



April 2026

Community Newsletter



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

🔥 Ignite Volunteerism in Pincher Creek

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 24/25
 PROMOTE & EXHIBIT YOUR ORGANIZATION AT THE VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY PAVILION

IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM

RESERVE A FREE TABLE AT VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY PAVILION AT THE TRADE SHOW

Book with Recreation Office - 403 627 4322 or rec@pinchercreek.ca

PINCHER CREEK ALBERTA VOLUNTEER ALBERTA Alberta PINCHER CREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Volunteer Appreciation Week is an opportunity to recognize the people who help make Pincher Creek a strong, welcoming, and connected community.

This year’s theme, “Ignite Volunteerism,” celebrates the spark that starts with one person and grows into something bigger. Every hour given, every event supported, and every helping hand contributes to the well-being of our community.

Volunteers play a vital role across Pincher Creek and the MD – from supporting recreation programs and community events to helping local organizations thrive. Their time, energy, and commitment make a meaningful difference every day.

As part of the week, the Town and MD of Pincher Creek are proud to host our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event, recognizing those who give their time and talents to others. This event is a small way to say thank you for the big impact our volunteers have.

Volunteer Appreciation Week is also a great time to get involved. If you’ve been thinking about volunteering, there are many opportunities to find the right fit for your interests and availability.

You can learn more by visiting the Volunteer Community Pavilion at the Pincher Creek Trade Show on April 24 and 25, where local organizations will be available to share how you can get involved.

Whether you’re already volunteering or just getting started, you are part of what makes Pincher Creek such a special place.

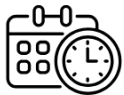
Let’s continue to ignite volunteerism—together. 🔥



Volunteer Appreciation Event!



IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM



Wednesday, April 22 | 5 - 7pm



Community Hall | 587 Canyon Drive

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 and the Town of Pincher Creek are celebrating National Volunteer Week! Join us for a celebratory social honoring our volunteers and their contributions to the community.

Enjoy a Come “n” Go complimentary light meal of Whole BBQ roasted pork, salads, buns, by our local Pincher Creek Hutterite Brethren and dessert by Celestial Sweets.

Take in the Local music and short program!



LINK SERVICES

Link Services

Information Session with the Link Worker

Come meet the Link Worker and learn about services available at **no cost** to older adults (55+) and their caregivers in Pincher Creek.

Open to everyone
and FREE to attend!

Snacks,
coffee and
tea provided!

May 6th 2026

10:30 am-12 pm

Fred Huddlestun

Questions?

Call 403-327-5724
ext. 2318 (Kaitlyn Holz)

Lethbridge Family Services
Since 1910
Counselling, Outreach & Education



PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TRADE SHOW



The poster for the Trade Show 2026 features a green and yellow color scheme. At the top left is the 'SOUTH CANADIAN ROCKIES' logo. The main title 'TRADE SHOW 2026' is prominently displayed in a green banner. Below this, it says 'Mark your calendars for another amazing showcase and jammed packed weekend in Pincher Creek!' and 'REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!'. The dates 'APR 24 & 25' are highlighted in a yellow box, along with the location 'DOWNTOWN PINCHER CREEK' and contact information: '867 Main Street, Pincher Creek' and '403 627 5199'. At the bottom, it provides the website 'www.PincherChamber.ca' and an email 'info@pincherchamber.ca' to book a 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



The poster for the Pincher Creek Farmers Market features a background of fresh vegetables like tomatoes, carrots, and bell peppers on a wooden surface. The title 'PINCHER CREEK FARMERS MARKET' is written in a large, green, serif font. Below the title, it states 'Every Wednesday (Jun 17 - Aug 26)', 'Place: Cenotaph Park 717 Main St.', and 'Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm'. It also includes the text 'Applications now open! Apply online today!' and the website '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



**PYSANKY EGG
DECORATING**

Want to learn how to make traditional
Ukranian Easter eggs?

Thursday, April 9
Time: 12-2pm

Place: Kootenai Brown Historical Park

Fee: \$20

Tickets online at www.kootenaibrown.ca or
drop in to the museum!

HILL SPRING MARKET



VENDORS WANTED

June 13 Kickoff with Vintage Car Show

Bi-weekly Market starting July 4th

Email 2 photos of what you sell for full market details.

hillspringmarket@gmail.com



HILL SPRING MARKET

Ball Park Field
Beside The Ranch House Restaurant

June 13 – Kickoff + Vintage Car Show

July 4

July 18

Aug 1

Aug 15

Aug 29 – Market + Tentative Village Garage Sale

Sept 12

Sept 26 – Harvest Market

Community groups welcome to host events alongside market days.

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

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

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 MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

FREE TAX SERVICES

Until April 25, 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.

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

Cancelled April 8

Home School Lego Club

Tuesdays | 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Cancelled April 7

Spring Reading Club

Register at the library for free | Ages 5 - 11

Tuesday, April 7 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 8 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

Thursday, April 9 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Friday, April 10 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Student Dungeons & Dragons

April 10 & 24

2:00pm | Ages 10-17

Adult Dungeons & Dragons

April 11 & 25

2:00pm | Ages 18+

Jam Night

Wednesday, April 22 | 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Teen/Tween Craft Night

Thursday, April 23 | 6:15pm - 7:30pm

For more information about programs and products available at the library, please visit

<https://www.pinchercreeklibrary.ca/> or check them out on their social media.

RECREATION & PARKS

For information, registration, or any other inquiries, please contact the Recreation office at 403-627-4322 or

rec@pinchercreek.ca.

BALL DIAMONDS AND SPORTS FIELDS



Planning to use one of our sports fields or ball diamonds for a practice, game, or other fun event? Call the Recreation office at 403-627-4322 to book it today!

BABYSITTING COURSE



Babysitting Course
May 1 - 2, 2026
Time: May 1 @ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
May 2 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Cost: \$95 - includes course materials

Prerequisites:
Minimum age of 11 years by the last day of the course

Join us for a Red Cross Babysitting Course. Youth will learn about first aid, behaviour management, leadership and care of younger children.

Register:
Online: www.pinchercreek.ca/swim
Call: 403-627-2565



BECOME A LIFEGUARD



Become a Lifeguard

- Step 1**
Intermediate First Aid
(Alberta Workplace Approved)
- Step 2**
Bronze Medallion
- Step 3**
Bronze Cross
- Step 4**
National Lifeguard

Intermediate First Aid

May 9 - 10, 2026

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Cost: \$180 - includes course materials

Prerequisites:
Minimum age of 13 years by the last day of the course

Intermediate First Aid certification includes CPR-C and AED certification. This course is an Alberta Workplace Approved First Aid and is valid for 3 years.

Register:
Online: www.pinchercreek.ca/swim
Call: 403-627-2565

Step 1

Bronze Medallion

June 24 - 26, 2026

Time: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Cost: \$178.50 - includes course materials

Prerequisites:
Minimum age of 13 years, or
Successful completion of Bronze Star
Current workplace approved Intermediate First Aid & CPR

Bronze Medallion introduces lifesavers to the four core components of water rescue education: judgment, knowledge, skills, and fitness. This course builds a strong foundation in lifesaving principles while teaching advanced techniques for higher risk rescues.

Register: Online at www.pinchercreek.ca/swim or Call 403-627-2565

Step 2

Bronze Cross

June 28 - 30, 2026

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Cost: \$163 - includes course materials

Prerequisites:
Bronze Medallion
Minimum age of 13 years
Current workplace approved Intermediate First Aid & CPR

Bronze Cross is designed for lifesavers seeking more advanced training and an introduction to safety supervision. This course challenges participants with higher level rescue skills and decision making, preparing them for the role of an assistant lifeguard.

Completion of this course is recognized with 1 High School credit.

Register: Online at www.pinchercreek.ca/swim or Call 403-627-2565

Step 3

National Lifeguard - Pool

July 5 - 9, 2026

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Cost: \$382 - includes course materials

Prerequisites:
Successful completion Bronze Cross
Minimum age of 15 years by the last day of the course
Current workplace approved Intermediate First Aid & CPR

National Lifeguard certification is Canada's standard for lifeguards, equipping candidates with the skills, judgment, and professionalism to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. Built on prior lifesaving training, it emphasizes adaptability, safety, and sound decision-making.

Completion of this course is recognized with 2 High School credits.

Register: Online at www.pinchercreek.ca/swim or Call 403-627-2565

Step 4

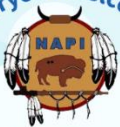
FREE OPEN SWIM – SPONSORED BY NAPI FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

FREE Open Swim

Sponsored by Napi Friendship Association

Thursday, April 23
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Everyone Welcome



895 Main Street 403 627 2565
Pincher Creek



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.

PINCHER PLANTERS – VOLUNTEER TODAY

Love where you live? Help it bloom.

The Pincher Planters are a dedicated group of volunteers who care for the Town's beautiful public gardens—and they're always happy to welcome new helping hands. Whether you have a green thumb or just enjoy being outdoors, this is a great way to give back, meet new people, and make a visible impact in your community.

Join the Pincher Planters every Tuesday at 6:00pm beginning April 21 at Cenotaph Park. Drop in, get your hands a little dirty, and help keep Pincher Creek looking its best!

PITCH-IN MONTH



April 20 - May 16

Pitch-In to pick up litter

Garbage Bags & Gloves available from

Recreation Office 895 Main Street



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

The Ice Arena is closed for the season. Indoor courts will open May 11.

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

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?

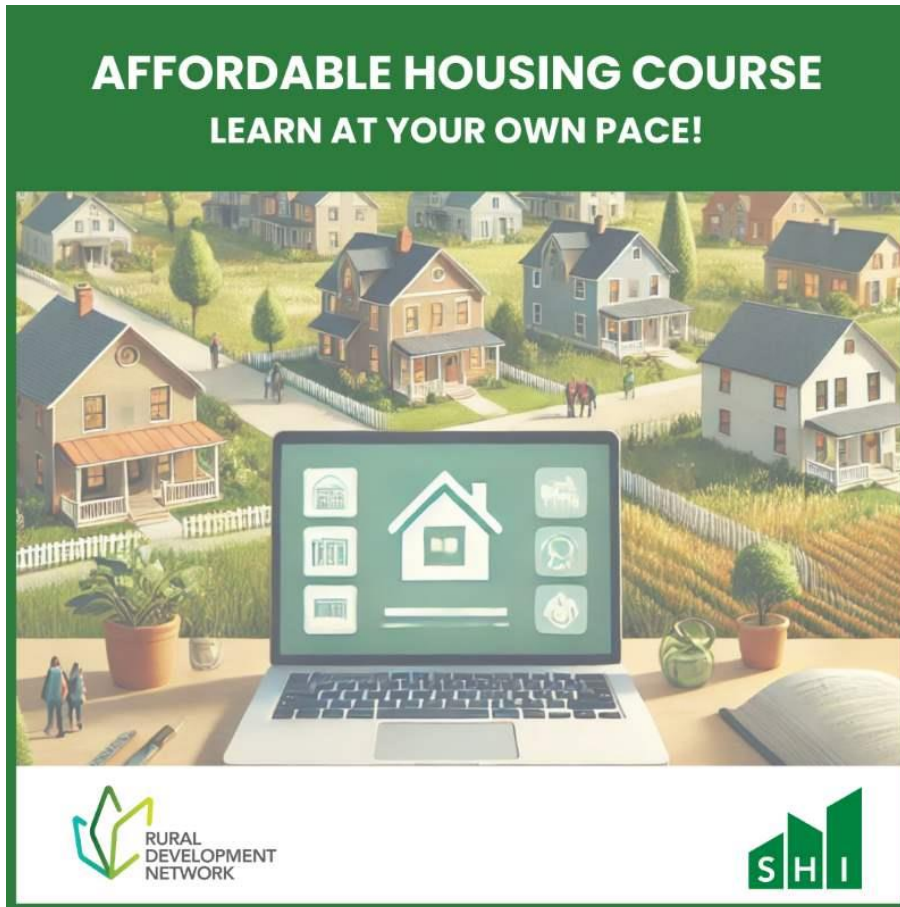
Contact Arnold Nelson at 403-632-9439.

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



AFFORDABLE HOUSING COURSE

PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR CANADIAN COMMUNITIES



Strengthen your community’s capacity to plan and deliver affordable housing solutions with the Affordable Housing Course, a practical, self-paced online training designed for rural, remote, and under-resourced communities across Canada.

Join the self-paced, interactive online course by the Rural Development Network and gain the hands-on skills to lead affordable housing projects – from concept to completion.

What You’ll Gain:

- ✓ Step-by-step tools and region-specific resources
- ✓ Live Q&A sessions with housing experts
- ✓ Insightful discussions with a national peer network
- ✓ Professional connections that last
- ✓ A Certificate of Completion to strengthen your credentials

Whether you're new to housing development or ready to sharpen your skills, this course gives you the practical knowledge and connections to move your projects forward.

👉 Enroll today and start building the future of housing in your community.

Questions? We're happy to help – reach out anytime! <https://ow.ly/gqwb50Ykqzq>

REUSE & RECYCLE FAIR

SAVE THE DATE

The Pincher Creek ReCycle Reuse Fair is coming June 13! The Town and MD are pleased to announce that we have partnered once again to bring you this annual event.

- Household hazardous waste collection
- Shredding truck (each household can bring 4 banker boxes)
- Neighborhood garage sales
- Outdoor plant exchange
- More!

Watch for more details.

BUSINESS LICENSES OVERDUE

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.

2026 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS



Final deadline for overdue payment April 30



pinchercreek.ca | reception@pinchercreek.ca | 403-627-3156



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.

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.



DEVELOPMENT CORNER

LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

Planning to subdivide, consolidate, or develop a condominium? Understanding the process helps ensure a smooth application and compliance with Town regulations.



SUBDIVIDING YOUR PROPERTY

Subdivision is the legal process of dividing a single parcel into two or more lots, each with its own title. In Pincher Creek, all subdivisions require approval from the Subdivision Authority and must follow the Municipal Government Act and the Town's Land Use Bylaw.

Key Points:

- Each new lot must meet minimum size and frontage requirements.
- Water, sewer, and road access must be available.
- Applications are reviewed by relevant departments and agencies.
 - Some examples of agencies that may review an application include MD of Pincher Creek, School Divisions, Utility Services, AB Health Services, AB Transportation, AB Environment & Protected Areas, etc.
- Decisions are typically issued within 60 days of a complete application.

CONSOLIDATING YOUR PROPERTY

Land consolidation combines two or more adjacent parcels into a single lot. This is useful for simplifying ownership, preparing for development, or managing taxes. Approval from the Subdivision Authority is required.

Key Points:

- Parcels must be adjacent and meet zoning requirements.
- Existing access, servicing, and infrastructure must comply with Town standards.
- A licensed Alberta Land Surveyor is required to prepare the consolidation plan.
- Decisions are usually issued within 60 days of a complete application.

CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT

A condominium allows separate ownership of individual units while sharing common areas. Approval is required from the Subdivision Authority and must follow the Condominium Property Act.

Key Points:

- A survey and condominium plan by a licensed surveyor are required.
- Units and common areas must meet zoning and building regulations.
- Utility, parking, and safety reviews may apply.
- Decisions usually take up to 60 days.

TIPS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

- **Check Zoning:** Ensure your parcels meet the requirements for subdivision or consolidation.

- **Survey Early:** A licensed Alberta Land Surveyor can identify potential issues before application.
- **Plan for Services:** Confirm water, sewer, and road access are sufficient for your new or combined lots.
- **Consult the Town:** Town staff and Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) planners can guide you through regulations and forms.
- **Communicate with Neighbours:** For subdivisions, neighbouring property input may help streamline approvals.
- **Seek Expert Advice:** Before applying, consult with the Town of Pincher Creek's Planner from the Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC), and a licensed Alberta Land Surveyor to understand requirements and potential costs.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

For both subdivision and consolidation, contact the Town Office - staff can guide you through requirements, application forms, and the process. Additional detailed information is also available on the ORRSC website at <https://www.orrsc.com/subdivision/>.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received a delegation from the Heritage Acre Farm Museum
- Council passed an updated Council Remuneration Bylaw
- Council approved an increase to \$8000 annually for STARS funding

MARCH 9, 2026 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received delegations from RCMP Pincher Creek Detachment, Fred Huddleston Senior Citizens Centre Society, and the Pincher Creek Curling Club
- Council approved \$528,000 to fund the replacement of the sand filter media in the Water Treatment Plant.
- Council agreed to the revised Intermunicipal Library Board Agreement with the MD of Pincher Creek and the Village of Cowley.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meeting | April 13 | 6:00pm
 Council Meeting | April 27 | 6:00pm
 Committee of the Whole | May 6 | 9:00am



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.