



March 2026

Community Newsletter



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in your inbox!

SPRING REGISTRATION NIGHT

SPRING ACTIVITY REGISTRATION NIGHT



Thursday, March 5

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Pool Lobby | 895 Main Street

Register the whole family for spring and summer activities in one place and at one time. This evening will save you time and help you get organized for spring!

- Soccer
- Football
- Dolphin Swim Club
- Pinch-O-Crow Creekers
- Allied Arts
- KidSport
- Maker Centre
- Napi Friendship Association
- and more!

FCSS SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING










**FCSS SPECIAL PROJECTS
2026 FUNDING**

Deadline March 13

Applications are available online at www.pinchercreek.ca/fcss

2026 FCSS special projects grant will provide funding for a project that supports one or more of the following:

-  Promote vibrancy, energy, and enthusiasm in the Pincher Creek Community
-  Emphasize the community and celebrate living in Pincher Creek, M.D of Pincher Creek or Village of Cowley
-  Promote a sense of belonging in the community
-  Create increased knowledge of community or culture, including Indigenous awareness
-  Deepen awareness of opportunities and challenges, and the factors that impact change
-  Promote understanding about Pride or 2SLGBTQIA+
-  Increase appreciation for the community

The maximum amount of \$3000 is available. Application deadline is March 13, 2025. Funds must be spent within 2026.

Visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/fcss> to apply today!

2026 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NOTICES

The Assessment Roll for the Town of Pincher Creek has been prepared for the 2026 taxation year and was mailed on February 20, 2026. 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 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 April 28, 2026, at 4:00pm attention Director of Corporate Services 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> 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 20, 2026

Notice of Assessment date: February 27, 2026

Appeal deadline: April 28, 2026

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.



WE ARE HIRING!

CAMPGROUND HOST

The graphic features a green background with a circular window on the left showing a photograph of a wooden building with a green roof at a campground. To the right of the window, the text 'Join our Team!' is written in a large, bold, black serif font. Below this, in a smaller black sans-serif font, it says 'The Town of Pincher Creek is hiring!'. At the bottom right of the graphic is the Town of Pincher Creek logo, which includes a wind turbine and the text 'TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK ALBERTA'. The website address 'pinchercreek.ca' is written vertically on the left side of the green graphic.

pinchercreek.ca

Join our Team!

The Town of Pincher Creek is hiring!



The Town of Pincher Creek is currently seeking a Campground Host Contractor for the 2026 season at Veteran’s Memorial Campground. This seasonal position runs from mid-May to mid-October and plays an important role in creating a welcoming, safe, and enjoyable experience for visitors to our community

As the first point of contact for many travellers, the Campground Host serves as a Town ambassador – greeting campers, assisting with inquiries and reservations, promoting local events and attractions, and helping ensure all guests are registered and following campground guidelines.

In addition to supporting reservations and responding to guest questions, the Host is responsible for light custodial and groundskeeping duties, including maintaining washrooms on weekends, tidying vacated sites, monitoring supplies, and reporting any maintenance or safety concerns

This contractor position is ideal for someone who enjoys working outdoors, interacting with people, and taking pride in maintaining a clean and welcoming environment. If you or someone you know would enjoy spending the summer season supporting visitors and showcasing the best of Pincher Creek, we encourage you to apply.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/careers>

Application deadline is March 27 or until a suitable candidate is found.

COMMUNITY HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER AT LARGE VACANCY

Join the Conversation on Housing & Community Growth! 🌞

The Town of Pincher Creek is seeking members at large for the Community Housing and Economic Development Committee.

This committee provides advice to Council on housing trends, policies, land use, grants, and community economic development initiatives that shape the future of our town.

If you're passionate about housing, growth, and the well-being of our community, we'd love to hear from you! For more information and to submit your application, contact Lindsey Johnson, FCSS Coordinator at fcss@pinchercreek.ca or 403-627-4406.

Application deadline is March 13, 2026.

👉 Learn more and apply today at <https://pinchercreek.ca/housing-committee>.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY

MEMBER AT LARGE VACANCY

The Town of Pincher Creek Municipal Development and Subdivision Authority (MDSA) is seeking 1 member-at-large to serve on the Authority. Applicants must be 18 years of age or over and a resident in the Town of Pincher Creek. Appointments to the MDSA shall be made by resolution of Council.

The MDSA is authorized to make decisions on applications for development approval in accordance with the administrative procedures, land uses and schedules established in the Municipal Land Use Bylaw and is authorized to make decisions on applications for subdivision approval in accordance with Provincial land use policies, subdivision development regulations, the Town of Pincher Creek Land Use Bylaw and Statutory Plans.

For questions regarding this appointment, please contact Lisa Goss, Manager of Legislative Services at 403-627-3156 or legislative@pinchercreek.ca

For more information, visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/content.php?p=168>

Application deadline is March 13, 2026.



PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ANNUAL GEENERAL MEETING

A green flyer with yellow accents. At the top, it reads 'PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT CHAMBER of COMMERCE' in yellow and white. The main title 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING' is in large white letters. Below that, a yellow banner says 'PINCHER CREEK GOLF COURSE'. Three items are listed with icons: a calendar icon for 'MARCH 11 AT 5:30PM - 7:30PM', a gift box icon for 'ENTER TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE', and a house icon for 'FREE EVENT WITH SNACKS'.

PINCHER CREEK
& DISTRICT
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PINCHER CREEK GOLF COURSE

 MARCH 11 AT 5:30PM – 7:30PM

 ENTER TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE

 FREE EVENT WITH SNACKS

Join the Chamber of Commerce at the Pincher Creek Golf Course on March 11 for their Annual General Meeting!

We will go over what the Chamber does, talk about how last year went, and all the things we have coming up for the year. As well as recruit our new board members and talk about our membership renewals.

There will be light snacks included and some wonderful speeches.

Come and enter for our door prize, a FREE one-night stay at Flint Rock Ranch!

This event is free of charge, and a really great way to understand what the Chamber does.

Visit <https://www.pincherchamber.ca/events/annual-general-meeting> for more information.

TRADE SHOW



SOUTH CANADIAN ROCKIES

PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TRADE SHOW 2026

Mark your calendars for another amazing showcase and jammed packed weekend in Pincher Creek!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Fri 3-8 & Sat 10-4
APR 24 & 25 | **DOWNTOWN PINCHER CREEK**
867 Main Street, Pincher Creek
403 627 5199

▶▶▶▶▶ www.PincherChamber.ca ◀◀◀◀◀◀
Email info@pincherchamber.ca to book your booth

Get ready for one of the biggest business events of the year!

The Annual Pincher Creek Trade Show, hosted by the Pincher Creek and District Chamber of Commerce, is your chance to showcase your products and services, connect with hundreds of attendees, and build valuable relationships within our community. This high-energy event brings together local businesses, entrepreneurs, and shoppers under one roof for a weekend of networking, discovery, and support for all things local. Whether you're looking to boost brand awareness, launch something new, or simply meet your customers face-to-face, the Trade Show is the place to be!

Visit <https://www.pincherchamber.ca/events/trade-show-2026> for more information.

FARMERS MARKETS



PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PINCHER CREEK FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday (Jun 17 - Aug 26)
Place: Cenotaph Park 717 Main St.
Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Applications now open! Apply online today!
www.pincherchamber.ca/farmers-market

Applications are now open! <https://www.pincherchamber.ca/farmers-market>



KOOTENAI BROWN PIONEER VILLAGE

60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO OUR



60TH

BIRTHDAY PARTY!
AT KOOTENAI BROWN HISTORICAL PARK

ALL MUSEUM EXHIBITS WILL BE OPEN
SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
CAKE CUTTING
GRILLED HOT DOGS \$3
ICE CREAM CONES \$2
FREE GIFTS FOR EVERYONE!

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
11 AM TO 3 PM

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL!
1037 BEV MCLACHLIN DRIVE

The flyer features a gold and brown color scheme with large, 3D gold numbers '60' topped with a crown, and 'TH' in gold balloons. It is decorated with gold stars, balloons, and gift boxes at the bottom. The background has a subtle spotlight effect.

ST PATRICK'S GREEN TEA PARTY



You're invited to a St. Patrick's
Green TEA PARTY!
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
12-2 pm
Kootenai Brown Historical Park
Hot tea, soup, quiche and tiered trays of
sandwiches, scones & sweets along with
entertainment!
\$25 General Admission
Tickets are available online at
www.kootenaibrown.ca or at the museum!

PYSANKY EGG DECORATING



**PYSANKY EGG
DECORATING**
Come learn how to create your very own
traditional Ukranian Easter Eggs!
When: Sunday, March 15, 2026
Time: 12-2 pm
Where: Kootenai Brown Historical Park
All materials provided.
\$20 registration fee per person.
Ages 8 and up! (Children must be accompanied by an adult)
Tickets available online at
www.kootenaibrown.ca or at the museum!

BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP



Kootenai Brown Historical Park
presents:
**Basket Weaving
Workshop**
Saturday, March 21, 2026 | Starting at 10 am
Ending at 4 pm
\$50 per person registration fee
In this workshop you will be making a large willow
basket. All materials and tools provided.
Please bring your own lunch.
Tickets available online at
www.kootenaibrown.ca or at the museum!

MAPLE TEA PARTY



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO A MAPLE
TEA PARTY**
JOIN US FOR A LIVELY AFTERNOON
OF HOT TEA, SOUP, QUICHE,
SANDWICHES, SCONES, MAPLE-
INFUSED SWEETS AND
ENTERTAINMENT!
DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 28 2026
TIME: 12-2PM
VENUE: KOOTENAI BROWN HISTORICAL
PARK
\$25 GENERAL ADMISSION
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
MUSEUM OR ONLINE AT
WWW.KOOTENAIBROWN.CA
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ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF PINCHER CREEK

GIFT SHOP & GALLERY HOURS

Wednesday – Friday | 10:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday | 12:00pm – 4:00pm

www.thelebel.ca

CREATIVES MEETUP

Wednesdays | 1:00pm – 4:00pm | 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Free weekly artist drop in afternoons. Bring your current works and supplies and create with company

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Old Man Luedecke Live @ The Lebel

Juno award winning musician from the east coast.

Friday, March 6 | 7:30pm

Tickets \$25 tickets

All ages welcome

FRIDAY ART CLASSES

March 6, 20, 27 | \$5.00 each

After School Program | Ages 6 – 9 | 1:45pm – 2:45pm

Artists @ Heart | Ages 9+ | 3:00pm – 4:30pm

WORKSHOPS

Mud Makers

\$145 per person

Six week pottery workshop for kids 9+

Next session begins Tuesday, April 21

3:45pm – 5:15pm

Jr. Ceramics Guild

\$150 per person plus the cost of clay

10 week pottery workshop for kids 9+ with clay experience

Next session begins Thursday, April 16

3:45 – 5:30pm

Heritage Broom Workshop with David Campbell

\$175 per person

Two dates offered: Saturday, March 21 OR Sunday March 22

10:00am – 4:00pm

Ages 18+

Breathe, Balance and Bloom with artist and Therapeutic Art Practitioner Carla Beres

\$75 per person

Ages 18+

Saturday, April 18

1:00pm – 4:00pm

PINCHER CREEK SKATING CLUB

YEAR-END CARNIVAL! FOREVER BRILLIANT – 60 YEARS ON ICE

The Pincher Creek Skating Club is pleased to announce their 60th carnival celebration!

March 28 at 2:00pm

MCC Arena | 895 Main Street

Free Admission

CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Did you know windows are the one of the most common sources for energy loss in your home?

During the cold months, and the heat of summer, your energy bill can change drastically if your windows are in poor condition. If you have cracks, poor seals, air leaking, or had them installed 15 years or more ago, upgrading can make a big difference.

If you're thinking about upgrading, now's a great time submit your pre-qualification to see if you're eligible, and take advantage of rebates up to \$450 towards your project.

Visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/CEIP> for more information.



PINCHER CREEK MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES



The poster features a background of a snowy forest with trees and a path. At the top, a dark brown rounded rectangle contains the text "2026 Winter Speaker Series" in white. Below this, four rounded rectangular boxes are arranged in a 2x2 grid, each containing event details. The bottom of the poster has a dark brown rounded rectangle with white text and logos.

2026
Winter Speaker Series

February 19 from 6:30pm-7:30pm
Understory, Other Stories
Speaker:
Kevin Van Tighem


February 26 from 6:30pm-7:30pm
Kainai Iinii Rematriation

Speaker:
Charles
Mistaken Chief

March 5 from 6:00pm-7:30pm
How Plant Communities in Waterton Change Along Trails with Use and Wildfire
Speaker:
Heather Davis
(Uplift Adventures)


March 12 from 6:30pm-7:30pm
Cultural Teachings and Stories

Speaker:
Jaron
Weasel Bear

Presented By: 
Registration is required.
403-627-3813
help@pinchercreeklibrary.ca
Join us live, or via Zoom.

FREE TAX SERVICES

Beginning on Saturday March 7, 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 Saturday from March 7 - April 25, those who qualify can access free tax services by appointment between the hours of 12:00pm and 4:00pm.

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

*We are unable to help individuals who make over the recommended modest income levels on the CRA Community Volunteer Tax Program website. Please check the CRA website to see if you are eligible to participate.

Get your taxes done at a free tax clinic - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes.html>

There will be a \$25 no show fee that must be paid before a second appointment can be booked.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Story Time

Wednesdays | 10:30am

Home School Lego Club

Tuesdays | 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Lego League

Fridays | 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Student Dungeons & Dragons

February 13, 27, March 13, 27, April 10, 27
2:00pm - 5:00pm | Ages 10-17

Adult Dungeons & Dragons

February 14, 28, March 14, 28, April 11, 28
4:00pm - 8:00pm | Ages 18+

RECREATION & PARKS

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



FREE OPEN SWIM – SPONSORED BY NAPI FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



STEPPING IN WINTER

Thursdays | 10:00am
First Walk January 8 | Meet in the Pool Lobby

Everyone is welcome to participate in this one-hour easy to moderate walk on trails and through Pincher Creek neighborhoods. We recommend you wear winter cleats and bring walking poles. The meet-up location changes each week.

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.

SNOWSHOE AND CROSS COUNTRY SKI LOANING PROGRAM

Did you know that the Pincher Creek & District Library has snowshoes and cross country skis available to borrow for no cost? Contact the library at 403-627-3813 for more information.

TOWN HALL GYM FITNESS PROGRAMS

962 St. John Ave

Gym Walk | Drop-in | Free
Tuesdays & Fridays | 11:00am – 12:00pm

Unorganized independent walking.

Pickleball | \$3.00 drop-in

Mon, Wed, Fri | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

New participants are welcome. Instruction and equipment provided by members

Afternoon Fitness Break | \$7.00 | punch pass available at Recreation Office

Total body workout includes strength training, cardio, and flexibility

Mon, Thurs | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Community Keep Fit | Free

Low impact program designed for people new to fitness, and those who have health conditions or an inactive lifestyle

Mon, Wed | 10:00am – 11:00am

Legends Keep Fit

Tues, Fri | 10:00am – 11:00am

Register with Jill Bruder

ARENA PROGRAMMING

This schedule is subject to change

To book a private rental, call the Recreation office at 403-627-4322

Public Skate

Wednesdays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm

Fridays | 4:00 – 5:00pm

Free

Parent & Tot, Senior Skate

Wednesdays | 10:30am – 11:30am

Free

Family Skate

Sundays | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Free

Noon-hour Shinny

Mondays, Wednesdays | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Fridays | 11:30am – 12:45pm

\$10 drop-in fee

Youth Shinny | Ages 6-12

Mondays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm

\$5 drop-in fee



HUDDLESTUN SENIOR CENTRE

867 MAIN STREET
PINCHER CREEK *Huddlestun Senior Centre*



- MON** FIBRE FRIENDS | 1 P.M.
A creative meetup for sewing and needlework.
- TUES** COFFEE TIME | 10 A.M.
Visit with friends with \$1 coffee.
- WED** DUPLICATE BRIDGE | 1P.M.
Where skill, strategy and great company make every hand exciting.
- THUR** CHAIR YOGA & TAI CHI WALKING | 10 A.M.
CRIBBAGE | 1 P.M.
Peg, play, and outsmart your friends.
- SAT** WELCOME CLUB | 1-4 P.M.
Open to everyone :)

Want to run a program or event for seniors at the Huddlestun Senior Centre?
Contact Marie Suchla at (403) 627-2500.

Follow Fred Huddlestun Senior Centre on Facebook for more information and community activities.

NON-PROFIT BOARD VOLUNTEER SESSION

TOO BUSY, BEING BUSY?

March 12, 2026

1:00pm

Crowsnest Pass Community Hall

2025 - 129 Street, Blairmore

Free | Register at <https://eventbrite.ca/e/1982381466330>

This session helps boards clarify purpose, focus on sustainable outcomes, define governance roles, and strengthen performance.

Boards today are facing the daunting task to remain as effective and efficient as possible in a changing volunteer landscape. Demands for enhanced services, increased transparency, and financial adaptability are increasing. Volunteer availability is also on the decline. A changing mindset set for non-profit leaders (Executive staff and Board) for ongoing sustainability and effective strategic governance is a paramount.

A focused, aligned and engaged Board of Directors is imperative. Oh yeah...and stop wasting your time with strategic plans! This session will provide a new, user-friendly methodology of board governance.

REQUESTS FOR QUOTES

2026 CONCRETE SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Pincher Creek's Concrete Repairs may include removal and replacement of existing sidewalks, installation of new sidewalks, removal and replacement of existing curb & gutters, installation of new curb & gutter, resurfacing existing concrete, and finishing work to previously completed sidewalks such as sod and/or surface repair.

Work to commence Summer 2026 and be Completed by September 30, 2026. Outlined in the document is the warranty period that will end 24 months after work is completed and accepted by the Town of Pincher Creek.

View the full request for quotes including submission details at <https://purchasing.alberta.ca/posting/AB-2026-01419>.

Submissions must be received by this office by 2:00pm on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT & DOOR INSTALLATION

The Town of Pincher Creek is looking for quotation and timeline for supply & installation of double steel doors and structural reinforcement of openings.

View the full request for quotes including submission details at <https://purchasing.alberta.ca/posting/AB-2026-01449>.

Submissions must be received by this office by 2:00pm on Thursday, March 31, 2026.

BUSINESS LICENSES OVERDUE



2026 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS



Final deadline for overdue payment April 30



Please note that all business licences that have not been paid by the end of the business day on April 30 will be de-activated. If your licence is de-activated, your development permit may also become invalid, requiring you to reapply for both the business licence and the development permit.

If you are operating a business in the Town of Pincher Creek, a business licence is required. Fines for operating a business without a business licence are \$500 to \$2500 per day.

If you have any questions about your business licence, please contact us at 403-637-3156.

UPDATED BUSINESS DETAILS?

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.

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.

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 26, 2026 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received delegations from Communities in Bloom and Castle Mountain Community Association

FEBRUARY 9, 2026 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received a delegation from STARS Air Ambulance
- Bylaws
 - ORRSC Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw 1633-26 received third and final reading and is now in effect
 - Municipal Borrowing Bylaw 1570-26 received third and final reading and is now in effect. This borrowing bylaw is to renew the Town's annual credit card and credit line usage.
 - Council Remuneration Bylaw received first reading
- Council appointed members to the Library and Chinook Arch Regional Library System Board.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole Meeting | March 4 | 8:30am

Council Meeting | March 9 | 6:00pm

Joint Council Meeting | March 18 | 5:00pm | Hosted at the MD of Pincher Creek office

Council Meeting | March 23 | 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 Protection of Privacy Act.