



May 2026

Community Newsletter



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PROPERTY TAX NOTIFICATIONS

2026 PROPERTY TAX NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MAILED

The Town of Pincher Creek sent the 2025 Property Tax Notifications on May 1, 2026.

PROPERTY OWNERS' 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 by mid-June 2026, 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, 2026

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, 2026 (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, 2026. A further 10% penalty will be assessed on all remaining unpaid taxes January 3, 2027.

403-627-3156 | utilities@pinchercreek.ca



REUSE & RECYCLE FAIR

JUNE 13

10am - 2pm

ECO CENTRE/
MD OFFICE
1037 HERRON AVENUE

What you can bring



Household Hazardous Waste



Electronics



Used Oil



Gently Used Items for Reuse (NO CLOTHING)

Connect with Local Groups



PINCHER PLANTERS

for plant exchanges!



ENJOY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

SPCA BBQ



PINCHER CREEK LIONS



GLASSES



BATTERIES



TABS

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

ROOTED IN SERVICE, POWERED BY COMMUNITY



Public Works Week is here, and it's a great time to recognize the people who keep Pincher Creek running every day. From maintaining our roads and sidewalks to ensuring safe drinking water, reliable utilities, and well-kept parks and facilities—our Public Works team is truly *rooted in service*.

This year's theme, "**Rooted in Service, Powered by Community,**" highlights the essential work that often happens behind the scenes—especially the underground infrastructure that supports our daily lives. Water lines, sewer systems, and other services form the foundation of a strong and healthy community, and our crews work year-round to maintain and improve them.

To celebrate, the Town is hosting a **Public Works Week Colouring Contest** for local kids! It's a fun way to learn about the important role Public Works plays in our community.

How to participate:

- Pick up a colouring sheet from Town Hall, Recreation Office, Co-op Food Store or download it at <https://pinchercreek.ca/pweek>
- Get creative and colour your page
- Submit your entry to Town Hall by **May 29**

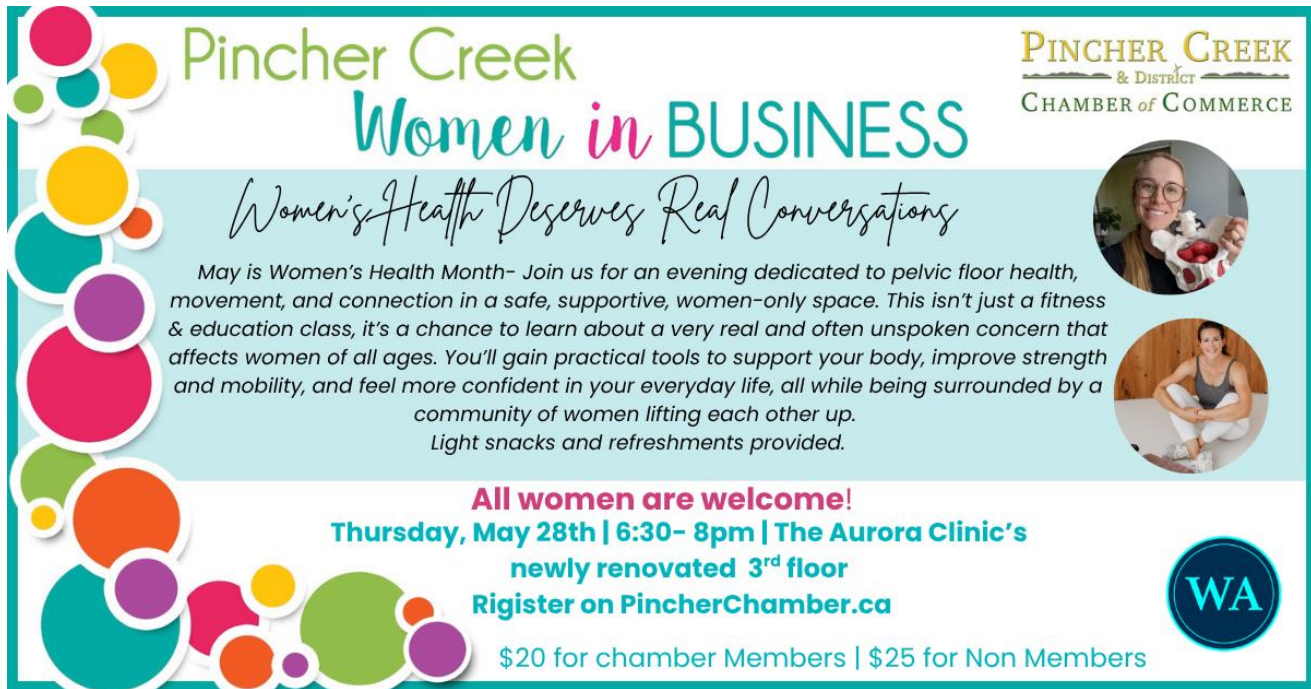
Winners will be selected and shared on our social media channels.

Join us in thanking our Public Works team for everything they do to keep Pincher Creek safe, clean, and running smoothly. Their work may not always be visible—but it's always essential.



PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WOMEN IN BUSINESS







Pincher Creek
Women in BUSINESS

Women's Health Deserves Real Conversations

May is Women's Health Month- Join us for an evening dedicated to pelvic floor health, movement, and connection in a safe, supportive, women-only space. This isn't just a fitness & education class, it's a chance to learn about a very real and often unspoken concern that affects women of all ages. You'll gain practical tools to support your body, improve strength and mobility, and feel more confident in your everyday life, all while being surrounded by a community of women lifting each other up.
Light snacks and refreshments provided.

All women are welcome!
Thursday, May 28th | 6:30- 8pm | The Aurora Clinic's
newly renovated 3rd floor
Register on PincherChamber.ca

\$20 for chamber Members | \$25 for Non Members



FARMERS MARKETS



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 HISTORIC PARK



RESERVE A GARDEN SPACE

We have 3 plots still available in our Community Garden Space for growing in 2026

- \$60 for 6 months growing time
- \$5 refundable key rental
- Plots are 225 square feet
- Plots will be prepped in early May
- Plots are only reserved once the contract is signed and paid for in person at the museum

more information

📞 403-627-3684

✉️ mail.kbpv@gmail.com



HILL SPRING MARKET



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!



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.pincher creek.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.pincher creek.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.pincher creek.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.pincher creek.ca/swim or Call 403-627-2565

Step 4



FREE OPEN SWIM – SPONSORED BY NAPI FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



**FREE! Swim
Sponsored by**



**May 15
1:15 - 3:30**

Pincher Creek Pool
895 Main Street



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



HUDDLESTUN SENIOR CENTRE

867 MAIN STREET
PINCHER CREEK

Huddlestun Senior Centre



2ND & 4TH
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.

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COURSE
LEARN AT YOUR OWN PACE!

RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

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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>

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 COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

The Town of Pincher Creek and Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Centres (PCCELC) would like to share an update about the operation of Sage and Canyon Creek Early Learning Centres.

The operations of Sage and Canyon Creek Early Learning Centres will transition from PCCELC to KPSquared. KPSquared is a federally registered not for profit childcare social enterprise. KPSquared was established in Fort McMurray, innovating a 24h childcare model. They have grown to operate centres in rural communities across the Province, responding to the needs of the families and industries where they operate with extended hours and family-centred programming. Recently, KPSquared opened 2 centres in the Crowsnest Pass.

In developing the early learning centres, the goal was to provide affordable quality childcare to families. KPSquared shares the values of respect, equality, compassion and inclusive childcare that have guided PCCELC. We are optimistic that this new venture will build on the success of the centres and ensure continued child and family centred care in our community.

We extend the utmost gratitude to all the families and employees whose passion for early childhood learning has developed the childcare community in Pincher Creek. Your dedication and commitment to the young people of our community is commendable and deeply appreciated. We thank all the past and present board members, employees volunteers and community members for all your contributions and the passion that you have for building the early childcare community in Pincher Creek.

The Town, PCCELC Board and the PCCELC staff are working together to ensure a seamless transition, without interruption of care for the children or loss of employment of our dedicated staff. We are meeting with employees and stakeholders to facilitate this transition with as minimal impact on the families and children in our care. We thank everyone for their cooperation and sharing our ongoing commitment to quality childcare in our community.

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

TIME EXTENSIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION PERMITS

Under the Municipal Government Act (Sections 656 and 685), there are legislated timelines that govern how subdivision and development permit applications must be processed.

What is a time extension for a development or subdivision permit?

A time extension is additional time granted to complete required steps associated with a development or subdivision permit. These steps may include submitting required plans, completing environmental studies, or meeting conditions of approval. An extension allows the application process to continue without the application being returned or closed.

Why would a time extension be needed?

A time extension may be needed when delays occur during the review or approval process. Common reasons include:

- The need for additional engineering or site plans
- Environmental studies that require more time to complete
- Coordination with external agencies or other approvals
- Unforeseen delays in preparing required documentation

Who can request a time extension?

- The applicant (property owner or developer) can request a time extension if they need more time to submit required information or complete outstanding requirements requested by the Town.
- The Town may also request an extension if additional time is needed to:
 - determine whether an application is complete, or
 - obtain information required to properly assess the application

This ensures decisions are made using complete and accurate information.

Does a time extension mean my application is delayed or denied?

No. A time extension does not mean an application is denied. It simply provides more time for the application process to be completed properly. The file remains active while the extension is in place.

What is required to request a time extension?

Applicants are typically required to submit a written request explaining:

- Why the extension is needed
- What information or work is still outstanding
- How much additional time is being requested

The Town reviews each request on a case-by-case basis.

How does the Town decide whether to approve a time extension?

The Town considers whether:

- The extension is reasonable and justified
- The application can continue to move forward
- The additional time will support a complete and accurate review
- The request aligns with applicable bylaws and policies

Why are time extensions important?

Time extensions help ensure that subdivision and development applications are reviewed thoroughly and responsibly. They allow applicants time to meet requirements while ensuring the Town can make informed decisions that align with provincial regulations and community planning and standards.

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 23, 2026 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received delegations from Northback and Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance
- Council received an update on our Family and Community Support Services program
- Council approved three members attend the Infrastructure Services Regional Summit

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meeting | May 11 | 6:00pm

Council Meeting | May 25 | 6:00pm

Committee of the Whole | June 3 | 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.