



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

PINCHER CREEK 2025 VISITOR'S GUIDE

ADVERTISING RATES

We are thrilled to announce the Town of Pincher Creek is leading the effort to produce the upcoming release of the Pincher Creek Visitor's Guide, with support from the Pincher Creek & District Chamber of Commerce! Widely distributed across Alberta and British Columbia, as well as available online, this comprehensive guide will reach thousands of travelers seeking experiences, accommodations, and attractions in our region, offering an exceptional opportunity to showcase your business to a broad audience.

As a cornerstone of our marketing and community engagement efforts, the Visitor's Guide is set to launch in April 2025. Chamber members receive exclusive benefits, including discounted advertising rates and priority placement within the guide. Participating not only promotes your business but also demonstrates your support for a shared marketing initiative that benefits the entire community. Your involvement will help increase visibility, attract more visitors, and drive customer traffic to your business.

The success of this publication relies on the support of our local advertisers, and together, we can make this the best edition yet. Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of something special!

2025 Ad Rates

Ad size	Dimension (W x H)	Chamber Member	Non-Member
1/8 page	3.9" x 2.5"	\$245	\$290
1/4 page horizontal	8" x 2.5"	\$450	\$490
1/4 page vertical	3.9" x 5"	\$450	\$490
1/2 page horizontal	8" x 5"	\$850	\$925
1/2 page vertical	3.9" x 10.5"	\$850	\$925
Full page	8.5" x 11" plus 0.25" bleed	\$1285	\$1425
Full premium	8.5" x 11" plus 0.25" bleed	\$1615	\$1825
Back Cover	8.5" x 11" plus 0.25" bleed	\$2300	\$2650

2025 Deadlines

Ad Booking | January 31

Design Content* | February 7

Final Copy | February 21

Payment Due | March 7

*Design content deadline: if you have requested design assistance, this is the deadline to send all imagery, logos, and content to communications@pinchercreek.ca.

Design Assistance and Proofs

We offer ad creation and modifications at no additional cost. All content including images, logos, and copy must be submitted to communications@pinchercreek.ca no later than February 7. Images and logos should be high resolution. Images with low resolution cannot be scaled larger without loss of detail and clarity. Do not send images embedded in emails, Word, or Publisher, these programs automatically compress images and reduce the resolution. A proof will be submitted to you by February 16; if no response is received by February 21, the ad will run as is. Proofs will not be provided for ads that are submitted as final copy.

Terms & Conditions

File types: Artwork must be provided in AI, EPS, PDF, JPG, PNG, or TIF at a minimum 300dpi. We cannot accept Microsoft Word or Publisher files. Fonts: if providing an AI or EPS file, ensure all fonts have been converted to outlines to avoid any differences in final copy. Ad quality: We want our Visitor's Guide to reflect quality and high standards, so we have the right to refuse content.

Payment: must be received in full before an ad is included in the Visitor's Guide. GST will be added to the ad rate.

To place an ad, please complete the advertising agreement and submit to communications@pinchercreek.ca or phone Kim Uhersky, Communications & Marketing Officer at 403-627-3156 for more information.

More information and agreement application can be found at <https://pinchercreek.ca/content.php?p=188>.

CALLING ALL WRITERS IN PINCHER CREEK AND AREA!

Do you love sharing stories about our beautiful region? Are you passionate about writing and want to showcase the best of Pincher Creek to visitors?

We are looking for local writers to contribute articles for the upcoming Pincher Creek Visitor's Guide. This is a great opportunity to highlight the unique charm, outdoor activities, history, and local culture that make our town and the surrounding area such a special place to visit.

Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, we'd love to hear from you! Topics could range from outdoor adventures, local events, dining, hidden gems, or anything that reflects the essence of our community.

How to get involved:

- Submit a brief proposal with your article idea(s) by December 13, 2024. Final copy will be required by January 31, 2025.
- Articles can include any relevant images (you will receive credit for any images provided).
- Contact us at communications@pinchercreek.ca for more details and to submit your proposal.
- In exchange for your insightful ideas, we would like to offer a free ¼ page ad in the 2025 Visitor's Guide! And of course, your name will appear in the by-line of the article.

Let's work together to make the 2025 Pincher Creek Visitor's Guide a must-read for every visitor!

RECREATION & PARKS

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

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM CHRISTMAS LIGHT & DECORATING CONTEST



Get ready for our annual Communities in Bloom Christmas Light & Decorating Contest!!

Have you lights on and ready for the judges by December 11!



HOLIDAY SWIM SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Eve | December 24, 2024

- Lane Swim and Parent & Tot | 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Open Swim | 12:15pm – 3:00pm

Christmas Day & Boxing Day | December 25 & 26, 2024

- Pool is CLOSED

New Years Eve | December 31, 2024

- Lane Swim and Parent & Tot | 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Open Swim | 12:15 pm – 3:00 pm

New Years Day | January 1, 2025

- Pool is CLOSED

NAPI FRIENDSHIP CENTER SPONSORED FREE OPEN SWIM

Friday, December 20, 2024 | 4:00pm – 7:00pm

BLACK FRIDAY/HOLIDAY POOL DEALS

- TriSwim Body Care Bundle | receive 25% when purchasing all 4 body care items together, includes Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion.
- 3 Items for \$75.00 | choose 3 items from the list and add a swim bag. Items include: goggles, swim cap, flutter board, ear or nose plug, body care, swim diaper, pull buoy, hand paddle.
- 50% off a pair of goggles when purchased with a swimsuit.

ARENA PROGRAMMING

The Arena is closed December 24-25 and January 1.

Private Arena Rentals are available for December 26 – December 31. Call the Recreation office at 403-627-4322 to book. Bookings must be scheduled by December 23.

Public Skate

Wednesdays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm

Fridays | 4:30 – 6:00pm

Family Skate

Sundays | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Adult Shiny

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 12:00pm – 1:00pm

\$10 drop-in fee

Youth Shinny
Mondays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm
\$5 drop-in fee

We also offer private rentals and a free skate lending program. Contact the Recreation Office at 403-627-4322 or rec@pinchercreek.ca for more information. The Library offers cross country ski and snowshoe rentals. Contact the Library at 403-627-3813.

TOWN HALL GYM FITNESS PROGRAMS

962 St. John Ave

***Please note the Town Hall Gym will be closed December 24 – January 1. Regular programming will resume on January 2.**

Community Basketball | Drop-in | Free
Ages 9 – 12 | Tuesdays | 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Ages 13+ | Tuesdays | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Ages 13+ | Thursdays | 5:15pm – 6:45pm
Everyone is welcome to come play!

Pickleball | \$3.00 drop-in

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Town Hall Gym | 962 St John Ave

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Canyon School | 408 Victoria Cres

Fridays | 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Matthew Halton High School | 945 Davidson Ave | Includes Badminton

COMMUNITY BALL ROOM DANCE

Wednesdays | 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Huddlestun Centre | 867 Main Street
Monthly | \$20
Drop-in | \$5

Learn the basic steps to the Cha Cha, Tango, Salsa, Waltz, and more!
Couples, individuals, and groups – all ages! No experience needed.

SENIOR DANCE WORKOUT

Wednesdays | 9:00am – 10:00am
Huddlestun Centre | 867 Main Street
Monthly | \$20



Drop-in | \$5

Dance your way into a 45-minute workout session with Rosita. This class will move you in a fun way to help you with your fitness journey. No experience necessary – just be ready for a good time!

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD



The Pincher Creek & District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is seeking 2 members-at-large to serve on the District Board. Applicants must be residents of the Town, MD, or Village of Cowley.

FCSS is a joint Provincial/Municipal funded program established to develop, support and fund locally driven preventive initiatives to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and partner communities. The Board serves to assess local community needs, receive funding proposals and determine which projects and initiatives will be funded each year. As a board member, you contribute to the community by encouraging active participation of agencies addressing local needs.

Eligibility requirements for FCSS board appointment are:

Must be 18 years of age or older

A Canadian citizen or landed Immigrant

A resident of the Town of Pincher Creek, M.D. of Pincher Creek or the Village of Cowley

Meetings: Third Monday monthly at 6:30 pm

Applications or questions should be referred to Lindsey Johnson, Pincher Creek & District FCSS Coordinator, at 403-627-4406 or Email: fcss@pinchercreek.ca

Application Deadline: December 31, 2024

Find out more here: <https://pinchercreek.ca/content.php?p=74>

SYNCLINE GUIDED SNOWSHOE AND CROSS COUNTRY SKI ADVENTURES



SYNCLINE

Guided Snowshoe and
Cross Country Ski Adventures



Register online:
www.synclinecastletrails.org

Drop-in Welcome

1 - 4 pm, Saturdays

\$20 Adult \$10 Youth

Meet at Warming Hut
Adventure Dates

Guided Cross
Country Ski

- January 4
- February 8
- Mar 15

Experience skiers only

Guided
Snowshoe

- December 28
- January 18
- Feb 22
- Mar 1



Cross Country Ski



Snowshoe





Join

Syncline Castle Trail Organization

- Help to promote, protect and maintain Syncline Trail Network
- Enrollment into Nordiq Alberta and Nordiq Canada
- SCaT newsletter
- Trail stewardship volunteer opportunities



Membership Open

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=36813>

KOOTENAI BROWN PIONEER VILLAGE

HOLIDAY MARKET WITH VENDORS

Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8;
Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15;
Saturday, December 21 & Sunday, December 22



ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF PINCHER CREEK

GALLERY AND GIFT SHOP HOURS

Visit the Allied Arts Council gallery and gift shop to support local artists and creatives this holiday season. Allied Arts will be open for extended hours in December.

Tuesdays | 10:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday – Friday | 10:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday | 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Closed December 25 – January 2

GALLERY SHOW

November & December | Juried Members Exhibition

Join the Allied Arts Council of Pincher Creek gallery this November and December for their third annual Juried Members Exhibition. Featuring paintings, fibre arts and sculpture, this exhibition is a local favorite.

Thank you to the following artists for sharing their work this year: Linda Anderson Stewart, Michelle Austen, Jody Best, Hugo Brees, Janifer Calvez, Bob Cowan, Heather Dodd, Kelsey Galbraith, Julie Heinrich, Joan Hingsburger, Neil Kathol, Knothole Photography, Pat MacInnis, Kristina Milo, Melanie Morstad, Esther Neufeld, George Newton, Karen Spurrell, Karen Tamminga-Paton and Judy Trafford.

AFTERNOON WITH LORNE FITCH

December 7 | 1:00pm
Free reading from his latest book *Travels Up The Creek* with coffee and goodies to enjoy. Everyone is welcome. Presented by the Allied Arts Council and Livingstone Landowners Group.

KIDS ART CLASSES

Register for programs at <https://www.thelebel.ca/>

Friday After-School Art Classes

Fridays | December 13 & 20
1:45pm – 2:45pm
Ages 6 – 9

Artists @ Heart

Fridays | December 13 & 20
3:00pm – 4:30pm
Ages 9+



DROP IN CERAMICS STUDIO

For folks who have taken a pottery workshop or who have pottery experience our ceramics studio is available for drop in use for just \$10 a day during scheduled hours.

Visit <https://www.thelebel.ca/> to register and to find more information on all programs offered.

PINCHER CREEK FOUNDATION

CRESTVIEW CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAZAAR

December 7 | 2:00pm – 4:00pm | Entrance is \$5.

Lots of baked goods and crafts for sale. Door prizes and silent auction. Everyone is welcome.

RUSTIC RHYTHM

December 16 | 1:00pm

Everyone is welcome to attend. Free!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CAROLERS

December 22 | 7:00pm

Carolers from Trinity Lutheran Church will be performing at Crestview. Everyone is welcome.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMIT

Development Permits deal with the regulations of the Town's Land Use Bylaw where Building Permits deal with the regulations of the Provincial and National Building Codes.

You may need development permit approvals when developing on a property. The Municipal Government Act (MGA) under Part 17 (b) defines "development" as:

- (i) an excavation or stockpile and the creation of either of them,
- (ii) a building or an addition to or replacement or repair of a building and the construction or placing of any of them on, in, over or under land,

- (iii) a change of use of land or a building or an act done in relation to land or a building that results in or is likely to result in a change in the use of the land or building, or
- (iv) a change in the intensity of use of land or a building or an act done in relation to land or a building that results in or is likely to result in a change in the intensity of use of the land or building.

When a development permit application is submitted to the Town, the Development Officer confirms that the proposed use complies with the Town's Land Use Bylaw.

When a building permit application is submitted to Park Enterprises Ltd, the Safety Codes Officer confirms the proposed development complies with the Alberta and National Building Codes.

Usually, a development permit is the first approval obtained, then it is followed with the safety code permits such as building, electrical, plumbing, gas, and sewage.

There are times when you do not need development permit approval for a project though you may still require building permit approvals. A great example of this is within the Town's Land Use Bylaw, storage, garden or tool sheds and similar Accessory Residential Buildings do not require development permit approval, provided that:

- (i) these do not exceed 13.9 m² (150 ft²) in area;
- (ii) only one such building may be located on a lot or parcel without a development permit;
- (iii) and any matter pertaining to the development of such a building including its height, location and appearance complies with the provisions of this bylaw and the schedules thereto;

However, any person placing or building an accessory building over 10 m² (107 ft²) on their property must have building permit approval prior to work commencing. Additionally, if the building will have plumbing, electrical, gas, sewage, etc., those permits will also be required.

Schedule 3 (Development Not Requiring a Development Permit) of the Town's Land Use Bylaw No. 1547 states when development permit approvals are not required. If you are ever unsure if permit approvals are necessary for a project, contact the Town's Development Officer.

DEVELOPMENT NOTICES DURING THE POSTAL DISRUPTION

Municipal Development & Subdivision Authority (MDSA) Notices of Decision and other Development Notices will be posted on our website during the postal disruption.

To view MDSA Notices of Decision, please visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/mdsa>

To view Development Permit Notifications, please visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/content.php?p=178>

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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



OCTOBER 28, 2024 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Delegations

- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #43 presented to Council.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Town Council has agreed to have a new batting cage installed at Sproule Field and has directed Administration to work with Matthew Halton Alumni to have the new batting cage installed in accordance with the Town of Pincher Creek development requirements.

New Business

- Town Council has allocated \$80,000 for the repair or replacement of the engine in Unit 208 – Garbage Truck.

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Delegations

- Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre presented to Council.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Town Council has directed Administration to research capital and operating costs associated with purchasing, installing, and maintaining an indoor floor to be used when the ice is out of the arena.

New Business

- Town Council has renewed the lease agreement with Joe's Weight Training & Fitness Club for 5 years.
- Town Council approved a request for extension on Subdivision Application 2019-0-105 to July 5, 2025 to accommodate the Pincher Creek Early Learning Centre.
- Town Council received an update from the Curling Club.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole | December 4 | 8:30am
Regular Council Meeting | December 9 | 6:00pm

Council Meetings are held in Council Chambers in the Town office at 962 St. John Avenue and are available via Microsoft Teams. You are encouraged to watch your Council at work. Visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/council> for the virtual meeting links. These meetings are open to the public except on some occasions where all or part of a meeting is closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of information that is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Any part of a Council Meeting that is closed to the public is known as Closed Session Discussion.

PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT FOOD CENTRE

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Food Bank is providing food hampers for up to 85 households per month; this number is up by more than 400% from 20 per month when they started in 2021 and the demand is increasing.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Food Bank serves the Town and MD of Pincher Creek which includes several communities such as Cowley, Lundbreck, Twin Butte, Beaver Mines and Pincher Station.

DID YOU KNOW?

We are a registered Charity and provide tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can donate at <https://www.pinchercreekcommunityfoodcentre.ca/> through Canada Helps or send an e-transfer to foodcentrepcc@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Food Bank Coordinator is Kathleen Allen and its Board of Directors is made up of these local volunteers: Anne Gover (Chair), Rose Murfin, Janet Elder, Vanessa Sparks-Pomreinke, Diane Bowen-Oczkowski, Darryll Crowshoe, Davina Brown and Chantal Laliberte.

**If you need help, please call or text the Food Bank at (403) 632-6716
and your monthly hamper will be delivered.**

