

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
3:00 pm
Council Chambers**

- A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- B. PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1373-26 (Lundbreck Hamlet Growth Study)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING – BYLAW 1374-26 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment)
 - Letter from concerned adjacent landowner
- D. MINUTES/NOTES
 - 1. Council Committee Minutes
 - August 25, 2026
 - 2. Council Meeting Minutes
 - August 25, 2026
- E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - 1. Delegations from August 25, 2026:
 - a) Northback – Socioeconomic Impact Report
 - b) Livingstone School New Build
 - Request for Letter of Support
 - 2. Curling Club Monthly Update – August
- G. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS
 - 1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - 2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - 3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - 4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - 5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
- H. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
 - 1. Operations
 - a) Public Works Department Report
 - Report from Public Works dated September 1, 2026
 - Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report
 - b) Utilities and Infrastructure Report
 - Report from Utilities and Infrastructure, dated August 28, 2026
 - 2. Finance
 - 3. Planning and Community Services
 - a) Updates to the Code of Practice for Pits
 - RMA Member Resource
 - 4. Municipal
 - a) CAO Report
 - Report from Administration, dated September 2, 2026
 - b) Appointment of Fire Guardians for the MD of Pincher Creek
 - Report from Administration, dated September 1, 2026
- I. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 1) For Action

- a) Pincher Creek Library
 - Request for Support for Dark Sky Event

2) For Information

- a) Pincher Creek Emergency Services
 - Grand Opening & Celebration
- b) Heritage Acres
 - Thank-you Card for Pancake Breakfast

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

- a) Curling Club Update Discussion – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Community Peace Officer – Shared Service Draft Agreement – ATIA Sec. 29.1

L. ADJOURNMENT

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

BYLAW NO. 1373-26

BEING a bylaw of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No.9, in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw No. 1330-21, being the Municipal Development Plan.

WHEREAS Section 632 of the Municipal Government Act requires all municipalities in the province to adopt a municipal development plan by bylaw;

WHEREAS The purpose of the proposed bylaw amendment is to update the Hamlet Policies following the completion of the Lundbreck Hamlet Growth Study;

WHEREAS The municipal council has completed a study to further the understanding of the challenges and opportunities to continued growth in Lundbreck;

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 “Municipal Development Plan Amendment No. 1373-26”.
2. That Section 12 Hamlets Policy 12.13 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 “The MD supports the Lundbreck Hamlet Growth Study and requires its reference in all matters related to Lundbreck development. The MD will periodically update the study with current data and action item progress updates as changes occur.”
3. This bylaw comes into force and effect upon third and final reading hereof.

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

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
BYLAW NO. 1374-26**

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

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

WHEREAS The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 desires to change the land use designations of lands legally described as:

The NE7-9-1-W5 as shown on Schedule 'A' attached hereto, from "Agricultural - A" to "Direct Control - DC"; and

WHEREAS The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow for gravel pit development;

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

1. This bylaw shall be cited as "Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 1374-26".
2. Amendments to Land Use Bylaw No. 1349-23 as per "Schedule A" attached.
3. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final passing thereof.

READ a first time this 14th day of July, 2026.

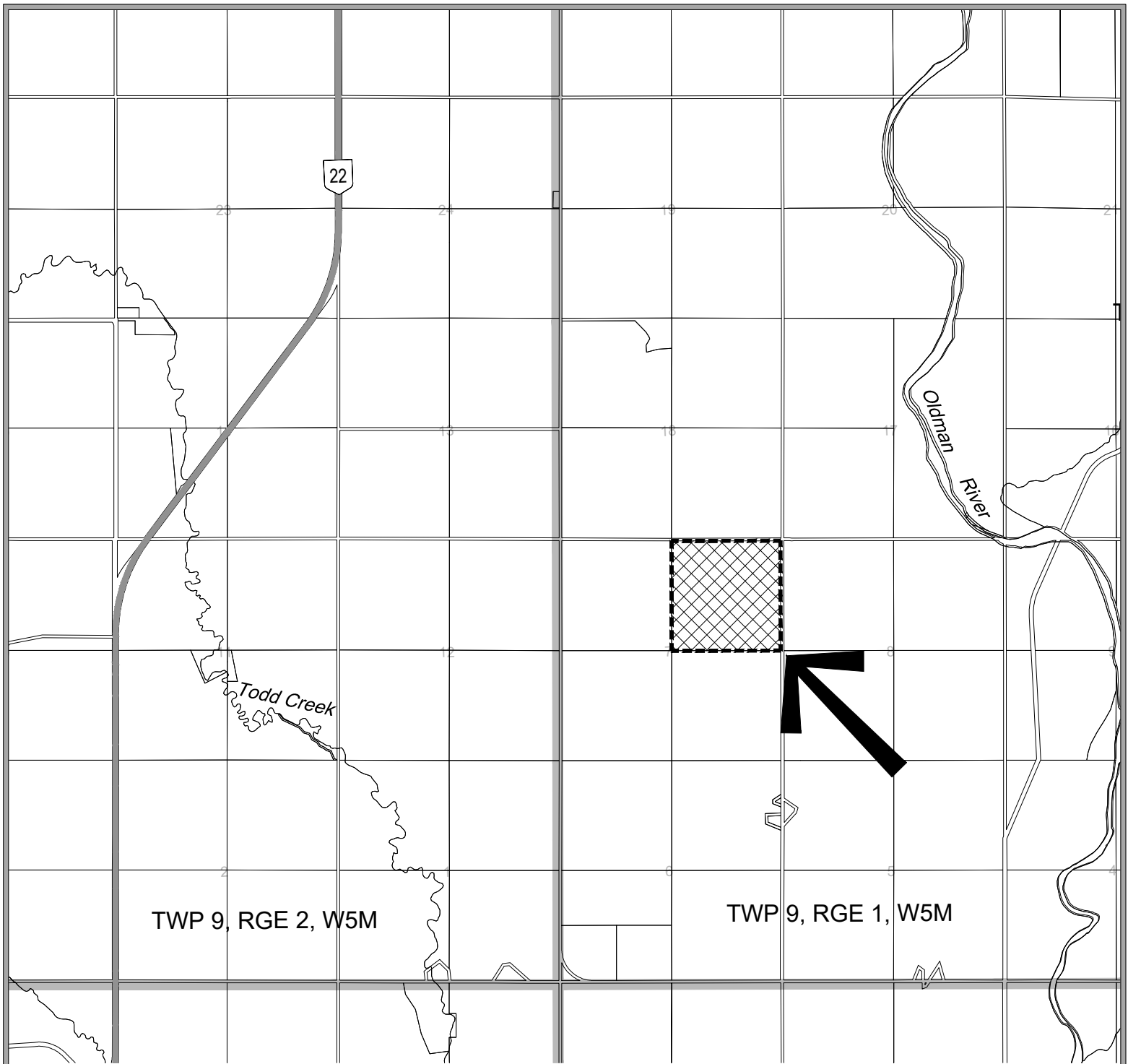
A PUBLIC HEARING was held this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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

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

Reeve
Rick Lemire

Chief Administrative Officer
Roland Milligan



LAND USE DISTRICT REDESIGNATION SCHEDULE 'A'

Bylaw #: 1374-26
Date: _____



FROM: Agriculture 'A'
TO: Direct Control 'DC'

NE 1/4 SEC 7, TWP 9, RGE 1, W 5 M

MUNICIPALITY: MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

DATE: JULY 8, 2026



Re: Land Use Bylaw Amendment - 1374-26 Public Hearing - OPPOSED

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

Date Wed 2026-09-02 4:00 PM

To <>

Cc 'K's Thomson' <>

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your email - it has been received and will be included in the upcoming package for the Public Hearing on Bylaw 1374-26.

Kindly,

Laura McKinnon, CPT
Development Officer

MD Of Pincher Creek
1037 Herron Avenue
Box 279
Pincher Creek, AB
T0K1W0
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Email: AdminDevOfr@mdpincercreek.ab.ca

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From: Sent: September 2, 2026 2:59 PM
To: Laura McKinnon <AdminDevOfr@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Cc: 'K's Thomson' <>;
Subject: Land Use Bylaw Amendment - 1374-26 Public Hearing - OPPOSED

Laura,

This letter is regarding The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 Land Use Bylaw Amendment proposal for the purpose of future Natural Resource Extraction Pit on NE 7-9-1 W5.

As the adjacent property owner to the above parcel of land, I am informing of my strong opposition of this proposed re-designation.

While I understand the need for such resource extraction; I feel strongly there **does not need to be three gravel pits within less than 1 mile**. There must be alternative sites or further development of existing sites that should be explored before developing the native grasslands directly across from my property. It is very disappointing that as a Municipal District (MD) you would be looking to develop rather than protecting this native grassland. I would hope that the MD would lead by example in the protection of these effectively non-renewable native grasslands.

In addition, with this proposed gravel pit being within such close proximity to my property, the dust, noise, traffic and ground disturbance would adversely affect the value of my property, as well as lifestyle and operations. My family and livestock would be put at risk. With ground water disturbance in the area already from existing pits and farmers, the addition of a third pit could increase the risk to my property water and once these impacts occur, they can be difficult, if not impossible to reverse. This risk is too significant to my property, home, and livestock.

I respectfully request that the decision-makers carefully consider the impacts of this proposal and reject the application. Prioritization of the conservation of this irreplaceable native grassland and existing property owners/operations should be given.

Please provide confirmation that this correspondence has been received.

Regards,
Kenneth Thomson

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
Tuesday, August 25, 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, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, 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 August 25, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Delegations

a) Northback – Socioeconomic Impact Report

Brad Johnson, CEO, and Daina Lazzarotto, Manager, Community Relations, from Northback, attended the meeting. Brad, new to the role of CEO, introduced himself and provided some background.

They presented a report that outlines the socioeconomic and economic impacts of the Grassy Mountain Project on Canada and Alberta, emphasizing community benefits and financial contributions.

Northback representatives stated that the project will create jobs, support community programs, and invest in local businesses, including First Nations communities. Stating that it will strengthen Canada's trade balance and regional growth through significant investment and government revenues. Construction involves \$1.4 billion, supporting various jobs, with most spending with Canadian suppliers.

Council thanked them for attending and asked about future coal sales and whether there are enough markets. Questioned if there is a shortage of coal? The market is currently oversupplied; long-term economists view it as undersupplied by 2030.

Council questioned whether Northback will remain local or be sold to a larger corporation, given that Northback's parent company is in Australia. Brad can't comment on whether Northback could be sold to a larger corporation in the future, but there are no plans at this time. Council raised concerns about the current housing shortage in our community, as well as Crowsnest Pass.

Council thanked representatives for attending the meeting.

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Brad Johnson left the meeting at 11:30 am

b) Enhancing Livingstone Initiative & Taskforce Effort (ELITE) (Livingstone School New Build)

Daina Lazzarotto, Eliza Grose, and Teresa MacGarva attended the meeting to update Council on the Livingstone School new build.

The mission of Enhancing Livingstone Initiative & Taskforce Effort (ELITE) is to advocate for the new build of Livingstone School. This includes fundraising for the construction of the enhanced multi-purpose facility and demonstrating strong, unified regional support.

The group is a community initiative seeking support and funding for a new multi-purpose gymnasium at Livingstone School to benefit students and the wider community. The ELITE task force aims to raise \$2 million. The project includes constructing an enhanced gym that will serve both the school and local organizations. Today's ask from the MD is a letter of endorsement for the new build, as well as a \$1.5 million financial contribution toward construction.

Council raised that if we financially assisted with gym builds, most schools don't allow after-hours use of the facilities. What safeguards are in place to ensure the public can access the new building for rentals? At this point, the plans are for the group to ensure community use.

The fundraising group is actively seeking grants and other funding for the request, but won't know the final amount until they hear back about the grants.

Council thanked the group for attending and will further discuss their ask, and letter of support, at the Council meeting of September 8, 2026.

Livingstone school representatives left the meeting at 11:54 am.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Jim Welsch

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 12:00 pm.

- a) Recycling Services - October 1, 2026 Changes – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Town of Pincher Creek Agreement for Curling Facility – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Carried

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 12:28 pm.

Carried

5. Round Table

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TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2026

- Multiple calls regarding misinformation regarding data centre
 - Request for Open House
 - Until the project has been applied for, there is nothing the MD can comment on
- Agricultural hauling concerns
 - Overweight loads
 - Unsecure loads
 - Not stopping at stop signs
 - Dust from hauling
 - Potential enforcement actions
 - Potential social media PSA
 - MD has been asked for assistance during rodeo, packing the arena
 - Suggestion made that the Ag Society submit an official ask
- Division 3 resident has suggestion for a deadstock bin location
 - PW manager suggested to assist
 - Ask will be forwarded to current acting AES Fieldman
- Concerns over lack of water once new water wells were installed
 - Resident will be forwarded information for Alberta Environment as its not the MD's jurisdiction to approve water wells
- Stopping chemical sales in the MD – concerns from residents
 - Regulations don't allow for decanted herbicides, must be in manufactures container with labels
 - MD could fill weed sprayers, but landowners are required to have training and certification
 - Discussion over MD hosting the certification course
 - Landowners with proper certification, can still purchase from Ag hardware stores
 - Question on sale of strychnine
 - MD isn't selling this year
 - Manufacturer was only selling to Municipalities that were in dire need and prearranged to purchase
- Waterton Dam
 - Swimming area (roped-off area) has been installed
 - Still needs signage
- Kootenai Brown Historical Park celebration
 - Opening of new firehall exhibit
 - Community Foundation donated funds for the new exhibit
- Discussion on MD vehicles being required to have the MD logo
 - The larger logos haven't been placed on new trucks as it can affect resale
 - Council suggested logos on door or window to show people it's an MD vehicle
- Council timesheet deadline discussed
 - Administration will look at dates and discuss
- RMA resolutions reminder – deadline beginning of October
 - Possible from ASB - Wildlife Predation Identification Training

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- Grizzly bear issues
 - Request for meeting with MD, Waterton Biosphere, Carnivores and Communities Program Coordinator, Jeff Bectel, MLA Chelsea Petrovic
 - MD could offer to host

6. Adjournment

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 1:23 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Community Peace Officer Robyn Potter, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

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

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/310

Moved that the agenda for August 25, 2026, be amended to include:

Municipal:

e) Alternative Land Use System (ALUS) Invitation

Closed:

d) ACP Intermunicipal Grant – Water/Sewer Town of Pincher Creek – ATIA Sec. 29.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/311

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of July 14, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2026

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/312

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 14, 2026, be amended to change resolution 26/309 to Councillor Dave Cox.

AND THAT the minutes be approved as amended.

Carried

3) Special Council Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2026

Councillor John MacGarva 26/313

Moved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 29, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

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D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Chief Mountain Gas – Golf Invitation

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/314

Moved that the invitation to Chief Mountain Gas Golf Day be received as information.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
 - (various others that all of Council attended)
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Kootenai Brown Historical Village grand opening of Fire Hall
 - Healthcare Committee
3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Pincher Fair and Rodeo Parade/Pancake Breakfast
 - Concerns on lack of parade marshal
 - Heritage Acres – Heritage Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast
 - Blood Tribe - Pancake Breakfast
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Heritage Acres – Heritage Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast
 - Pincher Fair and Rodeo Parade/Pancake Breakfast
 - Police Advisory Meeting
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Healthcare Committee
 - Housing Committee
 - Heritage Acres – Heritage Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast
 - Special Council Meeting
 - Pincher Fair and Rodeo Parade/Pancake Breakfast
 - Safety concerns on candy being thrown from floats
 - Safety BBQ

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/315

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/316

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period July 16, 2026, to August 16, 2026, as information.

Carried

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b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/317

Moved that Council receive the Utilities & Infrastructure report for July 8, 2026, to August 18, 2026, as information.

Carried

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

a) Community Policing Reports (Crowsnest Pass Detachment and Pincher Creek Detachment)

Councillor John MacGarva 26/318

Moved that Council receive the Community Policing Reports (Crowsnest Pass Detachment and Pincher Creek Detachment), as information.

Carried

b) Enforcement Services - Second Quarter (Q2) Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/319

Moved that Council receive the Enforcement Services - Second Quarter (Q2) Report, as information.

Carried

c) Bylaw 1375-26 Animal Control Bylaw Amendment

Councillor Dave Cox 26/320

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1375-26, being the Animal Control Bylaw Amendment, first reading.

Carried

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/321

Moved that Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 1375-26, being the Animal Control Bylaw Amendment, second reading.

Carried

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/322

Moved that Bylaw No. 1375-26, being the Animal Control Bylaw Amendment, be presented for third reading.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor John MacGarva 26/323

Moved that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 1375-26, being the Animal Control Bylaw Amendment, third and final reading.

Carried

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d) Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance 2026 Fees

Councillor Dave Cox 26/324

Moved that Council approve the 2026 Fee Proposal from Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance at a rate of \$1.25 per capita x 2025 MD of Pincher Creek Population for a total of \$4077.00 coming from Council Expenses.

Carried

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor John MacGarva 26/325

Moved that Council receive the CAO Report for the period July 10, 2026, to August 21, 2026, as information.

Carried

b) 2026 Coffee with Council – Division 2 and Division 5

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/326

Moved that the originally scheduled Coffee with Councils be rescheduled to the following:

- Division 2 – Lundbreck Hall to Thursday, September 17, 2026
- Division 5 – MD Office to Tuesday, November 17

Carried

c) C-CO-010 Municipal Governance Framework and Document Hierarchy Policy

Councillor Dave Cox 26/327

Moved that Council approve Policy C-CO-010 Municipal Governance Framework and Document Hierarchy.

Carried

d) Appointment of Fire Guardian(s)

Councillor Dave Cox 26/328

Moved that Council appoint Community Peace Officer Robyn Potter to serve as Fire Guardian for the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 from April 01, 2026, to March 31, 2027.

Carried

e) Alternative Land Use System Event (ALUS)

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/329

Moved that all of Council be authorized to attend the ALUS Tour on September 15, 2026.

Carried

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H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation - Invitation - Bringing Hearts Home Celebration & Reception

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/330

Moved that Reeve Rick Lemire be authorized to attend the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation - Bringing Hearts Home Celebration & Reception, on September 10, 2026.

Carried

b) Heidi Eijgel - Land Use Zoning South of Town

Councillor John MacGarva 26/331

Moved that Council receive the letter from Heidi Eijgel on the Land Use Zoning South of Town, as information.

Carried

c) National Police Federation - Call to Action

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/332

Moved that Council support the National Police Federation, Call to Action.

Carried

d) Annual Southwest Region Elected Officials Meeting - Updated Date

Councillor Dave Cox 26/333

Moved that Council accept the Annual Southwest Region Elected Officials Meeting, updated date, as information.

Carried

e) Hospital Activity Book - Request for Sponsorship

Councillor Dave Cox 26/334

Moved that Council support the Hospital Activity Book request for sponsorship at an amount of \$279, as a display advertisement, with the amount to be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

f) Naapihtaa Has Married - Request for Council to Recognize Marriage

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/335

Moved that Council receive the announcement of Naapihtaa Has Married, as information.

Carried

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g) Pincher Creek Minor Hockey - Request for Donation

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/336

Moved that Council approve the donation request of \$150 for Pincher Creek Minor Hockey, with the amount to be taken from Grants to Groups and Organizations.

Carried

h) Southern Alberta Land Trust Society (SALTS) - Fencing Request

Councillor Dave Cox 26/337

Moved that the fencing request from Southern Alberta Land Trust Society (SALTS) be received as information.

Carried

B. For Information

a) Chinook Arch Regional Library Board - August Board Report

Councillor Dave Cox 26/338

Moved that the Chinook Arch Regional Library Board - August Board Report, be received as information.

Carried

b) Heritage Acres - Thank you

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/339

Moved that the thank you from Heritage Acres, be received as information.

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/340

Moved that the Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:21 pm.

- a) Unsightly Property - ATIA Sec. 29.1
- b) Draft C-HR-004 Drug and Alcohol Policy – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- c) ORRSC Member Service Agreement – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- d) Land Use Bylaw – Non-Compliance – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- e) Request for Use of Closed Alleyway – Pincher Station – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- f) ACP Intermunicipal Grant - Water/Sewer - Town of Pincher Creek – ATIA Sec. 29.1

Councillor John MacGarva 26/341

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:33 pm.

Carried

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a) Unsightly Property

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/342

Moved that Council authorize Enforcement Services to proceed with seeking a court injunction to enforce Community Standards Bylaw #1366-25 as discussed in closed session.

Carried

b) Draft C-HR-004 Drug and Alcohol Policy

Councillor Dave Cox 26/343

Moved that Council approve policy C-HR-004 Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Carried

c) ORRSC Member Service Agreement

Councillor John MacGarva 26/344

Moved that Council authorize signing of the ORRSC Member Service Agreement.

Carried

d) Land Use Bylaw – Non-Compliance

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/345

Moved that administration be directed to proceed with the Land Use Bylaw, Non-Compliance, as discussed in closed session.

Carried

e) Request for Use of Closed Lane – Pincher Station

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/346

Moved that administration be directed to proceed with the recommended legal opinion for the closed lane in Pincher Station, as discussed in closed.

Carried

f) ACP Intermunicipal Grant - Water/Sewer - Town of Pincher Creek

Councillor Dave Cox 26/347

Moved that Council supports submission of a 2026/27 Alberta Community Partnership grant application for a Regional Water and Wastewater Expansion & Upgrade Plan as the managing partner,

AND THAT Council direct Administration to verify the Town of Pincher Creek Council's support of the grant application as a project participant.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor John MacGarva 26/348

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:38 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Request for Letter of Support – Livingstone School New Build



Dear members of Council,

On behalf of the Enhancing Livingstone Initiative & Taskforce Effort (ELITE), we are reaching out to request your support for an important investment in our community, the proposed new build of Livingstone School in Lundbreck.

Livingstone School has long been a cornerstone of our region, serving families across the MD of Pincher Creek and surrounding communities. It plays a critical role not only in education, but in fostering community connection, stability, and long-term growth in our rural area. As the school has been identified as a priority for replacement, there is a significant opportunity to ensure that current and future generations have access to a safe, modern, and inspiring learning environment.

The ELITE group has been established to advocate and fundraise for this project and to demonstrate the strong, unified support that exists across our region. More specifically, we are raising funds to support the construction of an enhanced gym that could be used as a multi-purpose facility not only by the school but also the surrounding community. This decision was based on community feedback in the spring of 2026. In discussion with the Livingstone Range School District, we have identified a fundraising goal of \$2 million. As part of this effort, we are gathering letters of support from local organizations, businesses, and community groups to reinforce the importance of this project to decision-makers.

We would greatly appreciate if council would consider providing a brief letter of support that speaks to:

- The importance of Livingstone School to the community
- The value of investing in modern, rural education infrastructure
- The broader benefits this project will bring to families and the region

Your letter may be shared with key stakeholders, including the Government of Alberta, Livingstone Range School Division, the MD of Pincher Creek, and other partners involved in the decision-making process.

Letters can be addressed to **“To Whom It May Concern”** and submitted by October 1, 2026. If helpful, we have provided you with a sample template.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continued commitment to supporting strong, vibrant rural communities. Your voice will play an important role in helping advance this critical project.

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

Sincerely,

Daina Lazzarotto, Chair
Enhancing Livingstone Initiative & Taskforce Effort (ELITE)
enhancelivingstone@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Support for the Proposed New Build of Livingstone School in Lundbreck

On behalf of *[Organization/Business Name]*, I/we are pleased to express our strong support for the proposed new build of Livingstone School in Lundbreck.

[Briefly describe your organization/business and your connection to the local community.

– e.g., years in operation, number of employees, role in the region, etc.]

Livingstone School plays an important role in our community by providing quality education and serving as a gathering place for families across the MD of Pincher Creek and surrounding area.

From our perspective, the investment in a new school is important because:

- *[Reason #1 – e.g., supports local families and helps attract/retain residents]*
- *[Reason #2 – e.g., contributes to rural economic stability and workforce sustainability]*
- *[Reason #3 – e.g., ensures safe, modern facilities for students and staff]*

A new Livingstone School will provide long-term benefits, including:

- Strengthening our rural community and supporting future growth
- Enhancing the quality of education and student experience
- Reinforcing the viability and resilience of the surrounding region

We believe this project represents a meaningful and necessary investment in the future of our community.

We respectfully encourage the Government of Alberta, the Livingstone Range School Division, and all decision-makers to support and prioritize this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support.

Sincerely,

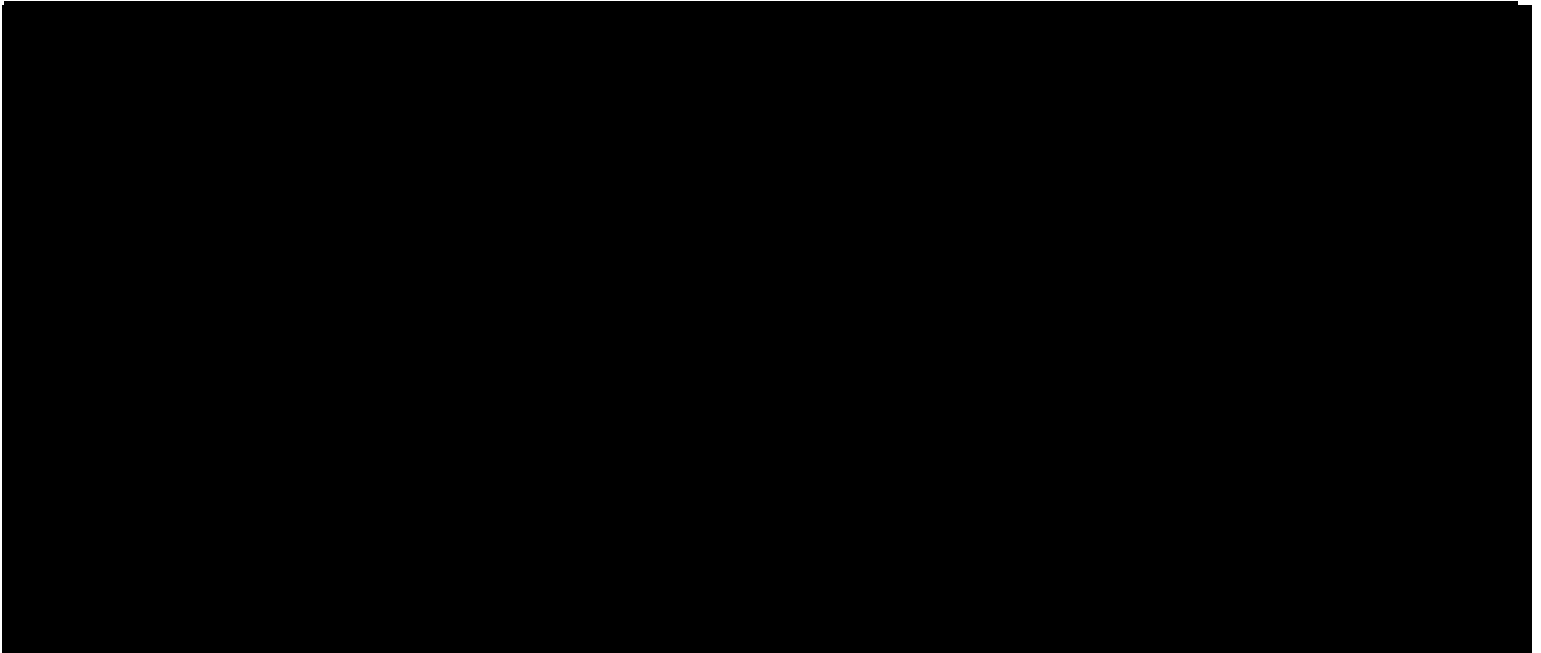
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Curling Club Monthly Update - August



Just to refresh we have a deposit with Westco for \$687,697.50

We applied May Payment of \$328,030.33

Leaving a balance of with Westco \$359,667.17

At the end of project, we will need to pay as part of the final payment the holdback. But this amount has been part of the total amount.

The curling rink is coming along at a great pace. we should be able to take it over by end of September.

We have completed:

1. Building - all interior walls have been installed
2. Dry wall is up and being taped and mudded
3. Sidewalks and garbage pad are complete
4. Ice plant pad is complete
5. Parking lot - Pit run - was brought in by Sorge trucking. They are also giving us a discount (donation) to the club. Will be paid out of fund from club account.
6. Parking lot - Gravel - donated in Kind from the MD.

Presently:

1. They are in the last steps of finishing the ice surface.
2. Mudding and electrical are finishing up.
3. Working of the kitchen update - (from survey to a kitchen)
4. Painting by members - working on Westside of interior.
5. Outside painting needs just final touch ups
6. Donated outside grated stairs for door by bar /Lounge/kitchen.

Yet to complete:

1. Inside painting - outside touch ups
2. Floors will be burnished (polished)
3. Install washroom fixtures

4. Refinish donated kitchen cupboards and install
5. Refinish lockers and install
6. Move Plant to new site
7. Move all from old building to new
8. Erect fence around the garbage pad
9. Grumpys greenhouse is donating a tree and helping us do a bit of a rock garden
10. Garage sale in old building (October)

Anyone wishing for a tour again please give us a call we are proud to show off the new rink.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Carrie Kinahan



Carrie Kinahan | President



Recommendation to Council



TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

PREPARED BY: Jeremy Cartwright

DATE: September 1, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

ATTACHMENTS:

1.Shop/Fleet Report

APPROVALS:

September 1, 2026

2026/09/03

Public Works Manager

Date

CAO

Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Public Works Department Report for the period of August 17 to August 30, 2026, as information.

Asset Management

- MRF mapping of culverts

Gravel road maintenance

- Divisional Maintenance
- Water trucks assisting grader operators to cut roads
- Haul/spread gravel around Pincher Colony

Vegetation Management

- Ditch mowing in Divisions 3 and 4

Hard surface maintenance

- Grinding completed on Twp 9-3 (Antelope Butte Ranch)
- Grinding completed at Willow Valley Ranch

Dust control program

- Dust control on RR295 in Division 4 and RR295 in Division 2
- Dust control Villa Vega Acres
- Dust control Maycroft- Second ½ application

Recommendation to Council

Culvert maintenance

- Culvert replacement RR11 (Honey Lane)
- Culvert replacement RR13A

Bridge maintenance

- Capital Project: BF13957 Erosion control (Connelly Creek) rip rap placement
- Bridge strip decking replaced on BF01169 (Blue Bridge)- Div 3
- Bridge strip decking replaced on BF 07449 (Thibert/Lewis)- Div 4

Sign maintenance

- Replacement of yield sign on RR15
- Replacement of yield sign at intersection of Alberta Ranch Road and RR12
- New installation of yield sign on RR13A

AES/Airport

- Hauled water to AES/Airport

Yard maintenance

- Weed trimming in PW yard and sand shed
- Picked up garbage along sand shed fence

Training

- Online Biz trainer courses

EVENTS

Safety BBQ: August 20, 2026

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE "A"

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT		
PREPARED BY: Brett Ackerman	DATE: September 01, 2026	
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS	ATTACHMENTS: N/A	

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY: August 17, 2026 – August 30, 2026

Graders

Unit # 75 (150) – 1000hr service. Webasto. Blade change. Circle maintenance.

Unit # 59 (Mower) – Crack repairs on mower frame.

Heavy Trucks/Trailers/Equipment

Unit # 418 (Hwy Tract) – ABS repairs – electrical.

Unit # 419 (Hwy Tract) – R&R fuel tank strap rubbers.

Unit # 014 (Trailer) – Upfitted with water pump and hoses – fire watch.

Light Duty and Light Trailers

Unit # 301 (CPO) – R&R door handle.

Unit # 499 (3/4-ton) – LOF. R&R tie-rod.

Unit # 477 (1-Ton) – R&R fuel injector.

Unit # 402 (1-Ton) – R&R ball joint.

Unit # 507 (½-Ton) – LOF. R&R ABS sensor and wheel bearing.

Unit # 503 (3/4-Ton) – LOF, transmission service.

Unit # 498 (1/2-Ton) – Coolant system leak repair.

Unit # 500 (3/4-Ton) - Slip tank electrical repair.

Unit # 506 (3/4-Ton) – LOF.

Unit # 515 (3/4-Ton) – Slip tank leak repair. 2-way radio re-attach.

EVENTS

- New International HX 620 highway tractor delivered.
- 3-year Caterpillar OEM seatbelt exchange started across grader fleet.
- Kova Engineering conducted ROPs re-certification on units 042 and 008.



M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

SUMMARY OF MAJOR UPDATES AUG. 19th - AUG. 28th

LARGE (PRE-2026) PROJECTS

- BF 75481 livestock incident – site visit complete with contractor and landowner.
- Iron Creek warranty and private landowner concerns passed along to contractor.

LARGE 2026 IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- BF 13957 Connelly riprap addition complete Aug. 25-26th (in house) with on site fish biologist.
- BF 71542 contract with Whissell, awaiting signature.

LARGE 2027+ IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- BG 76203 Maycroft site visit with landowner and engineering firm Aug 28th.
- Therriault Dam amended spillway land IOP under review.

STUDIES & PLANNING WORK

- Regional Facilities Condition Assessment: Site visits and scans complete. Reporting underway.
- Regional Drought Study final memo. internal review complete, awaiting MPE response.

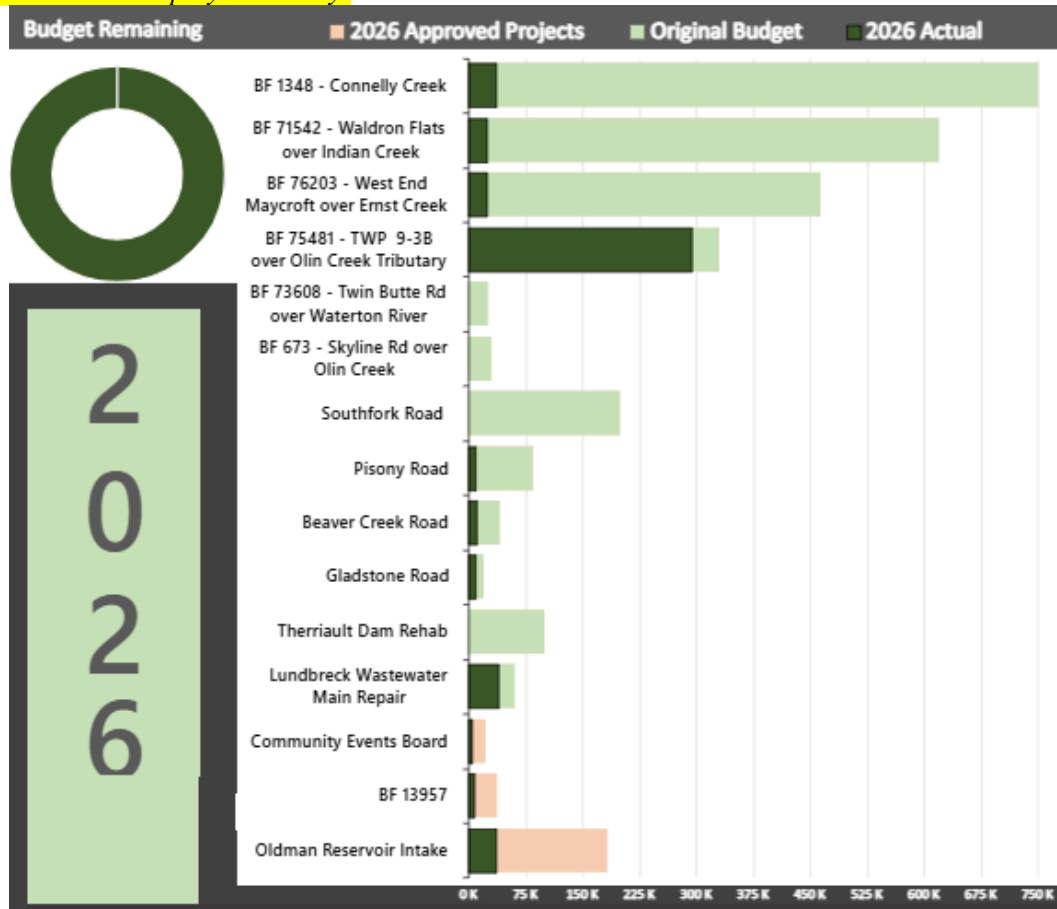
OPERATIONS UPDATES

- Water shortage risk remains low.
- Various work completed on Lundbreck distribution and collection systems (sewer flushing, landowner service calls, hydrant repairs).
- Cowley standpipe payment terminal swapped with spare and reprogrammed.
- Carbondale pit grading work reviewed with Province, awaiting confirmation of next steps.
- Castle Falls pit weed control ongoing with AES.
- Pine Creek pit resolution framework comments received back from landowner, under review.
- 3 way contract amendment for depot sent to CNPCL – followed up twice. Awaiting response.

General Projects Budget Update

2026 Approved Budget: \$3,331,182. Aug. 18th Spent: \$490,009

**No update due to employee holiday.*



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.
- Potassium Permanganate (KMnO₄) treatment setup order placed.
 - Treatment setup shipped to building fabricator Jul 21st.
 - Building package and install pricing received May 19th from Thunder Mountain Welding, awarded June 13th. Awaiting approved building drawings.
 - Pricing received for processing scope, under internal review.

Watercourse Crossing Inspection & Remediation Project – 100% Grant funded

- Funding agreement signed Mar. 28th, 2023 for \$1.55M.
 - Extension received to March 31st, 2027.
- Funding agreement signed Mar. 28th, 2023 for \$1.55M.
- Met with funder Jun. 7th, discussed ongoing work and potential for extension. Funder working on extension. **Reconfirmed Aug 27th.**

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

- Project complete, in warranty phase.
- Incident regarding livestock reported by landowner to contractor week of Aug. 10th.
Site visit with landowner and contractor Aug. 26th. Contractor assessing options.

Meyers Corner Road Culvert Replacement

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

- Work substantially complete.

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

- Seeding reviewed May 8th, deficient. Volker reseed complete Jun. 4th, starting to take per Jul. 5th site visit.

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, warranty monitoring underway.
- Landowner stopped by office Aug. 14th and expressed concerns about repair work done by TA Excavating outside of agreed upon ROW. Passed along concerns following Aug 20th site visit to Contractor, indicated they plan to reach out to landowner and work to address.

Large Projects Planned for 2026 Implementation

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.

- Revised plan is to complete work in house Aug 24-28 (in fish window).
- QAES has confirmed no DFO approval required due to limited scope (biologist required on site for fish isolation. TSS monitoring).
- Temporary Workspace (TWS) secured Jul. 21st.
- TFA submission complete Jul. 17th, received Aug. 12th.

- Project complete Aug. 25th and 26th with in-house construction crews supported by on-site biologist and Roseke representative – crews were able to minimize vegetation disturbance and reclamation requirements.



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. Unsuccessful.
- RDS submission complete May 6th.
- Land acquisition underway – complete Jul. 23rd.
- 8 bids received (\$525,504 to \$1,143,360)
- Awarded to low bidder Whissell Contracting Ltd. Aug. 11th. Contract drafted, awaiting signature.

Pisomy 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.

- Kicked off land acquisition, detailed design, and regulatory approval work Apr. 2nd.
- Design complete Jul 17th. RDS submission complete Jul. 31st. Land acquisition underway. HRA received Aug. 14th. DFO review received Aug. 20th.
 - Landowner in NWT, working to obtain temporary approval.
- Anticipate Fall 2026 construction.

Large Projects Planned for 2027+ Implementation

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

Replace or design a maintenance solution for the 3.3m 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. Unsuccessful.
- 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).
- Legal survey complete. Design complete June 5th for land/regulatory. Land acquisition underway, DFO permit submitted June 9th.
 - DFO permit received Jul. 14th, extension accepted to 2027.
- Tender drafted June 29th, reviewed. Awaiting land prior to Tender.
 - Land discussions ongoing, modified IOP redrafted and approved Aug 27th.
- Project delayed to 2027 due to land acquisition constraining tender timing (project must be complete in/around Aug. 15th – Sep. 1st).

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.

- STIP application submitted Nov. 24th. Notice of success received June 17th, 2026.
- Received and reviewed design drawings, Individual Ownership Plan, and RDS Plan Apr. 17th. Land acquisition underway.
 - Negotiations continue – site visit complete with landowner Aug 28th.
- RDS submitted. Province returned May 14th with deficiencies. Resubmitted.
- DFO permit submitted June 4th – site flagged for site specific review by DFO.
 - Additional information sent to DFO Jul. 6th, awaiting review.
- Tender drafted June 26th, reviewed. Awaiting land and permits prior to Tender.
- Project delayed to 2027 due to DFO and land acquisition constraining tender timing (project must be complete in/around Aug. 15th – Sep. 1st).

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.

- Prelim. scope complete June 16th, internal review complete Jul. 8th. Recommended design is a 0.9m diameter x 24m CSP with strong downstream riprap provisions to mitigate erosion. TWS required – minimal environmental requirements.
- Revised proposal received to consider in house construction, under review.

Southfork Hill Road

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

- STIP LMI resubmission complete Nov. 27th, 2025. Unsuccessful.
- Geotechnical scope awarded and complete. Final geotech. report received Dec 9th.
 - Initial STIP application submitted Nov. 28th, 2024 – Unsuccessful.
- Per 2026 capital budget, project deferred due to unsuccessful STIP application.
- Geotechnical report reviewed by another firm – generally agreed with initial findings and recommendations. “Intermediate” solutions could be pursued if desired, although guarantees could not be made as to their effectiveness and timing of next slough event.

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. Grant agreement received and executed June 5th.
- Amended scope awarded Jul 21st.
- Land acquisition underway for spillway scope – IOP reviewed Aug. 27th.
- Raw Water Utilization Study site kickoff complete Aug 10th, potential blue-green algae blooms observed.

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 28th, 2026.
- Damage to bridge secondary bracing was recently noticed – offending party identified. Professional assessment complete Jul. 20th defining damage and required repair scope. Defining estimated costs for work.
- Site survey complete.

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 28th, 2026.
- Site survey complete.

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.
- Site visits complete.
- Prelim. assessment complete for 1 of 2 culverts. Reviewed Jul 21st. Preferred solution is a bored 0.9m diam. X 39m L steel pipe, pending geotechnical confirmation.

Studies and Planning Work

Regional Facilities Condition Assessment & Master Plan

Condition assessment and management strategy for all 38 facilities owned by the MD and Cowley. Goal is to collect data on all facilities and define lifecycle capital plans , help prioritize cost planning, and report on opportunities for collaboration.

- Grant application submitted Nov. 25th for Alberta Community Partnership – Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant with Cowley support.
- Received notice Mar. 6th of successful grant (\$200,000).
 - Grant agreement received and signed May 13th, executed by Province Jun. 1st.
- Parsus Engineering has been evaluated as the initial Qualified Proponent. Final negotiation phase complete. Project awarded to Parsus Jul. 9th for total contract value of \$200,000 (including \$62,050 Contract Allowance).
- Initial site visits complete (38 facilities over 5 days), 3D scans **complete.**

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).
- Draft final memo received Aug. 18th. **Internal review complete, comments sent back Aug. 25th and reviewed Aug. 28th.**

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 presented to Council Apr. 28th.
- Maycroft report presented to Council Jul. 14th.
- ACP funding closeout submission complete Jul. 20th.
- Handover documents received Apr. 9th 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. 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

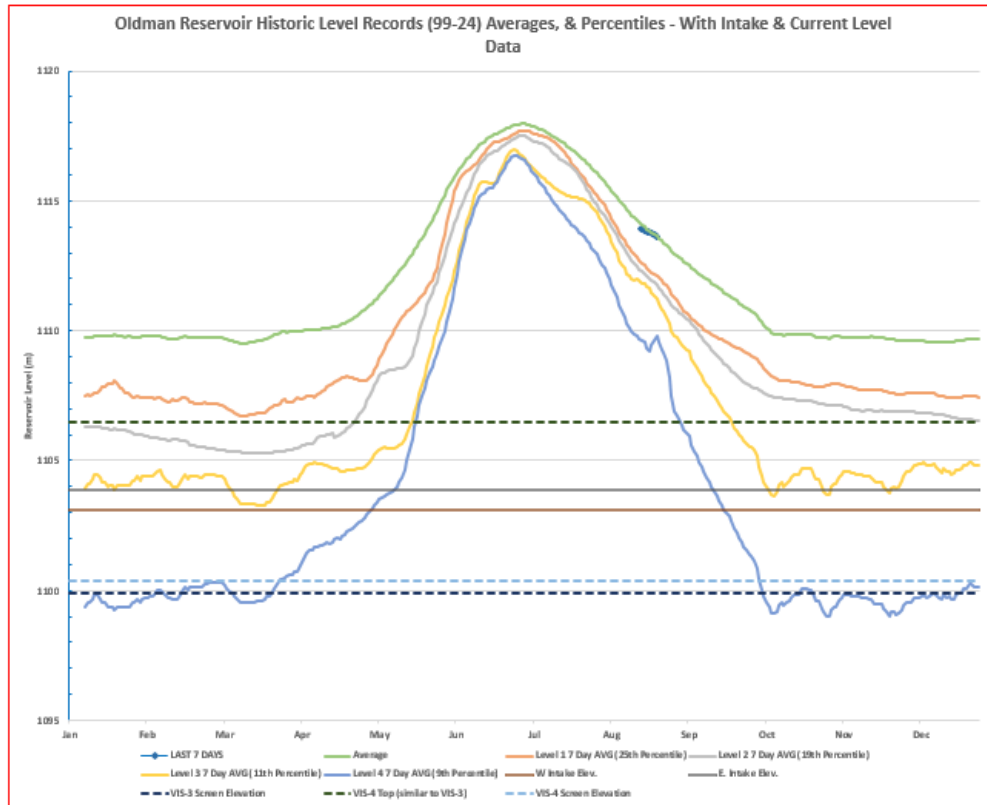
- Airport pavement assessment kicked off May 29th, 2 of 2 site visits complete, awaiting completion of data analysis.
- Revised costing for Southfork road assessment received Feb. 18th. Council approved up to \$30,000 for Southfork road assessment Mar. 10th.
 - Formally awarded May 22nd, both rounds of FWD and GPR data has been collected, analysis underway.

Operations Updates

WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

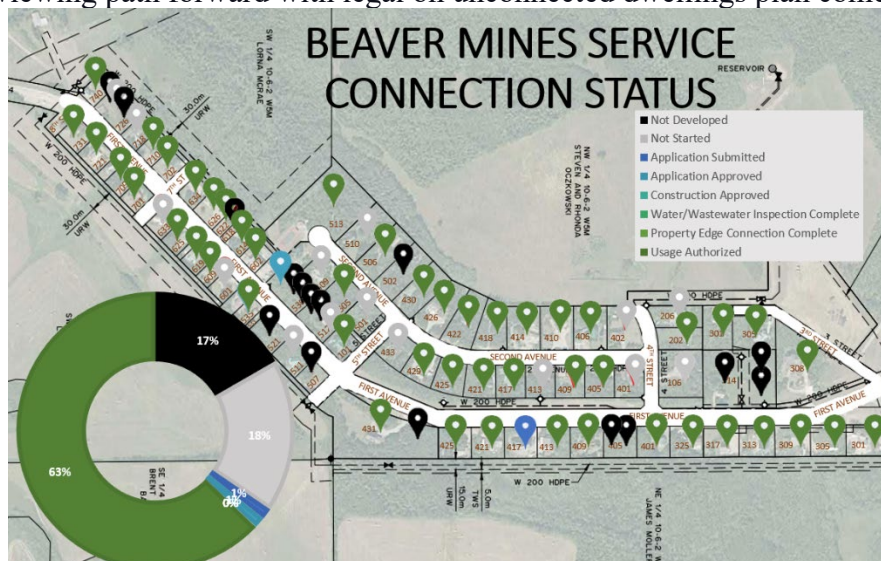
Implemented Stage: Normal (Restrictions ended Dec. 13th)

- Monitoring risk scoring once/month. Risk assessed Aug 24th: 9.2 (normal-warning) Aug 17th: 8.6 (normal-warning)
- Risk increased slightly in early August, since stabilized. Reservoir levels continue to be around average for time of year.



Beaver Mines Lot Servicing

- 52/66 developed applications received, 50 approved, 49 connected (74%)
 - Fifteen (15) undeveloped fully serviced locations, One (1) exempt with conditions
 - Reviewing path forward with legal on unconnected dwellings plan come Jan. 1, 2028



General Water Operations Updates Aug. 28th, 2026:

- Annual instrumentation calibrations complete.
- Multiple inquiries received for Rural Transmission/Distribution connections.
- Attended to multiple meter and curbstop damage calls in Lundbreck.
- Repair work done on Wood Ave. hydrant.
- Credit terminal swapped at Cowley Standpipe due to screen failure.
- Beaver Mines standpipe hook repaired.
- Sewer main trunk flushing (Lundbreck) awarded to McGills, complete Aug 26th.
- Recent high Bac-T tests may trigger additional testing requirements for AEPA's Water Resource Assessment for Giardia and Cryptosporidium. Assessing options with AEPA.
- BM collection system experienced significant infiltration over May 31-Jun. 2 rain event.
 - Subsequent large rain events in June did not cause the same level of infiltration and concern.
- Manhole infiltration fix for 1 manhole received, internal fix solutions are more costly. Moving forward with SMH29 excavation repair.
- BM Lift Station instrument air modifications for forcemain awarded to DMT, site visit complete Jul. 15th, awaiting parts for install.

General Miscellaneous Operations Update Aug. 19th, 2026:

- 2026 gravel pit reclamation work:
 - Carbondale
 - Grading work complete June 25th. Reviewing potential requirements around seeding. Received some comments/concerns from Public Lands Aug 6th, on-site meeting complete Aug. 20th.
 - Awaiting direction from Public Lands and Parks capital branch prior to additional contouring work.
 - Castle Falls
 - Met with Public Lands July 8th. Received direction that additional topsoil spreading and erosion control not required, but weed control is required.
 - AES agreed to control weeds at site. Initial cutting of seeded Mullein complete. Spraying complete.
 - Pine Creek
 - Sent *Resolution Framework* agreement to landowner Jul. 31st – response received Aug. 25th (reviewing).
- Meeting held with CM Apr. 27th – discussed depot compensation model.
 - 3 way contract amendment sent to CNPCL for execution Jul. 21st, no response received. Followed up Aug 5th and 26th, no response to date.
- Waste handling contract expiring, discussed with CNPCL. Proposing 2.5% annual increase for 3 years, drafting underway.

Recommendation:

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for August 19th – 28th, 2026 received as information.

Prepared by: David Desabrais

Date: August 28th, 2026

Council Meeting

Date: September 8th, 2026

Updates to the Code of Practice for Pits

RMA Member Resource

July 2026

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Introduction

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) is updating the [Code of Practice for Pits](#) (COPP) to implement changes to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) resulting from [Bill 28](#) and recommendations from the provincial [Sand and Gravel Task Force](#). Among other changes, this may involve adding additional environmental conditions to the COPP, some of which may be conditions that municipalities currently attach to development permits for aggregate pit operations. Addressing local concerns through operating conditions has been a key municipal component of the approval process.

Bill 28 shifts the broader regulatory context associated with the COPP and Task Force recommendations. Bill 28 changes raise the importance of the COPP for municipalities and makes the applicability of the Task Force recommendations unknown. For example, the potential risks of streamlining provincial approval processes (as recommended by the Task Force) may be significantly higher in a regulatory context in which municipal oversight of similar factors is no longer permitted.

Under section 619.1(5) of the MGA, municipalities can include conditions in a development permit if they do not conflict with the provincial pit registration. It was not clear how the provincial approval process would address issues with both environmental impacts and localized, off-site health and nuisance impacts. If the Government of Alberta (GOA) intends to further restrict the conditions that a municipality may include in a development permit, or to further centralize and standardize certain development conditions, it is critical that members proactively emphasize in their feedback during this engagement that:

- ◆ Operators and EPA must confirm alignment with municipal planning documents
- ◆ The approval process must allow for meaningful input from municipalities
- ◆ The province must introduce mechanisms to increase operator accountability
- ◆ The province must improve monitoring and enforcement
- ◆ Municipalities require flexibility to vary development permit conditions.

It is currently unclear whether the municipal priorities above will be directly addressed by EPA as part of this engagement process. Regardless, it is crucial that members raise these as high-risk impacts of Bill 28 changes that must be addressed prior to simply considering how to expand the scope of the provincial approval process, which appears to be the primary purpose of the engagement. The current provincial approval process is insufficient to support public interest decision-making without the parallel municipal process. Rebuilding the process to properly integrate the local perspective is necessary before expanding its scope to allow provincial control over a broader range of issues related to aggregate development.

Rural municipalities approve thousands of development permits each year, shaping residential, commercial, and industrial growth while balancing infrastructure and environmental impacts. Further centralizing local planning and development processes risk increasing local land use conflicts, creating unexpected infrastructure strain, and interfering with long-term municipal plans for community growth. Communicating risks, unintended consequences, and gaps in the government's planned approach, as well as emphasizing the importance of ensuring a local planning lens continues to be applied to aggregate approvals, will be critical for maintaining community safety, 'good neighbour' relations, and environmental assurance while ensuring local factors are properly considered in the approval process.

How to Use this Document

This guide is intended to support RMA members to participate in the EPA's engagement process on updates to the COPP in light of regulatory changes introduced through MGA section 619.1 and the provincial Sand and Gravel Task Force.

This document provides members with an overview of the pit approval process, general engagement strategies, and key messages to emphasize to government the risks that weakening or eliminating the municipal voice in aggregate approvals will have on landowners, municipalities, industry, and the GOA.

If you have any specific questions about this guide, please reach out to Policy and Advocacy staff.

Overview of Pit Approval Process

Historically, the GOA and municipalities each played a role in the approval of aggregate pits on private land. The provincial process under EPA primarily focused on environmental management (air, water, land and biodiversity) while the municipal process focused on land use considerations.¹

Bill 28 introduced section 619.1 of the MGA, replacing the dual-stream approval process with one in which provincial approvals are paramount. Municipalities now must amend land use bylaws, planning documents, and permits to align with provincial approvals. The approval process for aggregate pits is now likely to raise challenges similar to quasi-judicial agency approval of certain provincially regulated developments like renewable energy generation, transmission lines, oil and gas facilities, and confined feedlot operations.

Proponents apply to the EPA, and applications are evaluated by approval coordinators against the requirements in the Code of Practice for Pits (COPP) and other provincial requirements under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA), *Water Act*, Conservation and Reclamation Regulation, and associated regulations, incidental policies, and guidelines. An approval or authorization under the *Water Act* is required if the aggregate pit involves withdrawing water, altering natural water flow, draining a water source or any other impact on a water body or groundwater source.

The approval coordinator may request supplementary information from the proponent and will assess the application solely against provincial legislation and regulations. The number of supplementary information requests that can be made may be limited following implementation of Task Force recommendations. The approval coordinator makes a recommendation on the application to the Director (as defined under the EPEA).

Provincial notification requirements for aggregate pit applications or proposed changes to an existing pit registration are set out in EPEA section 72 rather than the COPP. This remains unchanged following Bill 28. However, because there is no requirement for the Director or EPA to hold a public hearing for a pit application or amendment to an existing pit registration, opportunities for municipal and public input in the current provincial approval process are now limited. The Director's final decision is documented in a decision memo and the Director's record; these are not released publicly. EPA's service target for approval of initial COPP registrations is 120 days.

Once all necessary provincial authorizations are received, the proponent applies to the municipality for all relevant rezoning and permits. The MGA requires that municipalities provide notice to applicants and affected persons of any plans or land use bylaw amendment, along with opportunities for public engagement. The introduction of section 619.1 under Bill 28 severely restricts the ability for council to hold hearings to discuss provincially approved pit registrations. Under the previous dual-stream process, municipal conditions or requirements as part of a development permit could address issues (such as dust) that are also the subject of provincial approval process through the lens of nuisance or off-site impacts. Municipalities are no longer permitted to place conditions on or otherwise address any areas referenced in the provincial approval.

¹ Government of Alberta. 2021. [Aggregate pits: municipal and provincial processes](#)

Overview of the Code of Practice for Pits

In Alberta, a Code of Practice is a legally enforceable instrument linked to primary legislation such as the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) or the *Water Act* and adopted as part of a regulation. They set out province-wide, mandatory requirements for a specific activity, operation or sector. Codes usually require registration or notice with the GOA before the activity or operation begins. Codes are developed for activities and operations that the government has assessed as producing relatively minor emissions, occur frequently, and have comparatively low environmental impact. Public notice is not required for activities or operations under a Code of Practice, and the government does not provide the ability to appeal the activity or appear before an appeal board for those who are opposed or have concerns.²

The GOA introduced the [Code of Practice for Pits](#) in 2004. It has not been updated since its introduction. The COPP establishes the provincial pit registration process and operational requirements for pits that are five hectares (12.5 acres) or larger on private land. These are classified as Class I pits. Class I pits include any sand, gravel, clay or marl (aggregates) in a processed or unprocessed form. Pits smaller than five hectares (Class II pits) or on public land are not required to register under the EPEA or COPP.

The requirements set out in the COPP relate to the activities plan, soil conservation, monitoring, reclamation, reclamation security, reclamation certificate, reporting and record keeping. An activities plan is a detailed technical description of pit operations, ranging from the texture(s) of the topsoil at the pit to a description of the mitigative measures to prevent adverse results from pit activities. The activities plan must cover the expected life of the pit, and any changes must be authorized in writing by the Director. Schedule 2 of the COPP outlines all the information that must be included in the activities plan.

Updating the COPP

EPA began updating the COPP in 2024. According to supporting documents provided by EPA, the update was intended to support “a more efficient regulatory system that continues to support desired environmental outcomes for pits on private land.” Specific areas of focus were technical in nature and included:

- ◆ Updated dust and erosion control provisions
- ◆ Improvements to pit water monitoring
- ◆ Professional sign-off of technical data and reports
- ◆ Five-year reporting requirements
- ◆ Requirements for progressive reclamation plans and reclamation reports
- ◆ Alternative reclamation material reporting
- ◆ Requirements for landowner consultation and consent.

EPA paused work on the COPP in early 2025 and resumed in early 2026. The original scope of work for the review did not contemplate changes to provincial and municipal roles and responsibilities, existing tensions between provincial and municipal processes, or significant shifts in the regulatory environment introduced through MGA section 619.1 and recommended by the provincial Sand and Gravel Task Force.

² Registrations under the EPEA cannot be appealed to the Environmental Appeals Board. Appeals can be brought forward under the *Water Act*.

According to the EPA, the current engagement with municipalities will relate to Task Force recommendations and implementing Bill 28 changes related to paramountcy of provincial approvals on aggregate pit applications. Tentative timelines provided by the EPA are:

- ◆ Kick-off webinar: July 21
- ◆ Second and third engagement sessions: July and August (TBC)
- ◆ Deadline for feedback: first week of September (TBC)

EPA has indicated that written feedback can be submitted but is not mandatory. It will be important for RMA members to provide clear, verbal feedback during the engagement sessions.

At this point, details on the engagement process are not known. While this guide is intended to support members in participating effectively based on currently available information, RMA may provide members with updated or additional resources based on details shared during the kick-off webinar.

RMA Positions on Impacts of Bill 28 Changes

RMA's analysis on Bill 28 aggregate pit approval process changes is outlined in a recent [report](#) and [summary document](#). These documents build on the RMA's [initial analysis](#) of the most significant amendments introduced through Bill 28, released in April 2026.

RMA has no active resolutions focused specifically on aggregate pit developments, but members have raised concerns in the past around reclamation of pits, community aggregate payment levy rate, access to provincially held aggregate data, provincial compliance monitoring of pit operations, and quasi-judicial agency approval processes. Increasing restrictions on municipal autonomy and centralized decision-making interact with several of RMA's advocacy themes.

While the focus of the EPA's engagement is on updates to the COPP, changes under Bill 28 increase the importance of the role of the COPP in the approval process.

RMA has significant concerns around a standalone provincial aggregate approval process, which clearly was not designed to serve as the sole approval process for a development type with significant potential local impacts.

Municipal and landowner risk

- ◆ Residents may still hold municipalities accountable for land use conflicts, nuisance issues or infrastructure impacts created by provincially approved pits.
- ◆ May create infrastructure or land use impacts that increase municipal costs without any corresponding provincial support or the ability to require pit owners to contribute.
- ◆ Pits approved near existing or planned development could sterilize or devalue land, reducing long-term economic development and assessment growth.
- ◆ Forced application of an "aggregate-centric" lens to land use planning through changes introduced through Bill 28³ and Bill 20 (2024).⁴

³ Bill 28 enables an automatic yes approval framework. The GOA has also signaled its intent to develop a future regulation restricting the scope of non-statutory studies that municipalities may request during the development process.

⁴ Bill 20 *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act 2024* allows Cabinet to amend or rescind municipal bylaws that do not align with provincial priorities.

Reduced public accountability and input

- ◆ No plans on how municipal plans or landowner input will be considered in the provincial approval process.
- ◆ Aggregate extraction may occur closer to populated areas with limited or no development conditions, consideration of municipal long-term plans, or community input.
- ◆ Risk of decreased notification for aggregate pits that are deemed low risk, low complexity or subject to an “automatic yes” type of approval framework

Expansion of existing centralized processes

- ◆ While EPA is not a quasi-judicial agency, they will play a similar unilateral project approval role for aggregate pits as that of the NRCB, AUC and AER for other provincially regulated developments.

A standalone provincial aggregate approval process must properly consider local land use perspectives and ensure operators are accountable to neighbouring landowners and businesses.

Member Advocacy

General Engagement Strategies

While the changes are likely to impact municipalities to different extents based on the degree of aggregate development in their boundaries, their relationship with industry, etc., the implementation approach (through the COPP) has the potential to significantly undermine municipal autonomy, introduce major local planning and infrastructure risks, and create further precedent for continued centralization of planning powers for other property types.

Municipalities will be provided an overview of EPA’s scope for the review of the COPP at the kick-off meeting. At the time of writing, RMA has not received confirmation of specific areas of focus. However, EPA has indicated interest in better understanding the municipal development permit approval process including how land use redesignation decisions are made, what factors are considered, and how approval conditions are determined. Shifting the decision-making authority for some development permit conditions from municipalities into the COPP risks creating further precedent for continued centralisation of planning decisions for other property and development types.

It is crucial for RMA members to actively participate in this engagement and communicate to EPA their experience with local aggregate pit operators and the importance of applying a local lens to approval decisions. Members may take different approaches to preparing for and participating in this engagement with the EPA, depending on individual contexts:

- ◆ Review local planning documents to identify where provincial primacy could create conflicts or undermine long-term planning
- ◆ Communicate why the integration of local planning and knowledge into the approval process matters, locally and provincially
- ◆ Highlight risks when aggregate approvals proceed without a local lens, including increased costs, infrastructure strain, cumulative impacts, and landowner concerns
- ◆ Emphasize the need for meaningful, municipally-focused engagement on Bill 28 implementation, the Code of Practice, and Task Force recommendations
- ◆ Reinforce that municipal land-use authority must be preserved, and provincial pit approvals should not override local plans without municipal input

- ◆ Tell your story: share types and frequency of complaints, enforcement issues, non-compliant operators, community and environmental impacts.

Suggested Questions

Alignment with municipal planning documents

- ◆ Will the provincial approval process be modified to better accommodate municipal and public input? If so, how? If not, why not?
- ◆ What “environmental conditions” is the EPA seeking information on in relation to development permits, and what is their intended use for the information?
- ◆ Will the activity-based framework and checklist application require the applicant to consult with municipalities and confirm non-objection/no conflicts? If not, why not?
 - ◇ Does the EPA plan to further engage with municipalities on the development of such a framework or checklist as recommended by the Task Force?
 - ◇ Does a checklist application mean that the Director will automatically waive notice requirements as set out in EPEA section 72(1) and (2)?

Meaningful engagement with municipalities and community

- ◆ What requirements will be placed on operators to undertake pre-application engagement with municipalities and the local community?
- ◆ Will formalization of an option for “discovery meetings” in the standard application process require applicants to invite municipalities?
- ◆ How will EPA ensure that municipalities are notified and consulted in a timely manner to ensure infrastructure capacity is available for increased aggregate pit activities e.g., ensuring road use agreements are in place ahead of development?
- ◆ How will conflicts between the community and pit operators be addressed in a provincial model where municipalities cannot hold a public hearing to discuss matters that conflict with a registration?

Operator accountability

- ◆ Will municipalities also be enabled to track applications within their boundaries in the Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS)?
Will delinquency in complying with community aggregate payment levy bylaws be considered as part of the provincial approval process?

Improved inspection, monitoring and enforcement

- ◆ How does the province currently conduct inspection and enforcement for non-compliant aggregate pits?
 - ◇ What are the compliance tools available to EPA?
 - ◇ What mechanisms are available to municipalities to trigger provincial compliance and enforcement action?
- ◆ How does the EPA envision “increasing visibility” of groundwater assurance?
- ◆ What are the best management practices for dust management that will be included in the Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS)?

Flexibility for municipalities

- ◆ The new approval system continues to allow municipalities to impose development conditions on matters such as noise, hours of operation, setbacks, and road use. Given that the EPEA registration has primacy, will a municipality be empowered to enforce an operator's development permit conditions and halt operations if the aggregate operator is in violation of those conditions?
- ◆ Does provincial primacy alter the application package requirements (e.g., technical documents) operators must submit to municipalities?
- ◆ If land is reserved by the province for future aggregate pits, what compensation will municipalities receive for the quasi-expropriation of land?

Key Messages for Government

- ◆ Municipal governments make decisions in the best interest of their local communities, which facilitate effective service delivery, economic development, and responsible land use planning. These processes create resilient communities across the province.
- ◆ The Sand and Gravel Task Force Report was completed prior to the introduction of Bill 28. The Report's recommendations and their implementation now take on new meaning given the changes made by Bill 28 to the MGA and therefore require additional analysis in light of the new legislative regime.
- ◆ If the GOA intends to further restrict the conditions that a municipality may include in a development permit, or to further centralize and standardize certain development conditions, it is critical that the province introduce mechanisms that increase operator accountability, improve monitoring and enforcement, and provide flexibility for municipalities to vary those conditions.
- ◆ The provincial Sand and Gravel Task Force identified significant weaknesses with current provincial regulatory capacity and processes. Such weaknesses would be amplified if the province were to act as a sole regulator.
- ◆ If the GOA takes on a broader and more impactful role in the approval process, it should be accompanied with an equivalent enhancement in capacity and transparency related to monitoring and holding industry accountable to ensure environmental and "good neighbour" objectives are met.
- ◆ Given the paramountcy of a provincial aggregate pit registration and significant potential local impacts, the provincial approval process must be improved prior to expanding the scope of the registration.

Have Questions?

Please feel free to reach out to Policy and Advocacy staff at advocacy@rmalberta.com.

Quick Reference: Regulatory Changes

Sand and Gravel Task Force Recommendations

In May 2025, the GOA formed a Sand and Gravel Task Force to review the provincial role in relation to regulation of aggregate pits on private land. The terms of references clarify the Task Force's scope as focused on "regulatory requirements for sand and gravel pits required by the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA), the *Water Act*, and supporting policies and processes used by EPA to apply these requirements." The Task Force was not intended to consider or make recommendations related to municipal pit approval powers; its purview was solely on the provincial role as related to regulation of pits on private land, with a focus on EPA.

The final report, publicly released in December 2025, included 15 recommendations to amend provincial policies, processes and industry support to balance economic development and environmental assurance.

Policy Actions

1. Implement an activity-based framework that identifies a checklist of standard application requirements for specific kinds of pits.
2. Clarify the roles and responsibilities of regulatory partners.

Process Streamlining

3. Expand and formalize service standards for authorizations as related to the *Water Act* and EPEA.
4. Enable application tracking for operators/applicants.
5. Process applications concurrently across regulators.
6. Use a more proactive approach to communicating policy changes to operators.
7. Continue to automate and digitize the process where possible.

Industry support

8. Share information on what a good application looks like.
9. Create a one-stop approach for information about the EPA regulatory process.
10. Have a clear point of contact for applicants to reach out to during the process, ensuring timely response to their questions.
11. Undertake relationship building.
12. Formalise discovery meetings as an option for standard applications

Balancing economic development and environmental assurance

13. Explore the creation of a provincial data set on the volume and locations of extractable aggregate resources to support planning for scarcity and resource depletion.
14. Guarantee authorization within a set-timeframe for low-risk development.
15. Proactively mitigate common concerns of land users to help enable more developments closer to markets.

Suggestions for further discussion that were out of scope for the Task Force

These items were not included as recommendations; however, their inclusion gave some ideas of where the Government of Alberta was looking to explore next. RMA expressed significant concern about the

inclusion of the items that would limit the autonomy of municipalities in a report where these ideas were explicitly out of scope.

At the municipal level

- ◆ More proactive consideration of aggregate potential in municipal land use planning may help prevent resource stranding by reserving land for future sand and gravel pits or encouraging the extraction of aggregate in the short term to enable the use of land for other purposes in the longer term. For example, this might include restricting some kinds of development – such as housing – in / near areas where there are aggregate reserves until the aggregate has been extracted, thereby preventing future land use conflicts.
- ◆ Education and advocacy, led at the local levels to help foster a balanced public discourse, which recognizes the importance of sand and gravel pits to quality of life.

At the provincial level

- ◆ Codifying setbacks to help standardize the distance required between pits and other kinds of development (e.g. residential) – potentially through updating tools such as the Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation. Further discussion between Municipal Affairs and municipalities may be warranted.
- ◆ Assuming a primary role in regulatory authorizations for pits that are considered high impact or have generational significance in relation to major infrastructure projects. A clear and narrowly defined interpretation of 'high impact' and/or 'generational' is essential to prevent all projects from being deemed to require provincial oversight. The intention would be for the Province to undertake long-term planning through a strategic foresight process, and set aside land needed far in advance of key projects being undertaken.
- ◆ Facilitating regional aggregate access planning in partnership with municipalities to help ensure appropriate local supply of affordable aggregate to meet communities' economic growth and infrastructure needs. This should be informed by available data on the amount and locations of aggregate resources.
- ◆ Future engagement with stakeholders on strategies to address regulatory issues with Class II pits, including, but not limited to reclamation.

Bill 28 Provisions

Amendment	Implications
619.1(1) In this section, (a) “Director” means a Director as defined in the <i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i> ; (b) “registration” means a registration issued by a Director under section 68 of the <i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i> .	Section 619.1(1) confirms the connection between the <i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i> (EPEA) and MGA and provides some clarity around roles and responsibilities. RMA is concerned that this provides the Director and Alberta Environment and Protected Areas with a level of authority that appears to exceed that of quasi-judicial agencies listed in section 619. The NRCB, ERCB, AER, AEUB and AUC are now required, to varying degrees, to consider municipal statutory plans in their decision making. There is no similar requirement under EPEA section 68. Rather, “the Director may issue approval subject to any terms and conditions the Director considers appropriate”.

619.1(2) A registration in respect of a pit prevails, in accordance with this section, over any statutory plan, land use bylaw, subdivision decision or development decision by a subdivision authority, development authority, subdivision and development appeal board, or the Land and Property Rights Tribunal or any other authorization under this Part.	Section 619.1(2) establishes a provincial level primacy for pit registrations issued under EPEA section 68. EPEA pit registrations override any municipal statutory plans, land-use bylaws, subdivision decisions, development permits, or Tribunal decisions. This shifts decision making authority to the province and infringes on municipal jurisdiction. It limits the ability to ensure that local factors, risks and impacts associated with improper pit developments or operating practices are mitigated. Without a requirement on the Director to give due consideration to municipal planning documents, this risks longer term unintended consequences for land use and management. It undermines the municipality's ability to balance economic growth, infrastructure needs, environmental constraints, and community expectations. The amendment also goes beyond recommendations or areas noted for further discussion from the Sand and Gravel Task Force.
619.1(3) When a municipality receives an application for a statutory plan amendment, land use bylaw amendment, subdivision approval, development permit or other authorization under this Part and the application is consistent with a registration in respect of a pit, the municipality must approve the application to the extent that it complies with the registration.	Section 619.1(3) requires a municipality to approve pit applications and amend their planning documents to align with the registration. Municipalities cannot amend the plan or matters that have been approved by the Director. This amendment effectively requires the municipality to amend their planning and zoning framework to prioritize aggregate development, undermining long-term planning undertaken by the municipality. It may also place the Council in direct conflict with residents who may not support prioritization of aggregate development over other land uses.
619.1(4) An approval of a statutory plan amendment or land use bylaw amendment under subsection (3) (a) must be granted within 90 days after receipt of the application or a longer time agreed on by the applicant and the municipality, and (b) is not subject to the requirements of section 692 unless, in the opinion of the municipality, the application relates to matters not included in the registration.	Section 619.1(4) introduces a 90-day timeframe for approval and integration of amendments. The 90-day timeframe does not appear to be based on historical application processing data or other evidence. While aggregate pits have typically been classified as "low risk" development by EPA, there is no clear provision for more complex applications or higher risk developments, particularly if a longer time cannot be agreed upon. Section 692 requires council to hold a public hearing on a proposed bylaw or amendment. As section 619.1(4)(b) would no longer require municipalities to hold a public hearing, broader public input, intervenor participation and public accountability is removed. This poses a risk to the municipality, particularly if the community is not aware of the shift in provincial regulatory oversight. This risk is

	further increased due to the lack of clarity as to whether the provincial approval process will be broadened to allow for greater municipal or public input. The municipality can still hold a public hearing if it is of the opinion that the application relates to matters not included in the registration.
619.1(5) A subdivision approval or development permit under subsection (3) may include one or more conditions permitted under section 640(2)(c)(iv) or 655 if the condition does not conflict with the registration.	Section 619.1(5) retains some municipal planning authority and provides for the inclusion of conditions in a subdivision approval or development permit that do not conflict with the registration. Clarity is needed regarding what conditions are regulated under provincial legislation and which remain under municipal authority. For example, dust is regulated at both the provincial and municipal level but for different purposes. Section 640(2)(c)(iv) requires that a municipality's land use bylaw establish a decision-making framework for development permit applications, including the conditions that may be attached to a permit. This provision ensures that the bylaw sets out both the general and permit-specific conditions a development authority may impose, providing a clear statutory basis for conditioning approvals and regulating how development permits are issued. It will be important that the decision-making framework is not overridden or modified by the registration. Section 655 sets out conditions of subdivision approvals.
619.1(6) If a municipality that is considering an application under subsection (3) holds a hearing, the hearing may not address matters already decided by a Director in the registration, except as necessary to determine whether an amendment to a statutory plan or land use bylaw is required.	Section 619.1(6) states that if a municipality holds a hearing, the hearing can only be held to determine whether an amendment to a statutory plan or land use bylaw is required. Any matters decided by a Director in the registration cannot be discussed or modified. However, section 619.1(4)(b) states that a municipality can hold a public hearing if it is of the opinion that the application contains matters not included in the registration. Further clarity is required.
MGA S. 488(1) and S. 619.1(7) – (12): • give the LPRT authority to hear cases where municipal statutory plans are not amended to enable an EPA registration • define the appeal application process • establish hearing timelines	These amendments give the LPRT authority to hear and make decisions in the case where an aggregate proponent with an EPEA registration may appeal a municipal decision in the case that municipal statutory plans conflict with the EPEA registration or municipal approvals have not met the set timelines. However, provincial pit registrations have primacy over LPRT decisions. A hearing may not change the outcome

• establish that the scope of a hearing is limited to whether or not a statutory plan conflicts with a registration • give the LPRT authority to order a municipality to revise a statutory plan • includes clarity that an LPRT decision may be appealed to the Alberta Court of Appeals	and may result in significant resources spent by municipalities. RMA previously published a report regarding the LPRT that highlights concerns with some of their processes. Introducing aggregate approval appeals to the LPRT may necessitate further review to ensure procedural fairness.
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

August 24, 2026, to September 4, 2026

Discussion:

Sept 1	AES Rental Equipment Meeting
Sept 1	Planning Meeting
Sept 1	Subdivision Authority Meeting
Sept 1	Planning Commission Meeting
Sept 2	Public Works Monthly Safety Meeting
Sept 2	CUPE Pre-bargaining Meeting
Sept 2	ASB Meeting
Sept 2	Joint Grant Discussion with Town
Sept 3	PCREMO Core Working Group Meeting

Upcoming:

Sept 8	Council Committee and Regular Council Meetings
Sept 9	Joint Health and Safety Commission Meeting
Sept 9	Joint Budget Special Meeting at Town
Sept 10	PCREMO Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period August 24, 2026, to September 4, 2026.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, CAO

Date: September 3, 2026

Respectfully presented to: Council

Date: September 8, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

August 21, 2026 to September 3, 2026

Correspondence from the Last Council:

- Eijgel – Concerns on Land Zoning
- Pincher Creek Minor Hockey – Donation
- Changes to Recycling – O'Bies and Beaver Mines Store
- National Police Federation – Support Call to Action
- Hospital Activity Book – Donation

Advertising/Social:

- Private Snow Removal – Deadline for Applications October 1, 2026
- Dog at Large – Beaver Mines Area
- Special Joint Budget Meeting – September 9, 2026
- Courtesy Post – Foothills Forage and Grazing Event
- PSA – Road Work Twp 70 (Landfill Road)
- PSA – Road Work RR 15
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting – September 2, 2026
- New Date: Coffee with Council – Division 5 – September 17, 2026
- Safety Post – Share the Road
- MD Enforcement Assisting with Sea to Sea for PTSD

Other Activities:

- Foothills Creek Watershed Meeting
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting
- Joint Council Grant Meeting

Invites to Council:

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

- Labour Day – September 7, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – September 8, 2026
- Joint Budget Meeting with Town (Special Council Meeting) – September 9, 2026
- Coffee with Council – Division 5 – September 17, 2026
- Regular Committee, Council – September 22, 2026

Recommendation to Council

TITLE: Appointment of Fire Guardians for the M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9					
PREPARED BY:			DATE: 2026-09-01		
DEPARTMENT:					
				ATTACHMENTS:	
Department Supervisor		Date			
APPROVALS:					
		Roland Milligan 		2026-09-01	
Department Director		Date		CAO	
				Date	

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoints Mysti Ayers, Nichole Boissoneault, Lynn Brasnett, Sariah Brasnett, Ian Campbell, Jason Carney, Richard Claude, Kathryn Feist, Jennifer Fisher-Sundberg, Jordan Gervais, Tammy Jack, Anne Molnar, Patrick Neumann, Iris Reed, Lynn Roberts, William Thorpe, and Michael Whittington, to serve as Fire Guardians for the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 from April 01, 2026, to March 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

Fire Guardians are appointed each year for the beginning of the fire season under the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* to promote wildfire prevention in Alberta. This has been missed for a couple of years.

One of their main functions is to issue fire permits in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta. Last month the MD appointed our Community Peace Officer as a Fire Guardian to give her the authority to issue violation tickets.

From the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*:

Definition

A “fire guardian” or “guardian” means an individual who is a fire guardian under, and is subject to any limitations provided for in, section 4;

4(1) The Minister may appoint fire guardians and specify their powers and duties.

4(2) Each year in time for the beginning of the fire season, the council of a rural municipality shall appoint, for a term not exceeding one year, with effect from the beginning of the fire

Recommendation to Council

season, a sufficient number of fire guardians to enforce this Act within the boundaries of the rural municipality, except that part of the rural municipality that is within a forest protection area.

4(3) The chief elected official, each councillor and the chief administrative officer are by virtue of their offices fire guardians in and for the rural municipality except that part of the rural municipality that is within a forest protection area.

A fire guardian appointed by the council of a rural municipality may in the fire guardian's discretion issue to an applicant a fire permit in respect of any land within the boundaries of that rural municipality except that part of the rural municipality that is within a forest protection area.

We have also received copies of Fire Guardian appointment letters from PCESC to be signed by the Reeve for the following members of the Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission:

Mysti Ayers
Sariah Brasnett
Richard Claude
Jordan Gervais
Patrick Neumann
William Thorpe

Nichole Boissoneault
Ian Campbell
Kathryn Feist
Tammy Jack
Iris Reed
Michael Whittington

Lynn Brasnett
Jason Carney
Jennifer Fisher-Sundberg
Anne Molnar
Lynn Roberts

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Partnership Opportunity

Greetings!

The Pincher Creek Municipal & District Library is happy to announce that we have the opportunity to once again host Dark Sky Guides' Planetarium in January 2027. This program was hugely popular the last two times we have hosted it, and we are excited the opportunity has presented itself again.

This year, we would like to increase the open hours of the event so that more school classes and members of the public may take advantage of this great experience. Last year, even though we did extend the hours of the program, we still had to turn quite a few community members away. This time, we are hoping to be able to offer the program for 2 days- opening it between the hours of 11am-8pm each day. Because of the increase in run time, and the rising costs of supporting an event like this, the total cost of a two day event will be \$8,200.00.

So far, the library has been able to raise \$6000.00 through grants to put towards this event and are glad to be so close to our goal.

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

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

Samantha Bonwick
 Outreach Coordinator
 Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library

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4:00 PM



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VEHICLE EXTRACTION
DEMONSTRATION

4:00 PM



FLAG RAISING AND
FIRE HALL TRADITION

Truck Roll In

4:30 PM



RIBBON CUTTING
AND SPEECHES FROM
ELECTED OFFICIALS

5:00 PM



SUPPER AND CAKE

7:00 PM



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OF EVENTS

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Re: 38th annual

MD councillors

Dave Cox
John MacGarra
Jim Walsh

What a pancake breakfast
crew! You made my
job easy - I thought you were
+ flipped.

Along with Lorne & Art also,
much appreciated.

Tim (Roe)
Concession Co-ordinator
09/26



Grain Elevators

Champion, Alberta

Reproduced from an original watercolor painting
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