals, etc. for this project
- Legal survey complete. Design under finalization for land/regulatory.

### **Bridge File 13957 - Connelly Creek under Connelly Rd, LSD NE-05-008-02 W5M**

*Place riprap to protect NW bank of bridge which is being undercut by stream.*

- Council approved May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Awarded to Roseke May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Plan to tender alongside BF 1348. DFO approval required.
- Finalizing drawings.
- Site scope required following rain events.

### **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. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Legal survey complete.
- Received and reviewed design drawings, Individual Ownership Plan, and RDS Plan Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- RDS submission complete May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 one (1) 2.7m x 32m L culvert ~~two~~ (2) 1.8m diameter x 28m L culverts.*

- STIP application submitted Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Kicked off design work Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. Kicked off land acquisition Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Legal survey complete.
- Received and reviewed design drawings, Individual Ownership Plan, and RDS Plan Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- RDS submitted. Province returned May 14<sup>th</sup> with deficiencies. Resubmitting.

- Design redrafted for a 2.7m x 32m culvert due to detailed DFO fish passage calculation concerns. No major change in estimated project cost. Land/regulatory underway.

### **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. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Kicked off land acquisition, detailed design, and regulatory approval work Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Design 90% complete, waiting on legal survey data before release.
- 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Kicked off reduced scope prelim. eng. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> with intent to utilize local Engineer in Training (EIT) to assist with site visits and hydrology.
- Potential for project to get accelerated to 2026.
- Site visits complete.
- Prelim. scope 95% complete.

### **Southfork Hill Road**

*Emergent investigatory and repair work for the Southfork Hill slide issues.*

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

### **Therriault Dam – Rehabilitation Work**

*Geotechnical and Hydrogeology study complete in 2023. 2024 preliminary engineering determined most economically viable solution to address undersized spillway/overtop potential. 2025 work included detailed design work to rehabilitate spillway. 2026 work set*

*to begin after DFPP funding decision and (if successful) shall include a lifecycle assessment on how to best use water source during drought.*

- DFPP application submitted Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Notice received of successful application Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 how 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.
- Preliminary Engineering kicked off with Roseke May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

#### **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.
- Preliminary Engineering kicked off with Roseke May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

#### **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.
- Kicked off reduced scope prelim. eng. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> with intent to utilize local EIT to assist with site visits and hydrology.
- Site visits complete.

# Studies and Planning Work

## Regional Facilities Condition Assessment & Master Plan

- Grant application submitted Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> for Alberta Community Partnership – Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant with Cowley support.
- Received notice Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> of successful grant (\$200,000).
  - Grant agreement received and signed May 13<sup>th</sup>, executed by Province Jun. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Request for Proposals (RFP) released May 13<sup>th</sup>, due back May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 proposals received, ranging in initial award price from \$139,170 to \$301,700 (with contract allowance). RFP's scored based on the following criteria:
  - Organizational Background, Relevant Project Experience (30%)
  - Project Execution Plan (35%)
  - References (10%)
  - Fee Proposal – Actual (17.5%), rates/value (7.5%)
- References contacted and initial evaluation stage complete by Committee. Scoring as follows:

SCORING							
Bidder	Organization / Experience	Project Execution Plan	References	Fee Proposal (Actual Fee)	Fee Proposal (Value - rates, travel costs, disbursements)	Total	Score Notes
Parsus Engineering	24.00	21.00	9.50	17.50	3.75	75.75	References responded
Pyrco Global Inc.	27.00	28.00	6.50	5.78	4.50	71.78	2 of 2 references responded.
Avodahtec	18.00	31.50	8.00	8.96	5.25	71.71	Max score: 72.71 1 of 2 references responded.
Salas O'brien Canada Inc.	27.00	28.00	0.00	9.56	3.75	68.31	Max score: 73.31 Substitute reference was very negative, other reference did not respond.
MPE a division of Englobe	27.00	21.00	8.00	6.20	5.25	67.45	References responded.
Hala Engineering Ltd.	6.00	21.00	0-10	13.97	4.50	45.47	Max score: 55.47 Reference contact not required. Score too low.
TWS Engineering Ltd.	12.00	21.00	0-10	0.00	4.50	37.50	Max score: 47.50 Reference contact not required. Score too low.
KR Engineering Inc.	6.00	7.00	0-10	9.35	3.00	25.35	Max score: 35.35 Reference contact not required. Score too low.

- All firms were based in Edmonton, with exclusion of Salas O'brien (Calgary), MPE (Lethbridge), and Parsus (Lethbridge)
- Parsus Engineering has been evaluated as the initial Qualified Proponent. Final negotiation phase underway prior to contract execution.

## 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).
- Initial geotechnical round complete week of Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>. Results received May 27<sup>th</sup> with recommendations for proposed sites.

- Town of Pincher Creek interconnect pump and pipeline sizing documents drafted, under technical review.
- Cost estimation phase underway.

### **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, presented to Council Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Handover documents received Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> for full final report from MPE. Under internal review.

### **Cridland Dam**

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

- Reports complete and presented to Council for information Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Quarterly documented monitoring required.
- Provincial audit results received Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>. 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**

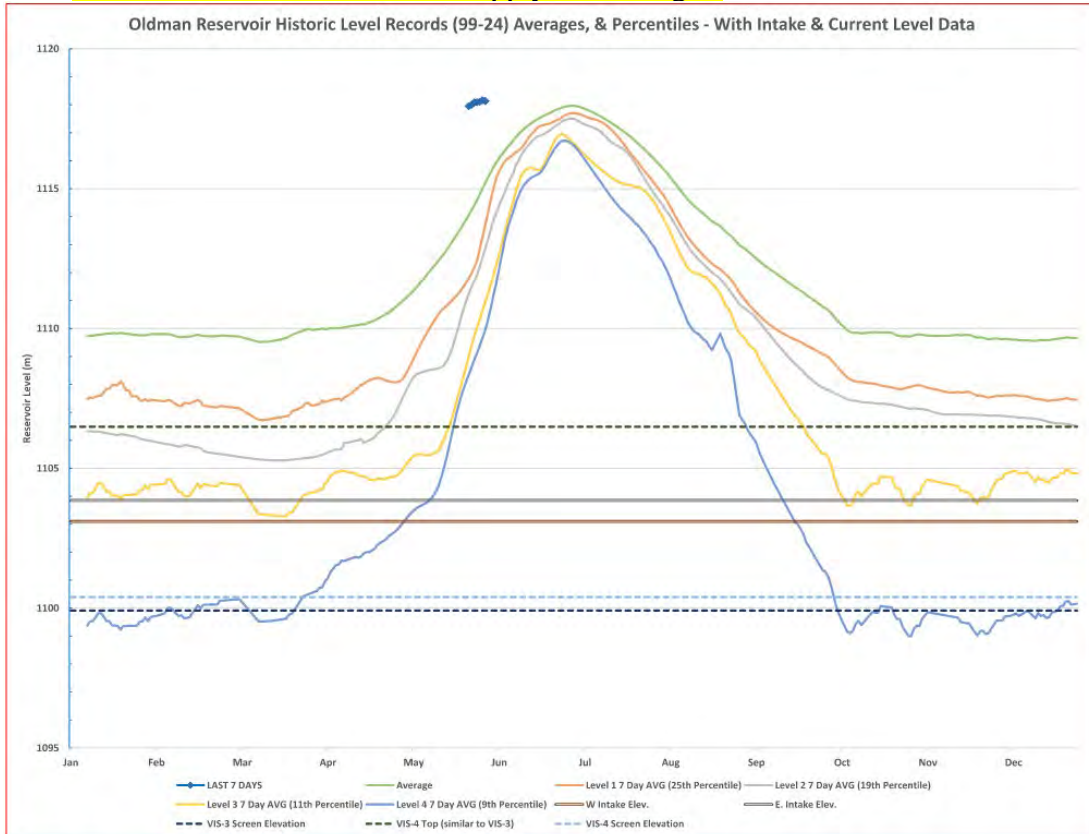
- Airport pavement assessment kicked off May 29<sup>th</sup>, awaiting site visits.
- Revised costing for Southfork road assessment received Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Council approved up to \$30,000 for Southfork road assessment Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Formally awarded May 22<sup>nd</sup>, first round of FWD and GPR data has been collected.

# Operations Updates

## WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

Implemented Stage: Normal (Restrictions ended Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>)

- Monitoring risk scoring once/month. Risk assessed June 1<sup>st</sup>: 5.8 (normal) May 29<sup>th</sup>: 7.4 (normal-warning)
- Risk reduced due to water supply risk changes.



## Beaver Mines Lot Servicing

- 51/66 developed applications received, 49 approved, 48 connected (73%)
- Fifteen (15) undeveloped fully serviced locations, One (1) exempt with conditions



### General Water Operations Updates June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026:

- BM collection system experienced significant infiltration over May 31-Jun. 2 rain event. Flows increased from typical 15 m<sup>3</sup>/d to 138 m<sup>3</sup>/d (Jun. 1) and 173 m<sup>3</sup>/d (Jun. 2) through lift station. This combined with rains in cells resulted in the treatment system hitting high level shutdown afternoon of Jun. 3.
  - Trucked 10 loads of wastewater (2 trucks) from BMWWTP to Lundbreck Jun. 2 night to catchup and ensure no chance of overflow.
  - Trucked Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup> during work day (2 trucks). Anticipate infiltration to subside for normal operations by Jun. 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Increased flow to lateral fields, notified AEPA. Not an approval contravention, notified as a precautionary measure.
  - Infiltration review performed during rains. Multiple manholes identified as sources along with at least 1 private leak. Working on plans to address.
  - No environmental concerns from event.
- BM Lift Station had about ½” water leak into building through an empty conduit and minor leaking in BM WWTP building through an electrical conduit. No damage concerns identified.
- Generator stuck on at WTP after thunderstorm May 27<sup>th</sup> requiring technician visit. Resolved.
- BM Lift Station instrument air modifications for forcemain awarded to DMT, site visit pending.
- Performed site visits for various water distribution concerns in Lundbreck (meter issue, final inspections/unauthorized curbstop use issue).
- Patton Park aquifer water system activated and sign curbstop turned on.
- CMR reported large billing discrepancy, cause under investigation. Likely a leak somewhere in their system.
- Lundbreck distribution system Provincial inspection report received May 12<sup>th</sup>. Response required by June 15<sup>th</sup> for the following operational risks:
  - Trihalomethane (THM) samples need to be taken at one extreme end of system (currently varies).
  - A chlorine residual sample (taken 5 times/wk.) was missed Apr. 2, 2024 and the MD failed to report the missed sample.
  - Response sent back June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Higher than normal flow observed through BM lift station through late April, maxing out wastewater site dosing. Appears to be from a manhole in Hamlet, planning excavation and sealing plan.
- Algal growth observed at BM wastewater site (WWTP). April samples resulted in contravention due to high Temporary Suspended Solids (TSS).
  - Contravention issued for May as well. Samples trending towards normal.

### General Miscellaneous Operations Update Jun. 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.
      - Followed up with Public Lands May 22 regarding written confirmation of remaining scope; no response to date.
    - TFA submitted Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>. HRA clearance received, awaiting TFA.

- Castle Falls
  - Received verbal direction that Forestry & Parks may forego additional work on this site (topsoil spreading, additional reseeded, 2 years monitoring) due to future campsite potential.
  - Awaiting written confirmation, **per above.**
- Pine Creek
  - Reclamation options sent do landowner for consideration Mar 30<sup>th</sup>. Meeting held Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> – reviewing options.
  - **Sent additional information to landowner May 29<sup>th</sup> regarding potential solution, meeting held June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reviewing options.**
- Meeting held with CM Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> – discussed depot compensation model.
  - Both CNPCL and MD to be compensated under proposed model
  - Draft Statement of Work (SoW) received May 14<sup>th</sup> with compensation, reviewed.
    - **CM is incorporating MD comments, awaiting revision.**
  - Discussing potential of tying in Castle Mountain Resort (CMR) recycling bin to program
    - **Denied due to significant commercial usage related to this bin.**
  - **Met with CNPCL May 26<sup>th</sup>, confirmed contract understanding**
  - **Awaiting revised contract from CM. Plan to execute and approach Town regarding 3 way amendment after execution.**
- **Waste handling contract expiring, discussed with CNPCL. Proposing 2.5% annual increase for 3 years, drafting underway.**

**Recommendation:**

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 received as information.

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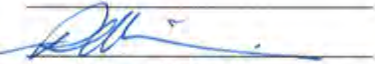
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Date: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Council Meeting

Date: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Administration Guidance Request

<b>TITLE: Lundbreck Train Whistling Cessation Applications</b>			
<b>PREPARED BY: David Desabrais</b>		<b>DATE: Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026</b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT: Utilities &amp; Infrastructure</b>			
<b>David Desabrais</b>	26/06/03	<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	
<b>Department Supervisor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CPKCR correspondence</li> <li>2. Whistling cessation process</li> </ol>	
<b>APPROVALS:</b>			
	26/06/03		2026/06/03
<b>Department Director</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>CAO</b>	<b>Date</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council provide direction to Administration regarding whistle cessation investigations near Lundbreck.**

**BACKGROUND:**

A landowner near Lundbreck brought forth a concern regarding train whistling near his house to a member of Council whom passed it along to Administration.

The landowner was directed by the rail company (CPKCR) that the municipality must make the request. Administration reached out to CPKCR (*ATTACHMENT #1*) and confirmed there is a specific process that applies (*ATTACHMENT #2*).

Administration is looking to confirm if Council wishes for us to pursue a whistle cessation application, and if so, at which crossings (*per ATTACHMENT #1*)

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

TBD. To be brought back to Council before costs arise.

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RE: Whistling - Crossing Near Lundbreck, AB - MD of Pincher Creek

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Hi David,

Please identify which locations are of interest and I will take a run down. After my review I will send you of what ( if anything ) needs to be changed to achieve whistle cessation.

Thank you very much!

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Thanks Paul.

2<sup>nd</sup> step states: "To find out if the request is feasible, the municipality checks with the company that operates the railway line."

Is a request feasible?

Regards,  
**David Desabrais, P.Eng.**  
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Hi David ,

Whistling is required at all public railway crossings in Canada unless an successful application has been made for whistle cessation.

Below are whistle locations close to your town.

- Mile 70.37 RR14
- Mile 71.45 RR20
- Mile 72.72 Breckenridge Ave
- Mile 74.85 TWP RD 73A



Train crews are required to blow their whistles if there is a perceived danger ahead.

[Apply to stop train whistling at a public grade crossing](#)

Thank you very much!

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Good afternoon,

The MD of Pincher Creek recently had an inquiry regarding whistling at a crossing East of Lundbreck, Alberta.

The concern indicated that whistling is occurring for the crossing located here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Z9PoAP5QDskHhj8XA>

It is not clear to the MD if the whistling would be occurring because of the above crossing or if it is actually occurring because of the major crossing 2km further West: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sMuii8FzoAKZ7vKX8>

Hoping we can get clarity.

If it is indeed occurring due to the minor crossing to the East of Lundbreck, my understanding is that we would have to assess the crossing per Section 104 of the Grade Crossings Regulations and Appendix D of the Grade Crossings Standards, to determine if it is possible to cease: [Apply to stop train whistling at a public grade crossing](#). Looking for confirmation on this piece.

Thanks,

**David Desabrais, P.Eng.**

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# Apply to stop train whistling at a public grade crossing

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Train whistling is an important way to keep drivers, cyclists and pedestrians safe. The *Canadian Rail Operating Rules* require all trains to whistle whenever they approach a public grade crossing.

In some cases, train whistles bother people who live nearby. Municipalities may wish to stop the whistling to provide local residents with relief from the noise.

## On this page

- [What you need to do](#)
- [Detailed procedure](#)
- [Contact us](#)

## What you need to do

**If you're a resident** who wants to stop train whistling in your neighbourhood, contact your local municipality.

**If you work for a municipality** and are going ahead with a request to stop train whistling, you'll need to follow the numbered procedure below. It helps municipalities and railway companies collaborate to ensure grade crossings stay safe.

In brief, municipalities must:

- Consult with the railway company about whether the request is feasible
- Notify the public and others that it intends to stop the whistling
- Pass a municipal council resolution

## Detailed procedure

This procedure comes from:

- [section 23.1 of the \*Railway Safety Act\*](#)
- [section 104 of the \*Grade Crossings Regulation\*](#)
- [Appendix D of the \*Grade Crossings Standards\*](#)

This is the process:

### 1. **Citizen or community group expresses interest**

The municipality receives a request to stop train whistling at a specific area (one crossing or multiple crossings) along a railway corridor.

## 2. Municipality consults with railway company

To find out if the request is feasible, the municipality checks with the company that operates the railway line.

## 3. Municipality notifies the public

The municipality:

- notifies all relevant associations or organizations
- issues a public notice, which says it intends to pass a resolution to stop train whistling at a railway crossing (or at multiple crossings in one area)

## 4. Municipality and railway company assess the crossing(s)

This assessment determines whether or not the area meets whistling cessation requirements in section 104 of the *Grade Crossings Regulations* and Appendix D of the *Grade Crossings Standards*. The municipality and railway company may hire a professional engineer to help complete the assessment.

## 5. Municipality and railway company agree the crossing(s) meet requirements

If the municipality and the railway company do not agree that the crossing(s) meet(s) these requirements, they should try to resolve the conflict.

### 5a. (optional): Municipality and railway request a final decision from Transport Canada

If the disagreement continues, the municipality and the railway company can ask Transport Canada for a Ministerial Decision on whether the crossing(s) meet the requirements in section 104 of the *Grade Crossings Regulations* by emailing [railsafety@tc.gc.ca](mailto:railsafety@tc.gc.ca). Transport Canada's decision on the issue is final.

For Transport Canada to be able to review and come to a conclusion on whether the crossing(s) meet the requirements, it will need information that only the road authority and the railway company have. That is why it's important that your submission for a Ministerial Decision includes the following information:

- the names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of all parties involved (i.e. the road authority, municipality, and railway company contact information)
- a list of the crossing location(s) where you would like whistling to stop (road name, rail line name, mile point, railway company)
- a short, clearly written statement that explains why there's a dispute on whether the crossing(s) meet the requirements for whistling to stop.
  - This statement should be supported by facts (letters, engineering reports, etc.) that show that the crossing(s) do or do not meet the requirements in Sections 104-107 of the *Grade Crossings Regulations* and Appendix D of the *Grade Crossings Standards*
  - **Note:** There is no requirement to have a third party assessments done to decide if the requirements for whistling to stop have been met.

In addition, the following information must be submitted for each crossing. The list below are technical items that the railway company must provide and are defined in the *Grade Crossings Standards*:

- The Gate Arm Clearance time from the Stopping Sight Distance position: (in seconds)
- The Gate Arm Clearance time from the Stopped position: (in seconds)
- The calculated Warning System's Warning time (minimum value): (in seconds)
- The calculated Warning System Activation time: (N/A or in seconds)
- A copy of the design calculations/board plans for the warning system times: (can be provided in letters, emails, reports etc.).
- A confirmation of whether the warning system meets, or does not meet, the design and operating requirements in articles 12 to 16 and 10.4 of the *Grade Crossings Standards*, and section 105 of the *Grade Crossings Regulations*
  - If the warning system doesn't meet these requirements, please include details for any specific requirement that haven't been met

Other information that would help Transport Canada make a decision would include the following items:

- Information that the railway company and the road authority shared under Sections 4 and 12 of the *Grade Crossings Regulations*
- Letters, reports or emails from both parties that confirm that the area does not have repeated incidents of trespassing
- Copy of bylaw documents that support whistling stopping, when applicable
- Proof that the railway company and road authority or municipality have been consulted
- Proof that the relevant associations or organizations have been notified

## 6. Municipality passes a resolution

If it's decided that the crossing(s) meet(s) requirements, the municipality:

- must pass a resolution saying it agrees train whistling should not be used at the crossing(s)
- sends a copy of the resolution to the railway company and all relevant associations or organizations, including Transport Canada's Rail Safety Directorate headquarters ([railsafety@tc.gc.ca](mailto:railsafety@tc.gc.ca))

## 7. Railway company confirms whistling has stopped at the crossing(s) (within 30 days)

When they receive the resolution, the railway company must:

- issue special instructions to stop train whistling at the crossing(s)
- notify Transport Canada's Rail Safety Directorate ([railsafety@tc.gc.ca](mailto:railsafety@tc.gc.ca)) of the effective date of whistling cessation, with a copy of its special instructions
- notify the municipality and/or road authorities in writing of the whistling cessation, not later than 30 days after the day the whistling stops

**8. Municipality and railway company both ensure the right safety conditions are met**

If the municipality and company do not maintain the crossing(s) according to requirements in the *Railway Safety Act* and *Grade Crossings Regulations*, a Transport Canada Rail Safety Inspector may order that train whistling start again.

**Contact us**

Transport Canada  
Rail Safety Branch  
Mailstop: ASR  
427 Laurier Avenue Street West  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

**Telephone:** 613-998-2985

**Toll-free:** 1-844-897-RAIL (1-844-897-7245)

**Facsimile:** 613-990-7767

**Email:** [railsafety@tc.gc.ca](mailto:railsafety@tc.gc.ca)

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

May 25, 2026, to June 5, 2026

**Discussion:**

May 26	Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
May 28	Labour Management Meeting
May 29	Vacation
Jun 1	Meeting at Town with CAO and Curling Club Executive members
Jun 1	Regional Facilities Assessment Proposal Evaluation
Jun 2	Planning Session
Jun 2	Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
Jun 3	Public Works Safety Meeting
Jun 3	Landowner Meeting to discuss U.R/W

**Upcoming:**

Jun 9	Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
Jun 11	Mobile Worksite Safety Inspection
Jun 11	PCREMO EAC Meeting
Jun 13	Reuse/Recycle Fair
Jun 16	Coffee with Council - Div 4, Summerview Hall
Jun 17	Special Joint Meeting with the Town

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period May 25, 2026, to June 5, 2026.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, CAO

Date: June 3, 2026

Respectfully presented to: Council

Date: June 9, 2026

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY**

May 24, 2026 to June 4, 2026

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

- Pincher Creek Curling Club – Letter of Support
- Kootenai Brown Historical Park – Letter of Support
- Heritage Acres Farm Museum – Gravel Donation
- Updated letter for Pincher Creek Emergency Services (resolution 25/426) - Vegetation Management around Castle Mountain Resort
- Declaration of Seniors Week

### **Advertising/Social:**

- Declaration of Seniors Week
- Pincher Creek Joint Council Grant Applications Available
- Annual Cattle Drive PSA
- Office Parking Lot (no parking) PSA
- Courtesy Post – Blowdown Notification TC Energy
- Lundbreck Street Sweeping PSA
- Herbicide Sales
- Weed Wednesday – Baby’s Breath & Common Tansy
- Safety PSA – Weed Crews on Roads
- Special Council Meeting

### **Other Activities:**

- Hay Permits
- Joint Council Grant Applications Sent Out
- Registered for Rodeo Parade

### **Invites to Council:**

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

- Regular Committee, Council – June 9, 2026
- ReUse Fair – June 13, 2026
- Coffee with Council – Division 4 – June 16, 2026
- Special (Joint Council) Meeting – June 17, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – June 23, 2026
- Canada Day Stat and Fireworks – July 1, 2026
- Agricultural Service Board – July 8, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – July 14, 2026

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## Pincher Creek and District Community Food Centre AGM

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**From** Chair <chair.foodcentrepcc@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 2026-05-26 11:22

**To** Rick Lemire <CouncilDiv2@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; Dave Cox <CouncilDiv3@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; Jim Welsch <CouncilDiv4@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; John MacGarva <CouncilDiv5@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>; Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Dear Reeve Lemire, Councillors Bruder, Cox, MacGarva and Welsch, and Jessica

On behalf of the Board of Directors, you are warmly invited to attend the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Pincher Creek & District Community Food Centre.

**Date: June 23, 2026**

**Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Location: The Food Centre, 1034 Bev McLachlin Drive, Pincher Creek**

The AGM is an opportunity to hear about the Food Centre's impact over the past year, including the number of households supported, key initiatives, and the ongoing need in our community. We will also share our priorities for the coming year and conduct the formal business of the organization.

If you are interested in learning a little more about the Food Centre, we will be hosting a short **tour of the facility after the meeting, from 5:00 - 5:30 pm.**

Your awareness and support of the Food Centre's mission and work matter to us, and we'd be pleased to have you join us.

**Kindly RSVP** to Davina Brown at [chair.foodcentrepcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.foodcentrepcc@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Feel free to share this invitation with anyone else you feel would be interested. If you would like to vote during the meeting, we'll ask that you fill out a membership form and pay a \$2 membership fee when you arrive.

Post meeting, the AGM minutes and financials will be emailed to members and posted on the Food Centre's website: <https://www.pinchercreekcommunityfoodcentre.ca/>

Thank you for your interest and support of the Food Centre and the community we serve.

Warm regards,

Davina Brown  
Board Chair  
Pincher Creek and District Community Food Centre  
403-679-1278

# *The Fishburn Cemetery Restoration Project is Complete!*

*Please Join Us for an Evening Meal & Social  
Celebrating the  
Preservation of Pincher Creek History*

*Saturday July 25th, 2026*

*4 pm at the*

*Fishburn Marr United Church*

*We will have a short program highlighting the history of the  
Fishburn Community and the journey of the  
cemetery restoration project  
followed by an outdoor dinner and social.*

*Please bring a lawn chair.*

*Walk through time as you self tour the cemetery &  
browse historical documents from years gone by.*

*Please RSVP to Shannon Turnbull @ 403-627-5220*



**PROCLAMATION  
ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 15th TO SEPTEMBER 18th, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, A Development Officer is a current planning and development specialist with knowledge in current legislation, policy and bylaws, systems and technical requirements for physical development within communities in the Province of Alberta. A Development Officer enforces and administers land use regulations and policies on behalf of a municipality and is designated to the position of Development Authority by the municipality as defined by the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26.

**WHEREAS** the Alberta Development Officers Association, representing professional Development Officers in Alberta, endorses Alberta Development Officers Week to recognize sound development and planning practices and the contribution made by Development Officers to the quality of development within our communities and environment; and,

**WHEREAS** Alberta Development Officers Week helps us to publicly recognize the work of our municipal colleagues in planning and development for the improvement of the \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality \_\_\_\_\_; and,

**WHEREAS** we recognize Development Officers and their commitment to public service; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Reeve Rick Lemire, do hereby proclaim the week of September 14th to September 18th, 2026, to be designated as Alberta Development Officers Week in the \_\_\_\_\_ Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 \_\_\_\_\_.

Proclaimed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

SEAL

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Rick Lemire, Reeve



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Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0  
403-627-3813 [help@pinchercreeklibrary.ca](mailto:help@pinchercreeklibrary.ca)

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To Reeve Rick Lemire,

The Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library would like to invite you to attend our Indigenous People's Day event on Friday, June 19th at 9:30am. As the Reeve of the MD of Pincher Creek, it is our hope that you will speak on the importance of reconciliation between the MD and the Piikani Nation.

This event will take place on the lawn in front of the Library as we hear from dignitaries from the Town, Piikani Nation, and the MD of Pincher Creek. As part of this event, the Blackfoot Confederacy Flag will be raised in honour of a respectful and cooperative relationship between our two communities.

At approximately 10:30am, attendees and dignitaries are invited to participate in an honour walk down Main Street to the Kootenai Brown Historical Park, where everyone will be able to enjoy berry soup, fry bread, and traditional dance.

We look forward to your participation in the important community event.

Sincerely,

Samantha Bonwick  
Outreach Coordinator  
Pincher Creek Municipal Library