



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

## 2025 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

The Assessment Roll for the Town of Pincher Creek has been prepared for the 2025 taxation year and were mailed on February 28, 2025. Notice is hereby given, as required under the Municipal Government Act (s.311) that the Assessment Notices have been sent.

The Assessment Roll of the Municipality can be found on the Town of Pincher Creek website at [www.pinchercreek.ca/assessments](http://www.pinchercreek.ca/assessments) or by at the town office during regular business hours.



Review your assessment: Does it seem that the assessed value of your property is a reasonable estimate as of July 1 of last year? Are the factual details that the Town has on record for your property correct? Does your assessment seem equitable when compared to similar properties in your neighborhood?

Any person who wishes to object to the entry of his or her name or of any other person upon the said roll or to the assessed value placed upon any property, may lodge their complaint, in writing, with the applicable complaint fee, by May 7, 2025, at 4:00pm attention Legislative Services Manager at the town office located at 962 St. John Avenue.

Prior to filing a written complaint, 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 the assessor determines that an error has been made, your assessment will be revised.

Mailing date: February 28, 2025

Notice of Assessment date: March 7, 2025

Appeal deadline: May 7, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure they receive a property assessment notice. If you do not receive your notice by mid-April, contact the Town office at 403-627-3156.

# 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](mailto: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!

### **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](mailto:rec@pinchercreek.ca)

## SPRING ACTIVITY REGISTRATION NIGHT

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](mailto:rec@pinchercreek.ca).



**SPRING  
ACTIVITY  
REGISTRATION  
NIGHT**

**Register and gather information  
for Spring Activities**

**DATE** THURSDAY, MARCH 6 

**TIME** 6:00PM - 8:00PM 

**LOCATION** POOL LOBBY | 895 MAIN STREET 

Contact the Recreation Office  
403-627-4322  
[rec@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:rec@pinchercreek.ca)

  
  
  
  




## **SYNCLINE CASTLE TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

### **Guided Cross Country Ski**

Saturdays | 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.

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.

## **PINCHER CREEK KIDSPORT**

Supporting local families, keeping kids in sports! For information, contact KidSport at

[pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 – **final day March 10!**

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.

## 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.



# PINCHER CREEK SKATING CLUB

## YEAR-END CARNIVAL – COMMOTION ON THE OCEAN!

March 29, 2025 | 2:00pm

Multi-Purpose Facility | 895 Main Street

No cost for entrance but a silver donation is greatly appreciated

Come out and cheer on the youth of our town this March and find yourself swept out to sea!

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [www.pinchercreek.ca/careers](http://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.

### MAINTENANCE WORKER 4 - SEASONAL

Reporting to the Operations Manager, the Maintenance 4 position is a seasonal role that supports the Operations Department in fostering a strong, community-minded image within the Town of Pincher Creek. Primary responsibilities include assisting the Parks and Open Spaces Coordinator with summer maintenance tasks such as grass cutting, weed trimming, event support, and general upkeep of green spaces, sports fields, parks, playgrounds, municipal campgrounds, and other recreational facilities.

Find the full job description at <https://pinchercreek.ca/careers>

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](mailto:hr-safety@pinchercreek.ca).

This competition closes March 10, 2025

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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# Join our Team!

The Town of Pincher Creek is hiring!



TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK ALBERTA

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

The Town of Pincher Creek is sending out this request for Expression of Interest to gauge interest in the opportunity to operate the space in the Multi-Purpose Facility. It is approximately 2,000 square feet of open space that can be accessed from the interior through the building lobby, and from the exterior through separate doors. The space is adjacent to both the swimming pool and the library. It has shared bathroom facilities. It is currently operating as a fitness space.

Please submit your Expression of Interest letter before March 31, 2025, to the following address:

Culture and Recreation Department  
Attn: Andrea Hlady  
E: [community@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:community@pinchercreek.ca)  
P: 403 627 4322

For more information, please visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/bid-opportunities>

## DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEALS

Do you disagree with an approved development permit, a condition added to a development permit or subdivision, or a stop order? You may be able to submit an appeal.

Information related to appeals for the Town of Pincher Creek is located on our website at <https://pinchercreek.ca/content.php?p=181>

What can be appealed?	Who can file an appeal?
Development Permit - approval, refusal, or conditions of approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Development Permit applicant</li><li>• Citizen or group that feels they are impacted by the decision</li><li>• Town Council</li><li>• An adjacent landowner for a variance or discretionary use (a development permit for a use that is listed as permitted use in a district typically cannot be appealed by an adjacent landowner. The SDAB will determine it if they decide to hear any appeal.)</li></ul>



Enforcement order or "stop order"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person to whom the stop order was issued (typically the landowner)</li> </ul>
Subdivision or conditions of subdivision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant</li> <li>• Government department to which subdivision was referred</li> <li>• Town Council</li> <li>• School board if an application is related to school reserve land</li> <li>• (Adjacent landowners cannot appeal a subdivision approval)</li> </ul>

You will need to file your appeal with one of two boards: the Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) or the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (Tribunal). Normally appeals are filed to the SDAB.

When would you need to file with the Tribunal? Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals> for more information.

The Tribunal hears an appeal of the development authority decisions where the land subject to the application is:

- the subject of a license, permit, approval, or other authorization granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, or Alberta Utilities Commission
- the subject of a license, permit, approval, or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas or the Minister of Forestry and Parks

The Tribunal hears subdivision appeals where the land that the subject of the application is: within Alberta's Green Area

- 'adjacent' to or contains a body of water
- 'adjacent' means contiguous or would be contiguous if not for a railway, road, utility right of way, or reserve land
- adjacent to or contains (either partially or wholly) land identified on the Listing of Historic Resources or public land set aside for use as historic resource
- the subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board or Alberta Utilities Commission
- the subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas
- within the following distances:
  - 1600 metres of a provincial highway
  - 450 metres of a hazardous waste management facility
  - 450 metres of the working area of an operating landfill
  - 300 metres of the disposal area of any landfill
  - 300 metres of a wastewater treatment plant
  - 300 metres of the working area of a non-hazardous waste storage site



Some of these distances may be varied in writing by a provincial government department, in which case the SDAB will hear the appeal.

What are the fees to file an appeal?

\$300.00 | Appeal Fee

\$400.00 | Special Meeting Request Fee

A Special Meeting Request is to request that the hearing is to be held sooner than the regulated 30 days from the date the appeal has been filed. Appeal fees are non-refundable, even if the submitter chooses to withdraw the appeal.

If you have any questions about an appeal or any other development questions, please contact our Development Officer at 403-627-3156 or [development@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:development@pinchercreek.ca).

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

### JANUARY 13, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Indoor Sport Courts Project
  - Council committed up to \$75,000 towards the purchase of indoor sport court equipment for the MCC arena subject to approval of the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) Grant
- Lebel Mansion Window Replacement
  - Council allocated up to \$200,000 for the window replacement project at the Lebel Mansion in 2025 including amounts from grants
- Municipal Borrowing Bylaw 1570-25 – for the renewal of a line of credit and corporate credit cards was passed
- Designating the Lebel Mansion as a Municipal Historic Resource 1614-24 was passed
- Pincher Creek Curling Club
  - Council directed administration to prepare Terms of Reference for a lease document for the development of a Curling Rink and Curling/Golf Clubhouse
  - Council directed administration to set up an open house to present information to the community
- Multi-purpose facility Activity Space
  - Council accepted the lease termination request from the lessee
- Coal Development Policy of Alberta: Council would like to meet with the Ministry to discuss



## **JANUARY 27, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

- Multi-purpose Facility Activity Space
  - Council directed administration to seek out expressions of interest from the community for use and/or leasing of the activity space
- RIPPLE Community Fund
  - Council supports the establishment of a Field of Interest Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta
- Oldman Rose Society Grant Hosting Request: Council agreed to host a grant application for the Oldman Rose Society
- Matthew Halton High School Banners
  - Council agreed to sponsor a banner in the amount of \$525.00
- Remedial Work for Residential Property
  - Council authorized up to \$50,000 for the remedial work to 470 Schofield Street prior to listing the property for sale

## **FEBRUARY 10, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

- Hyde Street access to Hwy 6 – Council directed administration to discontinue investigating this access in response to the information provided in the report
- School and Playground signs upgrades are authorized for an amount up to \$27,500
- Curling Facility Update
  - Council directed administration to draft a twenty-year lease on three lots at 1101, 1103, and 1105 Chief Mountain Avenue to relocate the Curling Facility
  - Administration has been directed to prepare a report on the cost recovery and additional cost for the relocation of the Pincher Creek Curling Club
- Council sponsored \$500 to the Piikani Hockey Group for the Men’s and Ladies’ Basketball Tournament

## **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

Council Meeting | March 10 | 6:00pm

Council Meeting | March 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.