



December 2025

Community Newsletter



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PINCHER CREEK 2026 VISITOR’S GUIDE

ADVERTISING RATES

Once again, 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 be distributed in April 2026. 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!

2026 Ad Rates

Ad size	Dimension (W x H)	Chamber Member	Non-Member
Business Card	3.9” x 2.5”	\$200	\$225
1/4 page horizontal	8” x 2.5”	\$400	\$450
1/4 page vertical	3.9” x 5”	\$400	\$450
1/2 page horizontal	8” x 5”	\$800	\$900
1/2 page vertical	3.9” x 10.5”	\$800	\$900
Full page	8.5” x 11” plus 0.25” bleed	\$1200	\$1350
Full premium	8.5” x 11” plus 0.25” bleed	\$1500	\$1700
Back Cover	8.5” x 11” plus 0.25” bleed	\$1900	\$2150

2026 Deadlines

Ad Booking | January 30
Design Content* | February 6

Final Copy | February 20
Payment Due | March 6

*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 6. 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 13; if no response is received by February 20, 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 http://pinchercreek.ca/visitor_guide.

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 15, 2025. Final copy will be required by January 31, 2026.
- 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 2026 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!

PINCHER CREEK FOUNDATION

CRESTVIEW CHRISTMAS TEA AND MARKET

December 6

Tea | 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Market | 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Join the Pincher Creek Foundation for a wide range of vendors this year - from the Lost Things Distillery to baked goods and Christmas items. Everyone is welcome.

ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF PINCHER CREEK

GIFT SHOP AND GALLERY DECEMBER HOURS

Monday – Friday | 10:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday | 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday, December 24 | 10:00am – 2:00pm

December 25 – January 2 | CLOSED

CHRISTMAS 1965

December 7 | 3:00pm

Join Allied Arts at the Fox Theatre for a live performance of A Charlie Brown Christmas by a talented jazz quartet while the film plays on the big screen! Afterwards you'll enjoy a set of 1965 surf rock Christmas tunes! Tickets are \$20 each and available in the gift shop or online at <https://www.thelebel.ca/events>

GALLERY

2025 Annual Members Exhibition featuring the work of twenty one Allied Arts Council members until December 24, 2025.

WORKSHOPS

2026 Workshop registrations are open now with more pop up programs coming soon!

Visit <https://www.thelebel.ca/> to learn more.



THE LARGEST CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE IN PINCHER CREEK HISTORY



More Than A Thousand Dozen!

The Largest Christmas Cookie Sale In Pincher Creek History

Sunday Dec. 7 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village
1037 Bev McLachlin Drive Pincher Creek

Cash, debit, credit cards all accepted!
Please bring your reusable bags

It's more than cookies!

 *Christmas Cakes	 *Pies & Tarts
*Breads	*Jams & Jellies
*Squares	*Snacks & Treats

Along with dozens of Christmas treats, this year's sale features a selection of jellies, jams, pies and tarts all made with fruit sourced from our very own orchard at Kootenai Brown Village!

Our Country Store is festive and ready for Christmas with so many local vendor items for unique gift ideas!

Call Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village at 403-627-3684 for more details of events in November & December!

CPKC HOLIDAY TRAIN

**DATE:**

December 14, 2025

TIME:

Arriving approx 10:30 am
Event 10:45am - 11:15am

LOCATION:

3rd Avenue Railway Crossing in Pincher Station north of Hwy 3

Join CPKC and celebrate the holidays by listening to great music and donating to help your local food bank.

MUSICAL GUEST:

Barenaked Ladies



#CPKCholidaytrain

cpkcr.com



MCC ARENA FUTURE NEEDS STUDY



MCC Arena Future Needs Survey

Survey Closes December 31, 2025



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KFYLXP9>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GROUP GROUP YOUTH SOCIETY

Group Group Youth Society is looking for volunteers to join their Board of Directors.
For more information, please contact Lou Burnham at burnhamlou4@gmail.com.

Group Group Youth is a non-profit organization and a registered society that has been operating in the community since 1987.

Group Group Youth provides our youth ages 6 - 18 with a variety of organized programs, community engagement and a casual drop-in centre that promotes valuable social interactions.

HUDDLESTUN SENIOR CENTRE

867 Main Street | Pincher Creek

Mondays* | Fibre Friends | 1:00pm

2nd and 4th Monday of the month

Tuesdays | Coffee Time | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday | Duplicate Bridge | 1:00pm

Thursdays | Cribbage | 1:00pm

Want to run a program or event for seniors at the Huddlestun Senior Centre?
Contact Marie Suchla at (403) 627-2500.

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

35TH ANNUAL TREES OF HOPE

Windy Slopes Health Foundation is pleased to announce its 35th annual Trees of Hope campaign. In 2024, they once again met their fundraising goal and were able to purchase new furniture for the Pincher Creek Health Centre waiting room thanks to the generosity of our community members.

In consultation with the Trustees and Site Manager Tracey Correia, the 2025 project will be purchasing a new tub for the Acute Care Unit. They have set a goal of \$30,000 to cover the cost of a new tub.

Visit <https://windyslopes.ca/> for more information.



RECREATION & PARKS

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

HOLIDAY SWIM SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Eve | December 24, 2024

- Lane Swim | 6:00am – 8:00am
- Aquafit | 8:00am – 9:00am
- Family Swim | 9:00am – 10:45am
- Lane Swim and Parent & Tot | 11:00am – 12:00pm

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 – 4:00 pm

New Years Day | January 1, 2025

- Pool is CLOSED

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.

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

Community Volleyball | \$3.00 adult | \$2.00 youth

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Everyone welcome.

Community Basketball | \$3.00 adult | \$2.00 youth
Tuesdays Ages 9 – 12 | 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Tuesdays Ages 13+ | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Thursdays | 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Everyone welcome.

Afternoon Fitness Break | \$7.00 | punch pass available at Recreation Office
Mon, Thurs | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Community Keep Fit | Free
Mon, Wed | 10:00am – 11:00am

Legends Keep Fit
Tues, Fri | 10:00am – 11:00am
Register with Jill Bruder

ARENA PROGRAMMING

This schedule is subject to change
To book a private rental, call the Recreation office at 403-627-4322
Book your Boxing Day rental today!

The arena is closed December 24 – 26 (excluding private rentals) and January 1.

Holiday Public and Family Skate
December 22 – January 2 | 2:00pm – 4:00pm | Check <https://pinchercreek.ca/skate> for changes

Public Skate
Wednesdays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm
Fridays | 4:00 – 5:00pm

Family Skate
Sundays | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Noon-hour Shinny
Mondays, Wednesdays | 11:30am – 1:00pm
Fridays | 11:30am – 12:45pm
\$10 drop-in fee

Youth Shinny | Ages 6-12
Mondays | 7:15pm – 8:15pm
\$5 drop-in fee



TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

OFFICE CLOSURES

Town of Pincher Creek office will be closed from 12:00pm on December 24 through January 2. We will re-open for regular business hours on Monday, January 5, 2026.
The Recreation Office will be closed December 23 – January 1.

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GARBAGE COLLECTION

2025 HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

RESIDENTIAL		COMMERCIAL	
Regular Pickup	Holiday Pickup	Regular Pickup	Holiday Pickup
December 25 January 1	December 24 January 2	December 26	December 29

403-627-3156 | reception@pinchercreek.ca



ECO CENTRE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7:30am to 5:30pm	Closed	7:30am to 5:30pm	7:30am to 2:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
7:30am to 5:30pm	7:30am to 5:30pm	7:30am to 5:30pm	7:30am to 2:00pm	Closed	7:30am to 5:30pm	7:30am to 5:30pm



SYNCLINE CASTLE TRAIL ORGANIZATION




Join

Syncline Castle Trail Organization

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



Membership Open

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=40270>



2025 PROPERTY TAXES ARE OVERDUE

Please be advised that on January 6, 2026, a 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid outstanding Property Taxes. To ensure the penalty is not applied to your overdue balance, payment must be received by the Tax Department no later than midnight on January 5, 2026. Further, as of March 2026, any tax accounts with an outstanding balance from 2024 and earlier will be registered with Land Titles for tax recovery and possible tax sale as per the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Payment options:

- In person: Pay by debit, cash, or cheque, at the Town Office, 962 St. John Avenue between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, or dropped off in the mail slot on the left side of the main office doors (no cash please). Note: Holiday office closure begins December 24 at 12:00pm, reopening for regular office hours on January 5.
- Telebanking, internet banking, or at any financial institution: allow three business days for your bank to process; please take your bill with you. If paying through internet banking please include your full 12-digit account number (as printed on your tax notice), excluding the decimal point.
- By post: Mail your check to the Town Office; please note that Canada Post no longer post-marks envelopes so your payment must be received in the office by the due date.
- Online: Pay by credit card at <https://payment.optionpay.ca/town-of-pincher-creek/index.php> before midnight on January 5, 2026. Please ensure that you include your full 12-digit account number (as printed on your tax notice), excluding the decimal point.

For further information, please call 403-627-3156 or email utilities@pinchercreek.ca.

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 14, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Veteran's Street Road Closure Bylaw received final reading
- Development Permits 25-D0087 & 25-D0088 for the six-plex residential development at 656 & 658 Charlotte Street have been approved

OCTOBER 27, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received the Royal Canadian Legion Pincher Creek Branch no. 43 as a delegation

NOVEMBER 10, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Council received the Pincher Creek & District Food Centre as a delegation

- Council agreed that the Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission may sell the old fire hall at 655 Charlotte Street
- Council directed administration to amend the five-year lease agreement with the Pincher Creek Golf Club Society for Public Liability

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole Meeting | December 3 | 8:30am

Council Meeting | December 8 | 6:00pm

Joint Council Meeting | December 17 | 5:00pm

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.

