



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS COMING SOON

The Assessment Roll for the Town of Pincher Creek will be prepared and mailed in February for the 2025 taxation year. Please note, the Assessment Notice is NOT the Property Tax Notice. The Property Tax Notice will be prepared and mailed in May 2025.

Once you receive your Assessment Notice, review the details and assessment. If you disagree with your assessment, you are encouraged to fill out the assessor's inquiry form at <http://kcl-consulting.com/inquiry-form> or contact the Town at 403-627-3156 to request that the designated assessor review your property assessment.

If your assessment contains incorrect information, please contact the office at 403-627-3156 or utilities@pinchercree.ca.

KOOTENAI BROWN PIONEER VILLAGE

GALENTINE'S DAY WINE TASTING

February 13, 2025
6:30pm - 9:30pm
In the Village
1037 Bev McLachlin Drive
\$60 per person
\$200 for four

Bring your best gal pals to the museum for dinner and wine tasting hosted by Kyle from Andrew Hilton! Galentine's Day is a great way to spend time with the ladies in your life and celebrate friendship - but you can bring him too, if you want!

Limited tickets to this event are available for purchase online at www.kootenaibrown.ca/buy-tickets or pop into the museum to get yours today!

2025 BUSINESS LICENSES DUE



The graphic features a large '2025' in the top left, followed by 'BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS' in bold green text. Below this, it states 'Invoices due February 28, 2025'. A 'Payment methods' section includes icons for Cash, Debit, Cheque, and Credit (online only). The Town of Pincher Creek logo is also present. At the bottom, contact information is listed: pinchercreek.ca | reception@pinchercreek.ca | 403-627-3156.

Business License Renewals have been mailed and are due February 28, 2025. Once payment has been received, your license will be provided to you. All invoices that have not been paid in full on February 28 will receive a \$25.00 late payment penalty.

If you have changed any of your business details such as location, mailing address, phone number, email, website, etc., please let us know in writing. If you are no longer operating your business, please notify the Town in writing at reception@pinchercreek.ca.

Payments can be made: In office with cash, debit, or cheque; By cheque mailed or dropped in the office drop-box; or by

credit online at <http://pinchercreek.ca/residents/payment.php>.

As per Business Licensing Bylaw 1550-11, no person shall carry on any trade, occupation, calling or business without first being the holder of a Town of Pincher Creek business license. A business license must be paid in full in order to be considered valid.

For more information, visit <http://pinchercreek.ca/town/licences.php>

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLANS

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM (TIPP) OR DIRECT ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (DEFT)

TIPP is an optional monthly tax installment payment plan by which taxpayers may authorize monthly direct withdrawal from your bank account rather than paying the full amount in one payment. Provided regular monthly payments are made, penalties for late payment of taxes will not apply to any tax account under TIPP.

DEFT is an optional bi-monthly automatic withdrawal for the amount of bi-monthly utility billing. Never forget to pay and avoid penalties for late payments.

For information, please call the town Office at 403-627-3156, email utilities@pinchercreek.ca or stop by 962 St. John Avenue, we will give you all the information that you need.

PINCHER CREEK MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

FREE TAX SERVICE

Beginning on March 5, the Pincher Creek Municipal Library is offering a free tax service, as part of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program with the CRA, for eligible individuals within our community.

Every Wednesday from March 5 – April 30, those who qualify can access free tax services by appointment between the hours of 2:00pm and 8:00pm.

Call the Library at 403-627-3813 for more information, and to book your appointment today!

Eligible individuals must have a modest income and a simple tax situation and may include the following:

- adults 65 years and older
- housing-insecure individuals
- Indigenous Peoples
- modest-income individuals
- newcomers
- persons with disabilities
- students and youth

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

The Pincher Creek Municipal Library would like to invite our community to the 2025 edition of the Winter Speaker Series! Featuring four talented speakers who will deliver educational presentations about the environment and the world around us. Please call the library at 403-627-3813 to register, and don't miss out on hearing these excellent presentations!

Charles Mistaken Chief: "Kainai linnii Rematriation"

Tuesday, February 18 | 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Sara Quackenbush: The Rules Are Made Up and the Points Don't Matter: A Backyard Adventure

Tuesday, February 25 | 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Bryna Cline: The Bear Necessities

Tuesday, March 4 | 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Lucille Provost: Reconciliation: A Framework for Conflict Resolution

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:30pm – 7:30pm



RECREATION & PARKS

For information, registration, or any other inquiries, please contact the Recreation office at 403-627-4322 or rec@pinchercreek.ca

SPRING ACTIVITY REGISTRATION NIGHT



The poster features a green vertical bar on the left with four circular images: a baseball bat and ball, a soccer ball, a group of people in a gym, and a group of people on a golf course. At the bottom left is the Town of Pincher Creek logo. The main text is centered and reads: 'SPRING ACTIVITY REGISTRATION NIGHT' in large letters, followed by 'Register and gather information for Spring Activities'. To the right, there are three sections: 'DATE THURSDAY, MARCH 5' with a calendar icon, 'TIME 6:00PM - 8:00PM' with a clock icon, and 'LOCATION POOL LOBBY | 895 MAIN STREET' with a location pin icon. A green rounded rectangle at the bottom contains contact information: 'Contact the Recreation Office 403-627-4322 rec@pinchercreek.ca'.

SPRING ACTIVITY REGISTRATION NIGHT

Register and gather information
for Spring Activities

DATE
THURSDAY, MARCH 5

TIME
6:00PM - 8:00PM

LOCATION
POOL LOBBY | 895 MAIN STREET

Contact the Recreation Office
403-627-4322
rec@pinchercreek.ca

Register the whole family for spring and summer activities in one place and at one time. A list of all the activities, organizations, and events that are attending will be available closer to the event. This evening will save you time and help you get organized for spring!

If your group would like to book a table at Registration Night, please contact the Rec Office 403-627-4322 or rec@pinchercreek.ca.

SYNCLINE CASTLE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Guided Cross Country Ski

Saturdays | February 8, March 15, March 29

1:00pm – 4:00pm

\$20.00 per person

Registration is required. Register online at <https://www.synclinecastletrails.org/>

Explore the designated Cross Country Ski Trails at the Syncline Castle with a professional guide. Must be experienced.

Syncline Castle Family Day Guided Snowshoe

February 22

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Registration is required. Register online at <https://www.synclinecastletrails.org/>

Guided snowshoe adventure at Syncline Castle Trails Association in the Castle Provincial Park. Warm up by the fire with free hot dogs and hot chocolate!

Guided Snowshoe

Saturdays | February 22, March 1

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Registration is required. Register online at <https://www.synclinecastletrails.org/>

Guided snowshoe adventure at Syncline Castle Trails Association in the Castle Provincial Park.

Borrow cross country skis at no charge from the Pincher Creek Municipal Library 403-627-3813. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 403-627-4322.

SPONSORED SWIM DATES

February 15 | 12:15pm – 4:00pm | Family Swim sponsored by Davis Dodge Fort Macleod

February 17 | 12:15pm – 3:00pm | Family Swim sponsored by FortisAlberta

February 21 | 12:15pm – 3:30pm | Open Swim sponsored by Pincher Creek KidSport

PINCHER CREEK KIDSPORT

Supporting local families, keeping kids in sports! For information, contact KidSport at pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca, <https://kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/pincher-creek>, or contact the Recreation office at 403-627-4322.

RENTALS/LENDING PROGRAM

We also offer private rentals and a free skate lending program, contact 403-627-4322 or rec@pinchercreek.ca for more information. The Library offers cross country ski and snowshoe rentals. Call them at 403-627-3813.



ARENA PROGRAMMING

This schedule is subject to change

Public Skate

Wednesdays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm

Fridays | 4:30 – 6:00pm

Family Skate

Sundays | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Parent & Tot, Senior Skate

Wednesdays | 10:30am – 12:00pm

Adult Shinny

Mondays, Wednesdays | 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Fridays | 11:30am – 12:45pm

\$10 drop-in fee

Youth Shinny

Mondays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm

\$5 drop-in fee

TOWN HALL GYM FITNESS PROGRAMS

962 St. John Ave

Community Basketball | Drop-in | Free

Tuesdays & Fridays | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Everyone is welcome to come play!

Community Keep Fit | Drop-in | Free

Mondays & Wednesdays | 10:00am – 11:00am

Low impact, designed for those with health conditions or an inactive lifestyle.

Afternoon Fitness Break | \$7.00 per class

Mondays & Thursdays | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Total body workout includes strength training, cardio, and flexibility.

Gym Walk | Drop-in | Free

Tuesdays & Fridays | 10:00am – 11:00am

Unorganized independent walking.

Pickleball | \$3.00 drop-in

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

New participants are welcome. Instruction and equipment provided by members.

WINTER WALK DAY



Don your jerseys and head out for Winter Walk Day on February 5, 2025! Share your pictures of you and your loved ones in jerseys on social media!

Join our Culture and Recreation Department for a guided walk starting at 12:00pm from the Pincher Creek Swimming Pool Lobby (895 Main Street). Treats and hot chocolate will be served after the walk.

STEPPING IN WINTER WALKING GROUP

Thursdays | 10:00am

Meeting location changes each week

- Get out this winter for a free, one-hour guided walk to different locations throughout Town each week!
- The first walk will be February 6, beginning at the Pool Lobby (895 Main Street).
- Anyone can join! Come out and meet some of your neighbors and community members and get your steps in!
- Be sure to dress for the weather and consider wearing walking cleats.

For more details and the weekly location meet-up, contact the Recreation Office at 403-627-4322.

PINK SHIRT DAY

February 26 is Pink Shirt Day! Pool staff will be donned in their pink shirts!



PINCHER CREEK FOUNDATION

The staff and residents of Crestview wish everyone a happy, healthy new year for 2025!

Please feel free to join them for:

- Tuesdays at 10:00am | Crochet corner
- Tuesdays at 7:30pm | Lions TV bingo in the coffee room (please purchase your own cards beforehand)
- January 31 at 10:30am | Musician and singer Mike Duffus
- February 11 at 10:00am | “Reliving History” with Farley Wuth – drop in to see what interesting historic materials about local families, landmarks, and nearby communities he brings!
- February 13 at 6:00pm | A special musical performance with Hailey Mersey
- February 14 at 2:00pm | A Valentine’s tango demonstration
- February 22 at 6:30pm | Lions Bingo in the upstairs activity room
- February 28 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Monthly pub night with the band Coyote Creek

Keep an eye on [Pincher Creek Foundation’s Facebook page](#) for upcoming events and live performances!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with any events or activities, please contact the Activity Office at 403-627-3833 ext 5.

2025 DOG LICENSE RENEWALS

2025 Dog licenses are now available for renewal/purchase at the Town office.

In accordance with the Animal Control Bylaw, every person who owns, keeps or harbours any dog shall register the dog and obtain a dog license from the Town. Such license shall be renewed each calendar year, unless a lifetime license is obtained. The license tag shall be attached to the collar worn by such animals at all times.

License fees:

Spayed or Neutered | \$15.00 annually | \$150.00 lifetime

Others | \$30.00 annually | \$300.00 lifetime

Replacement tag | \$10.00

Information Update | \$10.00

Service Dogs | No charge

Dangerous Dog | \$500.00 annually

Guard Dog | \$25.00 annually



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit www.pinchercreek.ca/careers to view the complete job descriptions. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

SUMMER GAMES/SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMER

Do you enjoy recreation, community events, and inspiring others to stay active? The Town of Pincher Creek is seeking an enthusiastic and organized Summer Games/ Summer Activities Programmer to join our team for the summer season! Reporting to the Recreation Manager, this role is at the heart of our vibrant summer activities, promoting recreation, fitness, and community spirit.

You'll take the lead in coordinating the Southern Alberta Summer Games, helping local athletes shine on the regional stage. Beyond that, you'll plan and implement engaging summer programs like beach volleyball, Nerf Wars, and the Active Living Challenge, bringing joy and active fun to participants of all ages. If you excel at providing exceptional customer service, thrive in a fast-paced environment, and have a knack for creativity and organization, we'd love to hear from you! Join us in making summer unforgettable in Pincher Creek. Application deadline: February 21, 2025.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit their resume with a cover letter and references to Brian Millis, Manager of Human Resources and Health & Safety at hr-safety@pinchercreek.ca.

CAMPGROUND HOST

Are you passionate about creating welcoming experiences and enjoy outdoor living? The Town of Pincher Creek is hiring a Campground Host for the beautiful Veteran's Memorial Campground, a charming destination with fully serviced campsites, scenic surroundings, and proximity to local attractions like Waterton Lakes National Park and Castle Mountain Ski Hill. As the Host, you'll be the face of the campground, handling reservations, maintaining clean and inviting facilities, and ensuring guests feel right at home. With free on-site accommodation (host site and utilities included), this is the perfect opportunity for someone who enjoys community engagement, nature, and hospitality.

If you're ready to spend your summer in the heart of Southern Alberta, making lasting memories for visitors while embracing small-town charm and stunning landscapes, apply today!

Application deadline: February 14, 2025

Submit Resume to:

Adam Grose, Recreation Manager

895 Main Street, Box 159

Pincher Creek, Alberta T0K 1W0

Email: recmanager@pinchercreek.ca



DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

IS A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL PROJECTS?

Some projects do not require a development permit. The Municipal Government Act (MGA) provides exemptions for certain types of development within a municipality. This exemption is outlined in Section 618(1) Non-application of the MGA.

The Town also exempts certain types of development from requiring a permit. These exemptions are detailed in the [Land Use Bylaw](#) under "Development Not Requiring a Development Permit." For example, a permit is not required for:

- Accessory Uses, such as finishing a basement to add bedrooms, bathrooms, or a living area.
- Accessory Buildings, such as constructing a small shed that is less than 13.9 m² (150 ft²).

Even if a development permit is not required, other approvals, such as safety code permits, may still be necessary. Here are three examples:

1. Basement development (excluding basement suites, they still require a Development permit):
 - Requires Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Gas Permits.
 - This is because the project includes building walls to create separate rooms, installing electrical wiring and plumbing, and possibly adding a gas fireplace.
2. Sheds of 13.9 m² (150 ft²) or smaller:
 - A Building Permit is required for any accessory building over 10 m² (108 ft²).
 - Additional permits may be required if electrical, plumbing, or gas installations are included.
3. Planting a tree on your property:
 - A Roadside Development Permit from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors may be needed if the tree is planted within a certain distance of a highway.

As the property owner, it is your responsibility to ensure all necessary permits and approvals are obtained. Your contractor can apply for the permits on your behalf, but it is important to clarify in writing who will handle this responsibility. If the contractor is applying for the permit, the property owner may need to provide a letter of authorization. It is recommended that property owners keep copies of all permits for their records.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

These highlights do not form the full Council minutes. To view the full Council minutes, please visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/council>

DECEMBER 9, 2024 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Consent Agenda

- The 2025 Fee Structure Bylaw was approved
- Council designated the Lebel Mansion as a Municipal Historic Resource

New Business

- Council approved the 2025 – 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole | February 5 | 8:30am

Council Meeting | February 10 | 6:00pm

Council Meeting | February 24 | 6:00pm

Council Meetings are held in Council Chambers at 962 St. John Avenue and are available virtually via MS Teams.

These meetings are open to the public except on some occasions where all or part of a meeting is closed to the public (Closed Session) to prevent the disclosure of information that is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

