



July 2026

Community Newsletter



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2027 JOINT COUNCIL GRANTS

Pincher Creek Joint Council Grant

Town of Pincher Creek and MD of Pincher Creek are pleased to announce the annual grant program for not-for-profit groups and organizations.



Application deadline August 7, 2026

pinchercreek.ca | mdpinchercreek.ab.ca



A funding opportunity for organizations, events, and community groups.

The Pincher Creek Joint Council Grant supports local initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents and strengthen our community. Through this funding, we aim to help organizations, events, and volunteer-led efforts thrive and continue making a positive impact.

We recognize that many valued community activities rely on additional support to succeed and, in some cases, continue to exist. By providing assistance, we help empower dedicated volunteers and community groups to pursue meaningful projects, programs, and events that benefit the broader community.

Together, through community passion, volunteer commitment, and a helping hand, we can support initiatives that make Pincher Creek a vibrant and connected place to live.

Visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/grant> for more information and to apply.

PINCHER CREEK RODEO WEEKEND



Challenge: Decorate your business for Rodeo Weekend; create an inviting atmosphere for Pincher Creek guests & locals! We suggest decorating the outside of your business to invite people in and then keep them by creating a fun atmosphere inside- but it's up to you! This year's parade theme is Cowboys and Aliens!

Prizes:

- 1st place: 4 pack of weekend passes (courtesy Pincher Creek Pro Rodeo Association) | (approx.. value \$240.00)
- 2nd place: Business Card ad in 2027 Visitor Guide | (approx. value \$200.00)
- 3rd place: 2026 Business License fee waived up to \$125.00

Drop-dead date to register to participate is Friday, August 7. Visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/rodeo-weekend> to register.

When is judging:

Week of August 10 - schedule will depend on business hours of entrants

We encourage businesses to be open & decorated for Rodeo weekend!

Who is judging?

3 awesome judges from around Town!

Who can participate?

Any businesses in the Town, the more the merrier!

PINCHER CREEK PRO RODEO PARADE

The Town of Pincher Creek is pleased to invite you to

Pincher Creek Rodeo

PARADE

THEME:

COWBOYS & ALIENS



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Supported by



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Register by August 7
pinchercreek.ca/rodeo-weekend



ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF PINCHER CREEK

GIFT SHOP & GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday – Friday | 10:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday | 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Closed on holidays

www.thelebel.ca

JOHN WORT HANNAM AND FRIENDS LIVE @ THE LEBEL

Friday, July 31 at 6:00pm

Free outdoor concert!

Join the Allied Arts Council for a free night of live music featuring Alberta Artist in Residence John Wort Hannam and some great local talent!

EVERYONE HAS A STORY FREE SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP WITH JOHN WORT HANNAM

Saturday, August 1 | 10:00am – 4:00pm | The Annex • 753 Kettles Street

No experience needed, pre-registration required at www.thelebel.ca

EXHIBITION

Mouthless Spring by artist Melanie Barnett until August 30.

Visit the AAC gallery at the Lebel to see this incredible ecologically inspired ceramics exhibition

SUMMER MEET-UPS

- Pincher Creek Photography Collective meets regularly at the Lebel throughout the year. Summer meet-up schedule is adjusted to allow for nature meetups - search the Pincher Creek Photography Collective on facebook to keep up with the group online
- The Creatives Meetup is on summer break until September!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2027 GALLERY SEASON

The Allied Arts Council of Pincher Creek strives to host thought-provoking exhibitions that appeal to a diverse audience in order to expand understanding of the visual arts in the community. Our art gallery exhibits working artists at all levels of their artistic careers and curates dynamic exhibitions that showcase strong, current Canadian art. We provide a yearly exhibition schedule balancing local artists and artists from throughout Canada working in all mediums.

Submissions for the 2027 gallery season are now open until Friday, August 14 at 11:59pm.

For all the details and submissions package please visit www.thelebel.ca/gallerysubmissions

KOOTENAI BROWN HISTORICAL PARK

Your Past.
Your Place.
Your Village.
Kootenai turns 60!



Presents:

Old Town SHOWDOWN SATURDAY JULY 18

11:00 AM - 5 PM

Demonstrations include:

Kid's Activities
Photo Booth
Firefighter Games
Live Music
Guest Exhibits
Mock Gun Fights
Artisan Skills

• **ADMISSION** •

\$20/FAMILY

Help us join the fun and dress
for the 1870's - 1910!





Strawberry Summer

High Tea



25 July
12-2 PM

Tickets
\$25

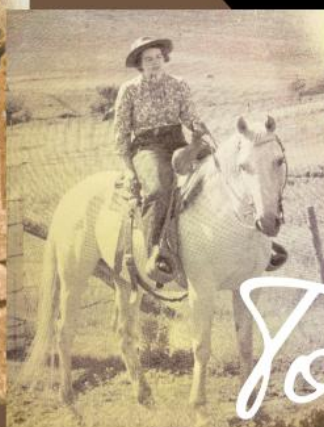
Join us for an afternoon of warm tea, sandwiches, scones and strawberry-inspired treats!

Tickets available
online at
www.kootenaibrown.ca/buy-tickets or at the
museum.





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JULY



Talking Tombstones

OUTRIDERS, OUTSIDERS
AND THE OL' FIVE AND
DIMERS

Time: 6:00 pm meal. 7:00 pm presentations.

Tickets: \$35



FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES INTERAGENCY

Pincher Creek & District FCSS INTERAGENCY



Stronger Together

Pincher Creek & District FCSS Interagency Meetings facilitate networking and information sharing among human service organizations in the Pincher Creek area. This group meets virtually to facilitate collaborating among members with common goals.



Together, we can:



**SHARE
INFORMATION &
RESOURCES**



**BUILD
VALUABLE
CONNECTIONS**



**COLLABORATE
ON COMMON
GOALS**



**STRENGTHEN
SUPPORT FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**

Interested in joining? Contact Lindsey Johnson • fcss@pinchercreek.ca

Help Strengthen Our Community Connections

Are you part of a local organization, agency, or group that supports people in the Pincher Creek area?

The Pincher Creek & District FCSS Interagency is looking to welcome new members!

Our virtual Interagency Meetings bring together human service organizations to:

- ✓ Share information and resources
- ✓ Build valuable connections
- ✓ Collaborate on common goals
- ✓ Strengthen support for our community

Whether you're a long-time organization or a new community partner, your voice and perspective are welcome.

To learn more about joining the Pincher Creek & District FCSS Interagency, contact Lindsey Johnson at fcss@pinchercreek.ca.

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community.

NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK



National Drowning Prevention Week takes place July 19–25, 2026, serving as an important reminder that drowning can happen quickly, quietly, and to anyone. The good news is that most drowning incidents are preventable through education, supervision, and simple safety habits.

Whether you're spending time at the pool, enjoying a day at the lake, or relaxing by a backyard water feature, taking a few precautions can make all the difference.

Here are a few ways to stay safe around water this summer:

- Always supervise children when they are in or near water. Stay within arm's reach of young children and avoid distractions like phones or reading.
- Wear a lifejacket when boating, paddling, or participating in water sports. Make sure it fits properly and is approved for use in Canada.
- Learn to swim. Swimming lessons help build confidence and essential water safety skills for children and adults alike.
- Never swim alone. Always swim with a buddy and choose locations where help is readily available.
- Know your limits. Cold water, currents, changing weather, and unfamiliar conditions can quickly become dangerous.
- Be prepared. Learn CPR and basic rescue techniques—you could save a life while waiting for emergency responders.

The Town of Pincher Creek encourages everyone to enjoy our pools, lakes, rivers, and waterways responsibly throughout the summer. By making water safety a priority, we can all help ensure that every day spent on or near the water ends with everyone returning home safely.

For information about swimming lessons, public swims, and aquatic programs at the Town pool, visit pinchercreek.ca or contact the Multi-Purpose Facility (Pool) at 403-627-2625.



WATER CONSERVATION

EVERY DROP COUNTS: SMALL ACTIONS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Water is one of Pincher Creek's most valuable resources, and while our community is fortunate to have a reliable water supply, it isn't unlimited. Hot, dry summers, windy conditions, and increasing demand all make water conservation an important part of protecting this essential resource for today and for future generations.

The good news? Conserving water doesn't require major lifestyle changes. Small, everyday actions can have a significant impact when we all work together.

Around your home, simple habits like turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, taking shorter showers, running full loads of laundry and dishes, and repairing dripping faucets can save thousands of litres of water over the course of a year. Outdoors, watering your lawn and garden early in the morning, checking sprinkler systems for leaks, using mulch to help retain soil moisture, and choosing drought-tolerant plants can reduce water use while keeping your yard healthy. These practices are especially effective during Pincher Creek's warm, windy summer months.

One of the biggest sources of wasted water is hidden leaks. A running toilet, dripping faucet, or leaking garden hose can quietly waste hundreds of litres before they're noticed. Taking a few minutes to inspect your plumbing and irrigation system each season can help prevent unnecessary water loss and lower your utility bill.

Throughout July, August, and September, the Town will be sharing water wise tips on social media with practical ideas you can easily incorporate into your daily routine. Whether you're a homeowner, renter, business owner, or gardener, there's something everyone can do to help conserve water.

When each household saves a little, our entire community benefits. Together, we can protect our water supply, reduce unnecessary waste, and help ensure this vital resource remains available for years to come.

Every drop counts – and every resident can make a difference. 💧



PINCHER CREEK FAMILY CENTRE



JULY 7 - AUGUST 13, 2026

WE LOVE TO SHAKE THINGS UP IN THE SUMMER!
PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES OR
CALL THE CENTRE @ 403-627-5569.
OUTDOOR PROGRAMS WILL BE CANCELLED IN
INCLEMENT WEATHER.

CENTER CLOSED MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS



"Let's Play"

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00-11:30 am & 1:00-3:30 pm

Join us in our giant playroom for a
fun play.

"Outdoor Adventure Play"

Tuesday & Thursday

9:30-11:30 am

*Join us at our outdoor play space
located on the South Side of the
town hall.*



"WILD WEDNESDAYS"

10:00- 11:30 AM VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Join us at different locations around town
where we will explore, play and have fun!
Free entry to all the locations when attending
the program.



PINCHER CREEK FARMERS MARKETS



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!



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.

COMMUNITY BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Community Beach Volleyball

Thursdays

June 25 - August 13

(except July 9)

6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Juan Teran Park
6330 Range Road 30 #1**

Free | Drop-in



For more information, contact Peter at summergames@pinchercreek.ca or 403-904-8052



BOREDOM BUSTERS

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**Weekly Summer Day Camp
for Children Ages 5 - 11**



July 13 - August 13



**Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00am - 4:00pm**



\$35 per child per day
Register online or
with the QR code
pinchercreek.ca

For questions, contact Peter
summergames@pinchercreek.ca or
403-904-8052

Weekly Themes

Week 1

**ART &
CREATIVITY**



Week 2

**SPORTS &
FITNESS**



Week 3

MUSIC



Week 4

NATURE



Week 5

HISTORY



SOUTHERN ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES



To all athletes attending the SASG!

#GoPincher



TOWN HALL GYM FITNESS PROGRAMS

962 St. John Ave

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

Legends Keep Fit
Tuesdays | 10:00am – 11:00am
Register with Jill Bruder



MCC ARENA INDOOR COURTS

867 Main Street | Indoor court rentals available, contact 403-627-4322 for details

Drop-in fees: \$3.00 per adult | \$2.00 per youth

Pickleball

Monday – Friday | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Monday & Wednesday | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Tuesday | 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Thursday | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Community Basketball

Youth:

Monday – Friday | 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Adult:

Tuesday | 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Friday | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Community Volleyball

Youth:

Mon, Wed, Fri | 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Adult:

Monday | 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Wed, Fri | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

SCREEN TEST

Mobile Mammography Screening is coming to:

Pincher Creek

July 6 to 10, 2026

Ranchland Mall Parking Lot



Photo courtesy of Katelyn Bellerose

Call toll free to book an appointment:

1-800-667-0604

To learn more visit: screeningforlife.ca/breast

If you're 45 to 74 years of age, have a mammogram every 2 years or as decided by you and your healthcare provider. No referral needed.



Primary Care
Alberta



Post until: July 10, 2026



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.

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

APPLYING FOR A NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Planning a commercial, industrial, institutional, or other non-residential development in the Town of Pincher Creek? Understanding the Development Permit process before you apply can help avoid delays and ensure your proposal meets Town requirements.

When reviewing applications, the Town considers factors such as parking, site access, compatibility with neighbouring properties, potential impacts (including noise and lighting), and the overall fit within the surrounding area.

Why is a Development Permit Required?

A Development Permit helps ensure that proposed developments:

- Comply with the Town's Land Use Bylaw
- Meet the requirements of the applicable land use district
- Provide appropriate site design, parking, and access
- Minimize impacts on surrounding properties

A Development Permit is separate from a Building Permit. Depending on the project, both approvals may be required before construction begins.

Check Your Zoning First

Before preparing an application, confirm:

- The zoning district of your property
- Whether the proposed use is permitted, discretionary, or prohibited
- Any site-specific regulations that may apply

Understanding zoning requirements early can help identify application requirements and approval timelines.

Information Typically Required

While requirements vary depending on the project, most non-residential applications include the following:

Site Information

- Site plan drawn to scale
- Legal land description
- Building location and setbacks
- Parking plan and access points
- Landscaping details, where required
- Drainage information

Project Information

- Description of the proposed business or use
- Exterior building elevations plans
- Floor plans
- Proposed days and hours of operation

Additional Information

Depending on the development, additional details may be required, including:

- Traffic and access details
- Loading areas
- Exterior lighting plans
- Servicing or environmental information
- Flood protection plans

Providing complete information at the time of submission helps reduce delays and improves processing times.

How Applications Are Reviewed

- Applications are evaluated to determine whether the proposal:
- Complies with the Land Use Bylaw
- Provides safe and efficient site access



- Includes adequate parking
- Is compatible with neighbouring properties
- Meets setback and height requirements
- Can be adequately serviced by available infrastructure

Development Permit applications for discretionary uses, or those requesting a variance exceeding 15% (or multiple variances exceeding 10% in total), must be referred to the Municipal Development and Subdivision Authority (MDSA) for a decision. In these cases, the timeline from when an application is deemed complete to a decision may take approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

Application Review Process

Applications are reviewed by relevant Town departments and, where necessary, external agencies. For discretionary uses, applications are also circulated to adjacent landowners for comment. Feedback received through this circulation process may be considered as part of the review.

Common Causes of Delays

The most common reasons applications are delayed include:

- Incomplete site plans
- Missing parking or access information
- Insufficient servicing or drainage details
- Failure to confirm zoning requirements
- Unclear descriptions of the proposed business or use

Submitting a complete application package helps ensure a smoother review process. A sample of a complete application can be found on the Town's website under Residents → Planning Documents & Forms.

Helpful Tip

Every development project is unique. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Development Officer before submitting an application.

A pre-application discussion can help identify potential issues related to parking, setbacks, site design, servicing requirements, or discretionary uses before time and resources are invested in detailed plans.

Need More Information?

For additional information, contact Kim Kozak, Development Officer at 403-627-3156 or development@pinchercreek.ca. Visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/content.php?p=179> to view a sample completed application.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

MAY 25, 2026 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council approved the terms, conditions, and date for the 2026 Property Tax Arrears Recovery Public Auction
- Council approved the renewal of the FortisAlberta Franchise Agreement for Electricity

JUNE 8, 2026 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received delegations from the Pincher Creek Women's Shelter Association and Citizen Group including Brian Boyce, Shawna Romano, and Glen Hoffman
- Council approved the Joint Use Planning and Agreement between the Town and Livingstone Range School Division

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meeting | July 27 | 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.

