



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

2025 PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

PROPERTY HOMEOWNERS' IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is the property owners RESPONSIBILITY to ensure they receive a property tax notice. If you have not received a property tax notice for by mid-June 2025, and you are a property owner (including mobile homes), please contact the town office at 403-627-3156 to get a copy to avoid penalties for late payment.

HAVE YOU RECENTLY PURCHASED A PROPERTY OR HOME?

Did you receive a tax notice? If not, please connect with the Town Office immediately.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2025

Payments can be made in person by attending the Town Office, 962 St. John Avenue and/or leaving payments in mail slot, by mail, online banking or at any financial institution (please take your bill). To avoid late penalties property tax payments must be received at the Town Office by June 30, 2025 (please note Canada Post no longer post marks mail, so payments must be received in the office by the deadline). To ensure that your payment goes onto your account when using online banking please use the full 12-digit account (roll) number without the decimal that can be found on your tax notice. Please note if a tax payment is made online after hours on the due date the bank may post it to the following day. Please try not to make late payments or you may be required to submit proof of payment date to avoid penalties applied to your account.

IMPORTANT PENALTY INFORMATION

Penalty charges on outstanding current taxes will be levied at 12% on July 1, 2024. A further 10% penalty will be assessed on all remaining unpaid taxes January 3, 2025.

403-627-3156 | utilities@pinchercreek.ca

2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

VOTER REGISTER

NEW! Beginning in 2025, voters are required to register. Make sure your information is up to date so you're ready when it's time to cast your ballot! Register by September 15. Visit <https://www.voterlink.ab.ca/> or call 780-427-7191.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

This could be your chance to make a lasting impact in your Town. Ready to learn more? Explore what it takes to run for Council. Whether you're considering running for Mayor or Councillor, we encourage you to review the Candidate's Nomination Package, familiarize yourself with Council's roles and responsibilities, and explore meeting agendas and minutes to understand current issues and priorities.

Remember, running for office is a significant commitment, and being informed is key to making a positive impact.

Alberta Municipalities and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta are hosting a series of webinars to help you prepare for this year's election.

April 29, May 5, June 3, July 16, August 14, September 9 & September 16

Visit the ABmunis events page at <https://www.abmunis.ca/events> for the full schedule.

ELECTION DATES

Nomination period

January 1 - September 22, 2025

Nomination Day

September 22, 2025 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Advanced Voting

October 15, 2025 | 10:00am - 4:00pm

Election Day

October 20, 2025 | 10:00am - 8:00pm

Find out more at <https://pinchercreek.ca/election>

CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



Get Ready for Spring Renovations with the Clean Energy Improvement Program!

As the snow melts and the days get longer, many of us start thinking about spring renovations. Whether it's upgrading your insulation, replacing drafty windows, or installing solar panels, spring is the perfect time to invest in your home – and the Town of Pincher Creek is here to help make it more affordable.

The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) allows residential property owners to make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades with low-interest financing that's repaid through your property taxes. It's a simple, flexible way to improve your home's comfort and performance while lowering your utility bills.

Why Choose CEIP?

- No large upfront costs – finance 100% of eligible upgrades
- Flexible repayment terms – up to 20 years depending on the project
- Competitive interest rates
- Pre-qualified contractor network ensures quality work
- Energy savings start right away
- Eligible Projects Include:
- Window and door replacements
- Insulation upgrades
- High-efficiency heating systems
- Solar PV installations
- Air sealing and ventilation improvements
- ...and more!

Whether you're planning small upgrades or major improvements, CEIP helps you invest in your home and your future. Plus, it supports our community's goals for a cleaner, more energy-efficient future.

Apply Today! Visit <https://myCEIP.ca/pincher> to learn more, check your eligibility, and get started on your spring renovation plans.



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 FOUNDATION

Crestview Lodge staff and residents invite friends and family to join them for:

- Lions TV Bingo every Tuesday at 7:30pm
- Afternoon movies on Sundays at 1:30pm
- Mother's Day tea Friday, May 9 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm
- Rustic Rhythm music May 13 at 1:30pm
- May 12 at 1:30pm Adaptable Outdoors is giving an information session on the adapted activities they offer - from fishing to kayaking and hiking; there's something for all seniors
- The Burles are playing May 22nd at 6:00pm
- Pub night will be Friday, May 30th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

- Updated website announcement! | <https://www.pinchercreekcommunityfoodcentre.ca/>
- Annual General Meeting | Tuesday, June 17 at 4:00pm | The Annex | 753 Kettles Street
- Grow a Row Program | Please consider growing a row of fresh vegetables to donate to the Food Bank this summer
- Need Food? | Call or text 403-632-6716

RECREATION & PARKS

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

DAY ON THE CREEK



PINCHER CREEK
DAY *on the*
CREEK

Student Outdoor
Experiential Learning Event

May 15th, 2025

OUR PRESENTERS:

- Alberta Community Bat Program
- Alberta Forestry & Parks
- AB Hunter Education Instructors Association
- Archaeology Society of Alberta
- Atlatl Archaeology
- Cows & Fish
- Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village
- Oldman Watershed Council
- Pincher Creek Family Centre
- Pincher Creek & Municipal District Library
- Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association
- Waterton Lakes National Park

9 am - 3 pm
at the Pincher Creek
Ag Grounds,
KBPV Museum,
Dilmer/Lions
Parks

For more info contact:
nmanners@watertonbiosphere.com

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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.

TIDY TUESDAY

Starting April 22 | Every Tuesday
10:00am for 10 minutes

Show your community pride and support the Communities in Bloom program by:

- ✂ Sweep the sidewalk and gutter in front of your business or residence
- ✂ Pick up litter and cigarette butts
- ✂ Tidy up back alleys
- ✂ Pull weeds

Small efforts make a big difference!



Pitch-In

- To pick litter
- Tidy yards
- Back Allys, Boulevards, Ditches

April April 21 - May 19
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

Community Basketball | Drop-in | Free | **MOVING TO MCC ARENA MAY 12** (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesdays & Fridays | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Everyone is welcome to come play!

Community Keep Fit | Drop-in | Free | **FINAL SESSION MAY 22**

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 | **FINAL SESSION JUNE 26**

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 | **MOVING TO MCC ARENA MAY 12** (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

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

BIKE RODEO AND LARGE VEHICLE DISPLAY

Friday, May 16 | 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Ranchland Mall Parking Lot | 1300 Hewetson Avenue

Napi Friendship Association will be hosting a Bike Rodeo, Large Vehicle Display and BBQ! FREE and open to everyone! Come kick off summer long weekends and learn some bike and vehicle safety.

The Town of Pincher Creek is proud to join this great event with some of our very own large vehicles and our Bylaw Officer Matt is helping out with the bike rodeo!

RCMP recruiting officers will be there answering any questions you may have about joining the RCMP.

Pincher Creek Emergency Services will be spending the afternoon in attendance, come check out their fleet and visit with members.

Bart's Bikes will be there to answer questions and give tips for basic bike maintenance!

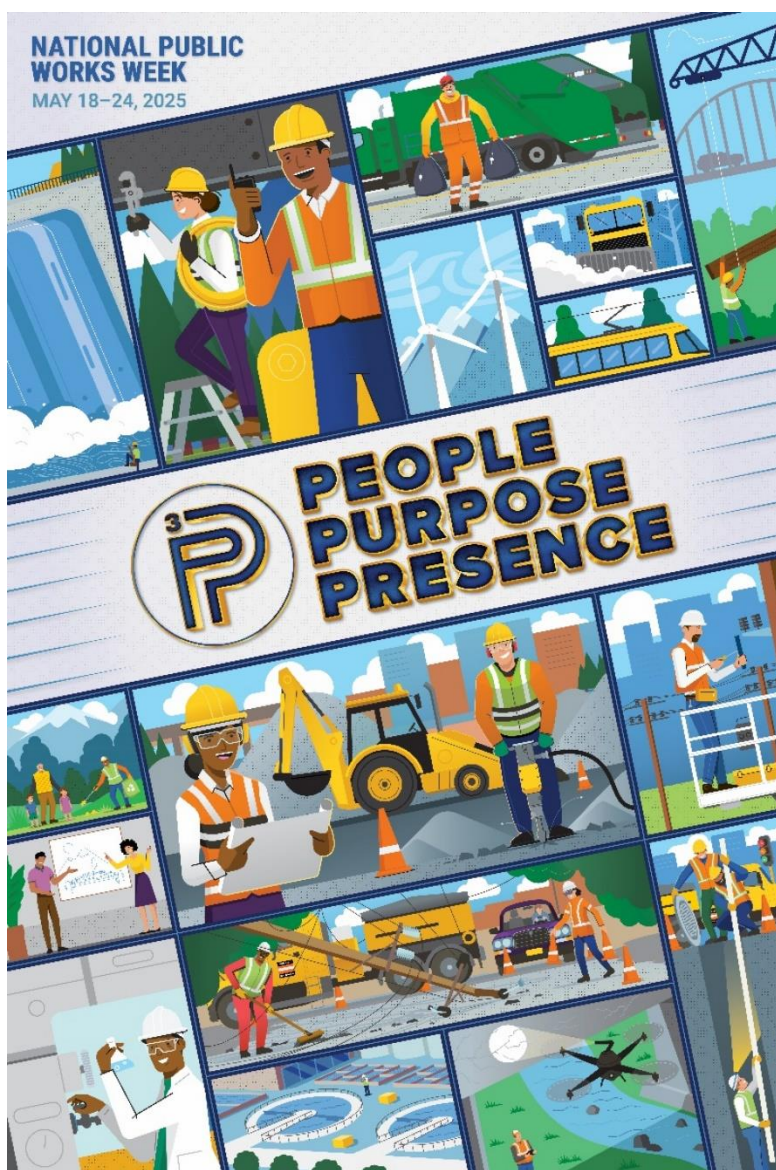




May 19-25 is Public Works Week in Pincher Creek – a time to recognize and celebrate the vital services that keep our community running smoothly every day! From maintaining roads and parks to ensuring clean water and safe infrastructure, our Public Works team works hard behind the scenes to support the quality of life we all enjoy.

To help mark the occasion, we're hosting a colouring contest for kids of all ages! Pick up a colouring sheet after May 12, 2025 at the Town Office or download it from our website, then return your masterpiece by May 29, 2025 for a chance to win one admission for youth and adult to our swimming pool!

Let's give a big thank you to our incredible Public Works staff!



REUSE & RECYCLE FAIR



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TAKE YOUR RECYCLING BEYOND THE BIN! FREE RECYCLING

BRING YOUR RECYCLABLES TO:

Saturday, June 7 | 10:00am - 2:00pm
MD Office/Eco Centre | 1037 Herron Ave

****No early birds or drop-off before 10:00am to allow staff to safely set up.**

Accepting household hazardous waste, electronics and used oil.

**REUSE
FAIR**

Bring items you no longer use that are in good working condition to be loved by someone new (no clothes)! **DEADLINE TO DROP OFF IS 1:00PM NO EXCEPTIONS!**

SPCA BBQ

The Pincher Creek SPCA will be on site BBQing away! All proceeds will support the animals in their care.

LIONS CLUB

The Pincher Creek Lions Club are here to collect glasses, tabs, household batteries, and hearing aids.

PINCHER PLANT- ERS

Looking for some new plants? Have some old ones to share? Pincher Planters are set up for their exchange!

PAPER SHRED- DER

Paper Shredder on site for legal and sensitive documents. Limit 4 bankers boxes per household.

GARAGE SALE FEE WAIVER

Planning a garage/yard sale this summer? Why not hold it during the Reuse Fair and we'll waive the permit fee!



DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

LAND USE BYLAW: WHAT IT IS, HOW IT WORKS, AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CHANGES ARE NEEDED

What is the Land Use Bylaw (LUB)?

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is the main set of rules that guide how land in the Town of Pincher Creek can be used and developed. It affects things like:

- Where homes, businesses, and industrial buildings can be built
- What kind of buildings or activities are allowed in certain areas
- How big buildings can be, how much parking is needed, and other development standards

If you're building, buying, or changing the use of a property, you'll need to check the LUB to make sure your plans follow the rules. It's also one of the key tools the Town uses to support long-term planning and manage growth in our community.

How the LUB Works

The LUB divides the town into different “districts” or zones—such as residential, commercial, or industrial—and outlines what types of development are allowed in each.

- **Permitted uses:** These are activities or buildings that are clearly allowed in that district. If your application meets the rules, your permit will be approved.
- **Discretionary uses:** These are uses that *might* be allowed, but need closer review. The Development Authority can approve them with conditions or deny them altogether.

In most cases, a development permit is required. All developments must follow the LUB—even if you own the land.

When and Why the LUB Gets Amended

Sometimes a developer or property owner wants to do something that isn't allowed under the current rules. For example, if a lot is zoned for single-family homes but the owner wants to build a four-plex, the zoning must be changed first.

This change is called a **Land Use Bylaw Amendment**, or **rezoning**. People may also apply to add a new type of use to a district or update rules that aren't working as intended.

These changes must be approved by Town Council. Council has the authority to change the LUB, but they're not required to approve every request. Anyone can apply, but there are no guarantees the amendment will pass.

The Amendment Process

Amending the LUB follows a formal process set by Alberta's Municipal Government Act. Here's what typically happens:

1. **Application Submitted**

The applicant fills out a form, explains the proposed change, and pays the required fee. If the request is for a rezoning, a map showing the proposed new zoning is also submitted.

2. **First Reading**

Council gives the bylaw amendment its first reading. This doesn't mean it's approved—it just starts the process and allows the public to be notified.

3. **Public Notification**

A notice is published in the newspaper for two weeks and/or mailed to affected landowners and nearby residents. Other stakeholders like neighbouring municipalities or agencies may also be notified.

4. **Public Hearing**

Anyone who wants to comment can speak at the public hearing. Council hears from residents, reviews a staff report with recommendations, and considers all feedback.

5. **Final Decision**

Council can:

- Approve the amendment by giving it second and third readings
- Make changes to the proposed amendment before approving it
- Reject the amendment entirely

If approved, the change takes effect immediately. There is no appeal of Council's decision. If denied, another application for the same use on the same property can't be made for a certain period (as outlined in the LUB).

Key Things to Know

- The process usually takes at least two Council meetings, plus time for public notice.
- Complex applications may require more time to review and prepare detailed reports.
- Staff are available to help applicants understand the process and ensure the application is complete.
- Community input is always encouraged and valued during the public hearing stage.

Have Questions About the LUB or an Amendment?

Contact the Town's Development Officer at 403-627-3156 or development@pinchercreek.ca for more information about land use planning and development in Pincher Creek.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

MARCH 24, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Budget Adjustments Approved
 - Media Release to be prepared highlighting the 2024 Audited Financial Statements
- Property Tax Bylaw received first reading
- Elections Services Agreements with both Livingstone Range School Division and the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division for the 2025 general election were approved
- Council agreed to support the Pincher Creek Dolphins Swim Club with a \$1200 Silver Level sponsorship

APRIL 14, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- 2024 Audited financial statements were accepted and approved
- Property Tax Bylaw received second and third/final readings and is now in effect
- Development Permit 25-D0025 for construction of two accessory buildings on 1069 James Ave was approved to move forward to the Municipal Development and Subdivision Authority for consideration
- Council agreed to fund up to \$25,000 to complete a structural assessment for the MCC Arena

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole | May 7 | 8:30am
Council Meeting | May 12 | 6:00pm
Council Meeting | May 26 | 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.