

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
May 26, 2015
1:00 pm**

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. DELEGATIONS

- (1) 2014 Southern Alberta Summer Games Final Report
 - Final Report
- (2) Municipal Government Act – Section 148(2)(e)
 - Email from Jacques Thouin, dated May 19, 2015

C. MINUTES

- (1) Council Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes of May 12, 2015

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (1) Bylaw 1261-15 - Unsightly Premises Bylaw
 - Bylaw 1261-15 presented for third reading

E. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER'S (CAO) REPORTS

(1) **Operations**

- a) TELUS Temporary Phone Lines
 - Report from Director of Operations, dated May 19, 2015
- b) Administration Building South Door Security Hardware
 - Report from Director of Operations, dated May 19, 2015
- c) Operations Report
 - Report from Director of Operations, dated May 20, 2015

(2) **Planning and Development**

- a) Preliminary Planning Study – Beaver Mines Walking Path
 - Email from Oldman River Regional Services Commission, dated May 12, 2015

(3) **Finance and Administration**

- a) Heritage Acres Farm Museum Requests
 - Report from Director of Finance and Administration, dated May 20, 2015
- b) Statement of Cash Position
 - For month ending April 2015

(4) **Municipal**

- a) CAO Report
 - Report from CAO, dated May 21, 2015

F. CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **Action Required**

- a) Children's Miracle Network 3rd Annual Show and Shine
 - Letter from Walmart, received May 12, 2015
- b) Business Improvement Loan
 - Email from Jacques Thouin, dated May 14, 2015

(2) **For Information**

- a) 2015 Public Lands Compliance Program
 - Email from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, dated May 13, 2015
- b) Broadband Motion to Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
 - Email from Alberta SouthWest, dated May 20, 2015

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

Councillor Grant McNab – Division 1

Councillor Fred Schoening – Division 2

- Financial Statements – Chinook Arch Regional Library System

Councillor Garry Marchuk – Division 3

- Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
 - Minutes of April 1, 2015
 - Bulletin May 2015

Reeve Brian Hammond - Division 4

Councillor Terry Yagos – Division 5

- Technology in Elementary Schools

H. IN-CAMERA

(1) Legal

(2) Legal

(3) Legal

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT

2014 SOUTHERN ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

FINAL REPORT

Presented to

Town of Pincher Creek and Municipal District of Pincher Creek No.9

The Pincher Creek community successfully hosted the 45th Annual Southern Alberta Summer Games, July 2 – 5, 2014. Planning for these Games began nearly 2 years prior, with the Pincher



Creek & District Recreation Advisory Committee recommending a bid to host. The Town and MD of Pincher Creek discussed the opportunity to co-host the Games at a Joint Meeting in October 2012 and subsequently, each Council confirmed their

financial commitment by year end. The Town and MD of Pincher Creek signed off on a letter of agreement with the Southern Alberta Recreation Association in May 2013 and Mayor Anderberg accepted the torch from Taber in July 2013 which made hosting of the 2014 Games official!

The first of the **planning committee meetings** was held March 6, 2013 with conversations around what sports we could host, potential volunteers to assist, facilities to be used and sources of grants and funding. Over the next 16 months, the Executive, Sport and Cultural Committees were formed and met on a regular basis to finalize sports and rules, confirm

facilities to be used and improved, develop budgets and to raise funds through grants, sponsorships and in kind donations. The various Summer Games Committees met a total of 19 times to prepare for the Games with over 35 volunteers filling the key leadership roles. Recreation Department Staff attended the meetings and provided day to day support for the volunteers. As well, they took on the responsibility for the Games website, registration, Games promotions,



facility upgrading and coordination of the 'Games Office'. A Games Coordinator was hired in April 2014 and she completed work mid-August when everything was returned, packed up and accounted for. The Recreation Office was used as the Games Office until the Monday before the Games and then it was moved over to the Town Hall Gym, along with the Games torch. The old swimming pool building was used as the "pick up" location for chairs, tables, signs and various equipment throughout the Games.

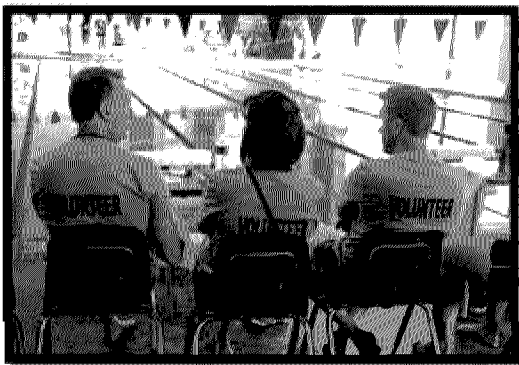
Pincher Creek hosted a total of **23 sports/events** including the 5/10K Run, 5 Pin Bowling, Archery, Athletics (Track & Field), Badminton, Ball Hockey, Baseball, Basketball 3 on 3, Beach Volleyball, Cribbage, Cross Fit Pincher Creek, Cycling, Equestrian, Golf, Handgun, Mini-Soccer, Photography, Rugby, Small Bore, Soccer, Swimming , Tennis and Trapshooting.

The **cultural component** of the Games was also outstanding, right from the ceremonies to the high caliber photography competition, the incredible quilt exhibition, the vocalist and trick riders! All events were a great addition to the Games and provided entertainment to the visitors and highlighted our local culture. The two museums and Lebel Mansion were promoted in the Games booklet so hopefully their visitations increased during this time.

Opening Ceremonies were well attended with around 750 being served "beef on a bun" before the main event. The "sea of athletes" were led into the opening ceremonies by riders on horseback and the Pincher Creek athletes wearing bright orange t-shirts were warmly welcomed by the crowd - what wonderful support from the community! This was only one of the many *great moments* of the Games.



Volunteer recruitment continued right up to the Games and in the end, around 350 community volunteers assisted during the 4 day event. As well over 75 officials served as referees and umpires for baseball, soccer, swimming etc. with many travelling from various Southern Alberta communities. A Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque, hosted by the Town and MD of Pincher Creek Councils was held just prior to the Games to thank the volunteers for their commitment, to distribute the volunteer t-shirts and to have a meeting with their Sport Chair.



Attendance wise, a total of **2,098 athletes and 164 coaches** registered for the 2014 Summer Games which is an outstanding Games attendance for a smaller community. Pincher Creek was VERY proud to say that **440 local athletes** registered to compete as the "MD of Pincher Creek" region, being our largest contingent ever! To top it off, we also accumulated the most points and took first place overall in the Games.

Participants were generally very pleased with the condition and maintenance of the sport facilities in Pincher Creek and area. In addition to the Town owned facilities, there was a great spirit of cooperation shown by the following community groups for extending the use of their facilities and grounds for the Games: Agricultural Society, Oldman River Gun Club, Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village, St. Michael's School, Matthew Halton School, Canyon School, Pincher Creek Golf Club, Chinook Lanes, Black Powder Gun Club, Cross Fit Pincher Creek and Crowsnest Pistol Club.

Facility improvements - those undertaken in time for the Games included:

- Track and Field - track repair in southeast corner, line painting, runway and jumping pit replacements, painting of rail fence.
- Lions Ball Diamond- washrooms replacement in 2013 and dugouts replacement in 2014; fence & backstop repaired; new magnetic bases.
- Juan Teran Park - dugouts painted and fence & backstop repaired; new magnetic bases.
- Beach Volleyball Courts - new sand for existing court and temporary court developed.

Equipment -many organizations such as Minor Soccer, Minor Baseball, Swim Club, Crowsnest



Pass Soccer Club, 4-H, Rugby Club, Heritage Acres, Castle Ski Club, schools etc. loaned their equipment for use during the Games in order to keep budgets down. There were some minor pieces of equipment purchased for the track, soccer, shooting events, badminton, tennis etc. and these were turned over appropriate clubs/schools after the Games as a legacy for their future use.

Community support for the volunteers before and during the Games was outstanding. Crow Signs donated the volunteer t-shirts; Tim Horton's and Boston Pizza provided morning snacks and pizza for lunch each day; A & W and Subway donated 50% of the cost of volunteer meals

(coupons basis) and Walmart and Rexall donated all the water for volunteers and officials. Volunteers were integral to the success during the Games and they did an incredible job! They were some long hot days, but they remained cheerful and helpful with many compliments being received from the athletes

and visitors. There were no major accidents or injuries to report however the emergency services and health care providers were on alert during the games.

"The organization of these Games were phenomenal, seriously a round of applause is required! All of the volunteers that I came in contact with were super nice and very helpful".

Games Participant



Closing Ceremonies were more subdued than the Opening Ceremonies but Gusty and Breezy were still there making us smile! It was a bittersweet moment when the Games flag was passed over to the 2015 Claresholm Summer Games representative and the Games Torch was extinguished.

Media coverage of the ceremonies and the sports events was excellent and we appreciated their dedication to take photos, videos and write articles throughout and after the 4 day event. A large selection of photos taken by Yvan Lebel can still be viewed on the website <http://www.yvan.ca/SASG2014>. The pre-Games promotions and coverage during the Games, provided very positive reporting of our community and the quality of event.

"I have been going to summer games all my life....when I was a kid and now with our kids for the last 7 years of games. It is a big job to take on the games and we feel that Pincher Creek did it amazing this year. Everything ran smoothly, we had great weather, the pool party was awesome, the movie night was fantastic, and all the events ran very well. Also the beef dip was yummy at the Opening Ceremonies. Great job Pincher Creek! We are looking forward to next year."

Games Participant



Final Reports - Following the Games, the Executive and Sports Chairs prepared final reports/evaluations for Southern Alberta Recreation Association for the benefit of next year's host. The comprehensive binder of information, records and budget information was turned over at the January 2015 Summer Games evaluation meeting in Lethbridge, ending our formal commitment as a host community. As well, an inventory of equipment and signs was conducted and these were packed in the SARA trailer and sent off to Claresholm.

Budget - Revenue wise, the original fundraising target of \$9,000 was surpassed with over \$12,320 being received in cash donations/sponsorships, \$10,000 in grants and over \$22,341 in recorded "in kind" donations for a total of \$44, 661. Of the cash donations received, \$1,500 from the Lions Club went towards the Lions Ball Park dugout project, and the remaining amount of \$10,820 was turned over the Town of Pincher Creek as the fundraised revenue for Summer Games. The final revenue budget totals \$ 93,971.65 with \$30,000 from the Town of Pincher Creek and \$30,000 from the MD of Pincher Creek. The balance of funds came from Alberta Sport Connection and the Southern Alberta Recreation Association.

Expenses totaled \$93,971.65 with the largest expenses being that of the Games Coordinator, the cost of officials and equipment for various sports and overall Games promotions. The Town



budgeted in 2014 for **facility improvements** to the track, Lions Park dugouts, bases and backstop/fence repairs which totaled over \$50,000. The MD of Pincher Creek assisted with gravel improvements for the Oldman River Gun Club. The largest facility/equipment costs assessed to the Summer

Games budget included soccer nets & flags, sand for long jump pits and beach volleyball pits and painting of the JJT dugouts. SARA reimbursed Pincher Creek in the amount of \$1,956 for Games signage, to be used for future Games. Overall the facility improvements will be a benefit to the community in years to come, this being another legacy of the Games program.

Overall we feel the Games were a great success and they ran smoothly with many positive comments being received about the volunteers, organization, facilities and our community. It appeared that hotels, campgrounds and food establishments benefited from the Games as it was a very busy town during the four day event.

Extensive planning and community support is required for a multi-sport and cultural event such as this. It was evident that staff, volunteers and community came together to deliver a tremendous Games! A **sincere thank you to the Councils** of the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 for your financial support, encouragement and confidence to deliver this amazing "grassroots sporting festival" to the residents of the Pincher Creek community and Southern Alberta.



2014 SOUTHERN ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES FINAL REPORT

REVENUE

Provincial Grants/SARA	21,196.00
Local Government Transfers (MD)	30,000.00
Transfer From Reserves (Town)	30,000.00
Other Revenues & Adjustments (Signs Reimbursed)	1,955.85
Donations (Summer Games Society)*	10,819.80
Total Revenue	93,971.65

EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages (Games Coordinator April – July)	20,728.64
Benefits	1,846.84
W.C.B. Levy	222.13
Training & Travel (Officials Expenses)	3,070.07
Freight & Postage	451.43
Communications	270.00
Advertising/Promotions/Booklet	7,810.46
Professional Services (Officials/Judges Fees, Timing Equip.)	12,356.65
Public Relations (Ceremonies, Volunteer Lunches, Hosting)	7,866.72
Repairs & Maintenance (9,689.19
Rentals & Leases (Portable Toilets, Misc. Facilities, Bus)	4,199.50
Insurance	2,000.00
Goods (Equipment, Sand, Nets, Office Supplies, Signs)	23,460.02
Total Expenses	93,971.65

*In Kind Donations were an additional \$22,341 and not included in the above totals.



Southern Alberta Summer Games

Committee Members/Volunteers

Executive Committee

Brian Wright - Summer Games Co-Chair
John Verhagen - Summer Games Co-Chair, Facilities Chair
Wayne Oliver - Sports & Facilities
Faith Zachar - Fundraising Chair
Savi Houldin - Fundraising
Kathy Verhagen - Volunteer Chair
Japhia Epp - Medical Chair
Susan Vogelaar - Ceremonies Co-Chair
Eleanor Nichol - Ceremonies Co-Chair
Sue Leong-Neumann - Results Chair

Sports Chairs/Contacts

Angela Walter - Golf Chair
Tobias Gelber - Cycling Co-Chair
Kim Gelber - Cycling Co-Chair
Trisha Carlton - Cribbage Chair
Roger McAdam - Athletics Chair
Dan Kuftinoff - Trapshooting and Small Bore Chair
Kris Larson - Handgun Chair
Carrah Walter - Baseball Chair
Kim Jorgenson - Swimming Chair
Denise Somerville - 5 Pin Bowling Chair
Ryan Falardeau - 5 Pin Bowling
Anita Doell - 5 Pin Bowling
Janet Watmough - Equestrian Chair
Kathy Rast - Badminton Chair
Carole Goodreau - Beach Volleyball Chair
Randy Whitehead - Rugby Chair
Brent Woodard - Mini Soccer/Soccer Chair
Lindy Jessen - 3 on 3 Basketball Chair
Bob Grier - 5/10 K Run Co-Chair
Alec Chisholm - 5/10 K Run Co-Chair
Jacquie Bruns - Ball Hockey Chair
Joe Mrak - Archery
Ken Paulson - Tennis Co-Chair
Fernando Rullan - Tennis Co-Chair
Paula Szaroz - Cross-Fit Chair
Brenda Shenton - Photography Chair
Dixie McAdam - Quilting Chair



Southern Alberta Summer Games

Committee Members/Volunteers

Volunteers

Registered Volunteers - 279

Non registered Volunteers/Day -of - 75 approx.

= **Approx. 354 Volunteers**



Southern Alberta Summer Games

Final Statistics

Participation Numbers

Regions	2012 – Raymond	2013 – Taber	2014 – Pincher Creek
Cardston County	208	74	122
City of Lethbridge	402	377	362
City of Medicine Hat	176	356	234
County of 40 Mile	39	75	72
County of Lethbridge	141	183	165
County of Newell	79	101	106
County of Warner	232	183	167
Cypress County	80	139	80
MD of Pincher Creek	63	95	441
MD of Taber	295	511	232
MD of Willow Creek	62	103	133
Mun of Crowsnest Pass	67	58	115
Vulcan County	32	31	33
Total	1876	2286	2262



Southern Alberta Summer Games

Final Statistics

Event/Categories Participation Numbers

2014	Total
10 km Run	25
5 km Run	72
5 Pin Bowling	53
Archery	57
Athletics	281
Badminton	81
Ball Hockey	245
Baseball	207
Basketball - 3 on 3	120
Beach Volleyball	69
Cribbage	68
CrossFit Pincher Creek	47
Cycling	84
Equestrian	50
Golf	62
Handgun	11
Mini Soccer	330
Photography	96
Rugby	66
Small Bore	26
Soccer	398
Swimming	238
Tennis	10
Trapshooting	46



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Pincher Creek (July 8, 2014) – After a very successful 4 days of competition and sportsmanship the 2014 Southern Alberta Summer Games have come to an end. More than 2,262 athletes from 13 regions across Southern Alberta competed for a total of 1,416 medals in 23 sports and cultural events.

The community came alive with over 5,000 additional participants, family and friends. Restaurants and downtown stores saw an influx of customers and our parks and facilities were utilized to their potential.

The M.D of Pincher Creek Team made up of 440 local athletes led the Games in points and medals followed by the M.D. of Taber and the City of Lethbridge, respectively.

This year's Games will be leaving behind gently used sports equipment to schools and clubs in the community. The community will also benefit from improvements to the existing beach volleyball court, new dugouts at Lions Ball Park, new lines at the St. Michaels School track and new shale at the Lions Ball Park, Juan Teran and Sproule diamonds. The Committee, Parks and Public Works staff did an incredible job at preparing each venue for the Games. Visitors commented on how beautiful the community and facilities looked for the Games.

We would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who, together with us, welcomed the 2014 Southern Alberta Summer Games to Pincher Creek. We would like to thank all the athletes and say a special thank you to the vibrant and cheerful volunteers and team. We were blown away by the number and the dedication our volunteers to create a positive experience for the participants and spectators alike. Without the help of our Executive Chair and Sport Chair volunteers, the successful organization of the Games would not have been possible. Lastly, thank you to our sponsors that helped to fund and support the Games and to the Pincher Creek and area businesses that helped to make our visitors feel welcomed.

The 2014 Southern Alberta Summer Games in Pincher Creek is a great moment for our community, a moment that we will stay in our hearts for generations. The Town and M.D. of Pincher Creek would like to wish Claresholm and the M.D. of Willow Creek the best of luck for the 2015 Southern Alberta Summer Games.

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Kristen George

Southern Alberta Summer Games Coordinator

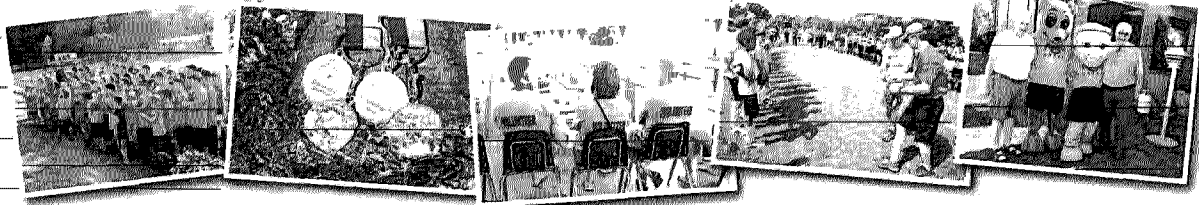
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2014 SOUTHERN ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

Thank You!

From July 2 - 5, 2014, a total of 2,300 individual athletes, together with their families, friends and coaches arrived in Pincher Creek to participate in friendly competition and experience what our community is all about. The M.D. of Pincher Creek Team made up of 440 local athletes led the Games in points and medals followed by the M.D. of Taber and the City of Lethbridge, respectively. You did yourself proud Pincher Creek - wow, it was a great 4 days! There are so many people to thank for your part in making the Games successful. If we have missed you below, please know that it takes a whole community to host an event of this magnitude and we appreciate the part that everyone played in making these Games the kind of event they were meant to be...a grassroots sporting festival, for all of southern Alberta.

Town of Pincher Creek Mayor and Council and M.D. of Pincher Creek Reeve and Council - for your financial support and encouragement before and during the Games. We couldn't have done it without you!

GAMES EXECUTIVE AND SPORTS COMMITTEES - for your tireless work leading up to and during the Games. Thanks to each of you for stepping forward to take on a leadership role and your dedication to making sure that all details were looked after - you made it a special and memorable Games.

Games Executive Committee:

Brian Wright (Games Co-chair), John Verhagen (Games Co-chair, Facilities), Wayne Oliver (Facilities), Faith Zachar (Fundraising), Kathy Verhagen (Volunteers), Japhia Epp (Medical), Susan Vogelhaar and Eleanor Nichol (Ceremonies), Sue Leong-Neumann (Results), Kim Jorgenson (Medals), Recreation Office Staff: (Diane Burt-Stuckey, Adam Grose, Kristen George, Megan Rainford, Cheryl Handford)

Games and Sport Chairs:

Brenda Shenton (Photography), Dixie McAdam (Quilt Display), Angela Walter (Golf), Tobias and Kim Gelber (Cycling), Trisha Carlton (Cribbage), Roger McAdam (Athletics), Dan and Dakota Kufinoff (Trapshooting and Small Bore), Kris Larson (Handgun), Carrah Walter (Baseball), Kim Jorgenson (Swimming), Denise Somerville (Bowling), Janet Watmough (Equestrian), Kathy Rast (Badminton), Carole Goodreau (Beach Volleyball), Randy Whitehead (Rugby), Brent Woodard (Mini Soccer and Soccer), Lindy Jensen (Basketball), Bob Grier and Alec Chisholm (5/10K Run), Jacqui Bruns (Ball Hockey), Ken Paulson and Fernando Rullan (Tennis), Paula Szoroz (Crossfit P.C.), Joe Mrak (Archery)

VOLUNTEERS - to over 400 vibrant and cheerful volunteers: We were blown away by the dedication of our volunteers in creating a positive experience for the participants and spectators alike. Our volunteers could not have been better town ambassadors!

OFFICIALS & REFEREES - Over 60 officials were involved with the Games - you were professional and dedicated to ensuring the safety and sportsmanship of the athletes.

GAMES SPONSORS - to everyone that stepped up with generous donations to support this community event.

Platinum Sponsor - Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta

Gold Sponsors - Crow Signs & Embroidery, Mountain Radio, TransAlta

Bronze Sponsors - Castle Mountain Resort, Young Parkyn McNab, Westcastle Motors, Castle Ford Sales, Signs Unlimited, Pincher Creek Lions Club, Royal Canadian Legion, Deep Hole Locky Bell Ltd.

Friends of the Games - Agricultural Financial Services Corporation, ATB Financial, North & Company, Pincher Creek Co-op, Pincher Creek Credit Union, Pincher Creek Veterinary Clinic, Shootin' the Breeze, URA Petroleum Pincher Creek, Pincher Creek Elks Lodge #474, Cervus Equipment Pincher Creek, Napa Auto Parts, D.J. Equipment Rentals & Sales

DONATED VOLUNTEER FOOD - to Boston Pizza, Tim Hortons, Subway, A & W, Stillridge Ranch and Walmart for providing food and beverages for over 400 volunteers during the Games!

DONATED FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT/SERVICES - to those that arranged for special use of their facilities and equipment during the Summer Games:

Facilities:

Agricultural Society, Chinook Lanes/Five Pin Bowling, Pincher Creek Golf Club, Black Powder Club, Crownest Pais Pistol Club, Oldman River Gun Club, Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village, Holy Spirit School Board, Livingstone Range School Division, Crossfit P.C., Alberta Parks.

Equipment/Services:

Atco Gas, Heritage Acres, Municipality of Crownest Pass, Pincher Creek Landfill, Deep Hole Locky Bell Ltd., DJ Equipment Rentals & Sales, Castle Mountain Resort, Matthew Halton High School, Canyon School, St. Michael's School, Agricultural Society, Citizens on Patrol.

EMS, Bylaw, RCMP and Pincher Creek Medical Clinic, & Hospital - Thank you for being on alert and assisting during the Games.

FACILITY UPGRADING/PREPARATIONS - to the Town of Pincher Creek Operations Staff for upgrading facilities and preparing grounds. Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta, Pincher Creek Lions Club, Royal Canadian Legion, TransAlta, Fitzpatrick Landscaping, B.M.T. Construction Ltd., Dietrich Painting, Jones-Konihowski Enterprise Inc., Grumpy's Landscaping Ltd., Wayne Oliver & TransAlta for the tireless work on the Beach Volleyball courts.

PARADE AND OPENING CEREMONIES - The Opening Ceremonies evening was fun, exciting and colourful! Thanks to all for their part in making this a special event! Jim Litkowski and P.C. Ag Society Staff, Parent Link, Pincher Creek Colony, Adam and Nicki Schoening, Games athletes, Silver Reins 4-H Club, Darrell Ferguson, Ryan Halcrowe, Alexandra Morgan, Dignitaries, Perfect Posies, Full Throttle Trick Riders, Gusty and Breezy (Summer Games Mascots)

CONCESSIONS OPERATORS - We appreciated your extra efforts for set-up and providing healthy food for the athletes and spectators. Thank you to Pincher Creek Minor Baseball, Pincher Creek Rotary Club, Mazhev Halton Sport Booster Club, Peggy and Team, Love to Recycle.

GAMES SPIRIT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT - to the athletes, coaches, family and friends for participation and cheering on the Games; To the Community of Pincher Creek for being so friendly and welcoming; Cheers to the amazing Games coverage provided by - Pincher Creek Echo, Shootin' the Breeze, Pincher Creek Voice; To all the businesses that welcomed visitors and responded to an influx of business; To the Pincher Creek Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall Staff, Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village and anyone else that may have provided Games and visitor information; and to the Pincher Creek Quilters Guild and anyone that shared quilts in the amazing Quilt Display.

Rec'd
May 25, 2015
Presented
May 26/15

Gentlemen:

As a ratepayer in the MD of Pincher Creek, I ask the Council to consider eliminating the electoral boundaries within the MD in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Section 148-2E

I have a number of reasons for requesting this change including:

- In view of the overall decline in our population and its rapid aging, it is critical to expand the pool of potential candidates for Council. This will reduce the frequency of Councillors being acclaimed due to a lack of candidates.
- This will give every ratepayer the opportunity to run for Council and ensure the best possible candidates are elected. I am personally aware of two high quality candidates who chose not to run in the last election because they didn't want to disrupt the incumbent in their Division.
- I believe the issues and interests of ratepayers in the MD are sufficiently similar and the population small enough that any possible reduction in local knowledge will be manageable.
- Giving every citizen an equal opportunity to participate in local government affairs would be a fairer form of democracy.
- It could bring a wider range of skills and interests to Municipal Government.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacques Thowin

MAY 26 / 2015

Tara Cryderman

Subject: FW: audience

From: Yahoo! Member Services [mailto:jjpthouin@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 3:05 PM

To: Wendy Kay

Subject: Re: audience

Today at 2:27 PM

It is about asking council to consider changing the municipal government act: section 148 sub section 2 dot E.

in time for the next municipal elections.

thanks Jacques.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015 8:50 AM, Wendy Kay <wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

Jacques:

Please be at Council for 1:00 pm.

Please provide the topic for discussion and any background information you may have. We will require this information by Wednesday of this week.

Wendy Kay

Chief Administrative Officer

Phone: 403-627-3130

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From: Yahoo! Member Services [mailto:jjpthouin@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 8:48 AM

To: Wendy Kay

Subject: Re: audience

Hi Wendy;

what time should I show up at council on the 26th?

No, it is not about the decision taken by council concerning the business improvement loan program.
thanks Jacques.

On Monday, May 18, 2015 9:32 PM, Wendy Kay <wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

Jacques:

Our next Council Meeting is being held on May 26. Are you available on that date?

Also, is the topic you wish to discuss the Business Improvement Loan Program?

Wendy Kay
Chief Administrative Officer
Phone: 403-627-3130
Fax: 403-627-5070

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From: Yahoo! Member Services [<mailto:jjpthouin@yahoo.ca>]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 9:18 AM
To: Wendy Kay
Subject: audience

I wish to have an audience in front of council;
can you fix a date please!
merci Jacques.

(2) The election is to be by a vote of the electors of the whole municipality unless the municipality is divided into wards, in which case section 148 applies.

1994 cM-26.1 s147

Division of municipality into wards

148(1) Unless otherwise provided for in a bylaw under this section, when a municipality is divided into wards,

- (a) only an elector who is resident in the ward may vote for a councillor in that ward, and
 - (b) councillors are elected for each ward.
- (2) A council may by bylaw
- (a) divide the municipality into wards and establish their boundaries,
 - (b) in the case of wards established for a municipal district or a specialized municipality, change the number of wards and their boundaries,
 - (c) give each ward established or changed a name or number, or both,
 - (d) state the number of councillors to be elected for each ward established or changed, and
 - (e) in the case of any municipality, including a municipal district or specialized municipality, eliminate the wards.
- (3) A council may by bylaw provide for councillors that
- (a) are in addition to the councillors elected for each ward,
 - (b) are elected by a vote of the electors of the whole municipality, and
 - (c) are councillors for the whole municipality, not a ward.
- (4) A council may by bylaw provide that all councillors
- (a) are nominated by ward,
 - (b) are elected by a vote of the electors of the whole municipality, and
 - (c) are councillors for the whole municipality, not a ward.
- (5) A council may by bylaw provide that all councillors

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2015

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The Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Brian Hammond, Councillors Terry Yagos, Fred Schoening, Grant McNab and Garry Marchuk

STAFF Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Kay, Director of Finance and Administration Mat Bonertz, Director of Operations Leo Reedyk, Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, Finance Manager Janene Day, and Executive Assistant Tara Cryderman

Reeve Brian Hammond called the Council Meeting to order, the time being 1:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/209

Moved that the Council Agenda for May 12, 2015 be approved as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1) Municipal Heritage Log Cabin

Dan and Carrie McKim attended the meeting as a delegation to request a waiver of the Municipal Tax portion of the Municipal Heritage Log Cabin.

Mr. McKim updated Council of the proposed routes of the AltaLink transmission line.

The owner of the cabin was discussed.

The public accessibility of the cabin was discussed.

The assessment of the land was discussed.

The designation of the site has increased the assessment of the land.

2) Investment Update – Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) Wood Gundy

Todd Poland attended the meeting as a delegation to present the Investment Update from our CIBC Wood Gundy Portfolio.

Mr. Poland presented a two part presentation; where the MD is earning money now and future predictions.

It was proposed that the money earned will be less this year due to interest rates.

Guaranteed deposits were explained.

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C. MINUTES

1) Special Council Meeting Minutes

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/210

Moved that the Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2015, approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/211

Moved that the Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2015, approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Oldman Dam Downstream Stakeholders Guild (O-Dam)

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/212

Moved that the letter from O-Dam, with the delegation presentation, be received;

And that a letter supporting the objectives of the Oldman Dam Downstream Stakeholder Guild, in principle be forwarded.

Carried

2) Crowsnest – Pincher Creek Landfill Association Financial Statements

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/213

Moved that the Financial Statements for the year ending 2014 be received as information.

Carried

E. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER'S (CAO) REPORTS

1) Operations

a) Operations Report

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/214

Moved that the Operations Report for the period of April 20, 2015 to May 4, 2015, be received as information.

Carried

2) Planning and Development

a) Adoption of Unsightly Premises Bylaw – Rescind Bylaw 1258-14 and Present Bylaw 1261-15 for First and Second Reading

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/215

Moved that Bylaw 1258-14, being the Unsightly Premises Bylaw, be rescinded.

Carried

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Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/216

Moved that Bylaw 1261-15, being the Unsightly Premises Bylaw, be given first reading.

Carried

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/217

Moved that Bylaw 1261-15, being the Unsightly Premises Bylaw, be given second reading.

Carried

b) Notice Prior to Registration of a Conservation Easement, Verne and Ida Dennis

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/218

Moved that the report from the Director of Development and Community Services, dated May 6, 2015, regarding Notice Prior to Registration of a Conservation Easement, Verne and Ida Dennis, be received;

And that Council acknowledge the receipt of the Notice Prior to Registration of the Conservation Easement for the following parcels; Portion. NW 26-10-3 W5M, NE 26-10-3 W5M, NE 24-10-3 W5M, NE 25-10-3 W5M, and the SW 30-10-2 W5M;

And further that Council waive the 60-day notice period prior to registration of the Conservation Easement.

Carried

3) Finance

a) Municipal Heritage Site NE 14-8-3 W5M (Log Cabin) Waiver of Municipal Taxes

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/219

Moved that the report from the Director of Finance and Administration, dated May 5, 2015, regarding Municipal Heritage Site NE 14-8-3 W5M (Log Cabin) Waiver of Municipal Taxes, be received;

And that the MD waive the Municipal portion of the residential taxes on NE 14-8-3 W5M (Roll Number 5222.000) Municipal Heritage Site, for the 2015-2017 taxation years.

Carried

4) Municipal

a) Summer Council Meetings – July 28 and August 11, 2015
Subdivision Authority and Municipal Planning Commission – August 4, 2015
Agricultural Service Board – August 6, 2015

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/220

Moved that the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated May 6, 2015, regarding Summer Council Meetings – July 28 and August 11, 2015, Subdivision Authority and Municipal Planning Commission Meetings – August 4, 2015, and Agricultural Service Board meeting – August 6, 2015, dated May 6, 2015, be received;

And that the regularly scheduled Council Meetings of July 28 and August 11, 2015, be cancelled;

And that the Subdivision Authority and Municipal Planning Commission meetings scheduled for August 4, 2015, be cancelled;

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And that the Agricultural Service Board meeting scheduled for August 6, 2015, be cancelled;

And further that if there is an emergent need to have a meeting during this time that an appropriate date and time be set.

Carried

b) CAO Report

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/221

Moved that the CAO report for the period of April 23, 2015 to May 7, 2015, be received as information.

Carried

F. CORRESPONDENCE

(1) For Action

a) Application for a Development Permit

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/222

Moved that the application for Development by Pincher Creek Emergency Services be received;

And that Council for the MD of Pincher Creek supports and authorize the Pincher Creek Emergency Services to proceed with the renovation project and submit an application for a Development Permit signed by the registered owners of the parcel;

And further that Administration be directed to advise Pincher Creek Emergency Services of its decision.

Carried

b) Red Blinking Navigation Lights on Turbines and the new "Red Light District"

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/223

Moved that the email from Carla Stachura, dated April 30, 2015, regarding Red Blinking Navigation Lights on Turbines and the new "Red Light District", be received;

And that Council authorize the Reeve to contact Elected Officials in other locales across Canada where wind farms are established, to determine levels of interest related to turbine lighting systems.

Carried

(2) For Information Only

Councillor Garry Marchuk 15/224

Moved that the following be received as information:

a) Oldman Watershed Council

- Letter from Oldman Watershed Council, dated April 9, 2015

Carried

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Grant McNab – Division 1
- Nothing to report

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Councillor Fred Schoening – Division 2

- Ratepayer Concerns with the MD Administration grass
- Grading within Division 2

Councillor Garry Marchuk – Division 3

- Waterton Advisory Committee Meeting

Reeve Brian Hammond - Division 4

- Pincher Creek Foundation Financial Statements

Councillor Terry Yagos – Division 5

- Lundbreck Citizens Meeting
- Regional Council Landfill Meeting

Councillor Fred Schoening 15/225

Moved that the committee reports be received as information.

Carried

H. IN CAMERA

Nil

I. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Terry Yagos 15/226

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 2:24 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BYLAW NO. 1261-15
THE UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW**

**A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9, IN THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO REGULATE ALBERTA TO REGULATE
UNSIGHTLY PREMISES.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 3 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 and amendments thereto, the purposes of a municipality are to develop and maintain safe and viable communities;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 and amendments thereto, a council of a municipality may pass bylaws regulating, nuisances, including unsightly premises;

AND WHEREAS, unsightly premises are detrimental to the surrounding area;

AND WHEREAS, Council deems it advisable to pass a bylaw to establish and enforce minimum standards relating to the condition of property in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9; and

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of this bylaw is to prevent the existence and proliferation of unsightly premises and to provide a to regulate, control, and abate unsightly premises in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9, Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

PART 1 - INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

Bylaw Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "Unsightly Premises Bylaw".

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - (a) **"Abandoned Equipment"** means equipment or machinery, which is inoperative by reason of its disassembly, age or mechanical condition, and includes any household appliance stored outside of a building regardless of whether it is in an inoperative condition;
 - (b) **"Abandoned Vehicle"** means the whole or any part of any motor vehicle or farm implement that:
 - (i) Is in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, or inoperative condition, and is not located in a building or located on the property such that it can be concealed from view; or
 - (ii) Has no current licence plate attached to it and in respect of which, no registration certificate has been issued for the current year; or
 - (iii) Is inoperative by reason of removed parts or equipment, and is not located within a building or located on property such that it can be concealed from view;
 - (c) **"Animal Material"** means any animal carcasses and animal excrement and includes all material accumulated on a premises from pet pens, yards, stables, veterinary clinics or hospitals, kennels or feed lots;

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- (d) **"Building Material"** means all construction and demolition material accumulated on a premises while constructing, altering, repairing or demolishing any structure and includes, but is not limited to, new or used metal, lumber, bricks or synthetic materials, or earth, vegetation or rock displaced during such construction, alteration or repair;
- (e) **"Bylaw Enforcement Officer"** means a bylaw enforcement officer appointed pursuant to section 555 of the *Municipal Government Act* or a police officer appointed pursuant to the *Police Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-17 or a peace officer appointed pursuant to the *Peace Officer Act*, S.A. 2006, c. P-3.5, and the respective regulations thereof, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (f) **"Chief Administrative Officer"** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal District or his delegate;
- (g) **"Clean Up Order"** means an order described in Section 545 or Section 546 of the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (h) **"Council"** means the municipal council of the Municipal District;
- (i) **"Designated Officer"** means a person appointed to that office pursuant to section 210 of the *Municipal Government Act*, or an authorized delegate thereof;
- (j) **"Hamlet"** means the hamlets of Beaver Mines, Lowland Heights, Lundbreck, Pincher Station and Twin Butte;
- (k) **"Municipal Government Act"** means the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, and the regulations thereunder, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (l) **"Municipal Tag"** means a tag or similar document issued by the Municipal District pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* for the purpose of notifying a Person that an offence has been committed for which a prosecution may follow;
- (m) **"Municipal District"** means the municipal corporation of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 and its duly authorized employees, agents, contractors and other representatives or the geographic area contained within the boundaries thereof, as the context requires;
- (n) **"Owner"** means jointly and severally:
 - (i) any Person registered as the owner of land under the *Land Titles Act*;
 - (ii) the person who is recorded as the owner of the property on the assessment roll of the Municipal District;
 - (iii) a Person who has become the beneficial owner of a property, including by entering into a Purchase and Sale Agreement, and who has not yet become the registered owner thereof;
 - (iv) a Person holding himself out as the Person exercising the power or authority of ownership or, who for the time being exercises the powers and authority of ownership over the Property;
 - (v) a Person in control of Property; or
 - (vi) a Person who is the occupant of the Property under a lease, license or Permit;

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- (o) **"Person"** means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative to whom the context applies according to law;
- (p) **"Premises"** means any Property within the Municipal District, including the public lands adjoining the Property;
- (q) **"Property"** means any lands, buildings, or improvements, or any combination of the above, or any personal property located on the lands;
- (r) **"Reasonable State of Repair"** means buildings and structures that are:
 - (i) Structurally sound;
 - (ii) Free from damage;
 - (iii) Free from rot or other deterioration; and
 - (iv) Safe for their intended use;
- (s) **"Unsightly Premises"** means any Property or part of it which is characterized by visual evidence of one or more of the following conditions:
 - (i) an excessive accumulation on the Premises of any waste, litter, refuse, garbage, ashes, papers, packages, containers, bottles, cans, human excrement or sewage or the whole part of an animal carcass, dirt, soil, gravel, rocks, sod, petroleum products, hazardous materials, disassembled equipment or machinery, broken household dishes and utensils, boxes, cartons and discarded fabrics;
 - (ii) presence of Abandoned Vehicles;
 - (iii) presence of Abandoned Equipment;
 - (iv) an excessive accumulation of Animal Material, Yard Material, Building Material and as defined in this Bylaw;
 - (v) the lack of repair or maintenance of buildings, structures or property, including, but not limited to, the significant deterioration or buildings, structures or improvements, or portions thereof;
 - (vi) broken or missing windows, siding, shingles, shutters, eaves or other building material;
 - (vii) significant fading, chipping or peeling of painted areas of buildings, structure or improvements;
 - (viii) the uncontrolled growth of grass, weeds, trees, shrubs or other vegetation and plants on any premises within a Hamlet;
- (t) **"Violation Ticket"** has the same meaning as in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*; and
- (u) **"Yard Material"** means organic matter formed as a result of gardening or horticultural pursuits and includes grass, tree and hedge cuttings and clippings.

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Interpretation

3. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or license.
4. Any heading, sub-headings, or tables of contents in this Bylaw are included for guidance purposes and convenience only, and shall not form part of this Bylaw.
5. Where this Bylaw refers to another Act, bylaw, regulation or agency, it includes reference to any Act, bylaw, regulation or agency that may be substituted therefore.
6. This Bylaw is gender-neutral and, accordingly, any reference to one gender includes another.

PART 2 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Requirements of this Bylaw

7. An Owner of Property shall not cause or allow the Property to be an Unsightly Premises.
8. An Owner shall maintain all Property in a Reasonable State of Repair.
9. An Owner of a Property within a Hamlet shall not have more than two (2) unregistered vehicles on a parcel of land.
10. In determining whether a Premises is an unsightly premises as defined in this Bylaw, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall have regard to the normal use and location of the Property.
11. Notwithstanding Section 7, the accumulation of Animal Material on Property located on agricultural lands shall not constitute an Unsightly Premises under this Bylaw.

PART 3 – ENFORCEMENT

Inspection

12. Upon the receipt of a complaint, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may, for the purpose of ensuring that the provisions of this Bylaw are being complied with, enter on to any Property, in accordance with Section 542 of the *Municipal Government Act*, to carry out an inspection.
13. Prior to exercising his authority to enter onto a Property, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall provide the Owner with reasonable notice as required by the *Municipal Government Act*.

Offence

14. Regardless of whether an Order has been issued pursuant to this Bylaw, any Person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty as set out in Schedule "A" herein.
15. Any person who fails to comply with a Clean Up Order issued pursuant to this Bylaw or an order issued pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty as set out in Schedule "A" herein.

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Clean Up Orders

16. If a Designated Officer considers any Property to be an Unsightly Premises, the Designated Officer may issue a Clean Up Order pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*.
17. A Clean Up Order includes the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*, including, but not limited to the following:
 - (a) The section of the *Municipal Government Act* under which the Clean Up Order is issued;
 - (b) A description of the Property, including
 - (i) name, if any;
 - (ii) the municipal address; and
 - (iii) legal description;
 - (c) particulars of the contravention of this Bylaw;
 - (d) a description of the clean up, removal, cleaning or other actions required to be made;
 - (e) the time within which the clean up, removal, clearing or other actions are to be done; and
 - (f) a statement that if the required actions are not done within the time specified, the Municipal District may carry out the actions required and charge the cost thereof against the person to whom the Order is directed and if such person does not pay the costs, the costs shall be charged against the Property concerned as taxes due and owing in respect of that Property, and recovered as such.
18. A Clean Up Order may be served on each Owner of the Unsightly Premises named in the Order either in person or via registered mail to the address shown on a certificate of title of the Property or the assessment roll for that person.
19. A Person who is named in a Clean Up Order may appeal the Clean Up Order in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*.

Municipal Tags

20. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Municipal Tag to any Person whom the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
21. A Municipal Tag shall be served:
 - (a) upon the Person personally, or by leaving it with a Person on the premises who has the appearance of being at least eighteen (18) years of age; or
 - (b) in the case of a corporation or partnership, by serving the Violation Tag personally upon the Manager, Corporate Secretary or other Officer, or Person apparently in charge of a branch office, by mailing a copy to such Person by registered mail.
22. A Municipal Tag shall be in a form approved by the Chief Administrative Office, and shall state:
 - (a) the name of the Person to whom the Municipal Tag is issued;

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- (b) a description of the Property upon which the offence has been committed, if applicable;
 - (c) a description of the offence and the applicable Bylaw Section;
 - (d) the appropriate penalty for the offence as specified in this Bylaw;
 - (e) that the penalty shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Municipal Tag in order to avoid prosecution; and
 - (f) any other information as may be required by the Chief Administrative Officer.
23. Where a Municipal Tag has been issued, the Person to whom the Municipal Tag has been issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay to the Municipal District the penalty specified on the Municipal Tag.
24. If a Municipal Tag has been issued and the penalty specified on the Municipal Tag has not been paid within the prescribed time, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue a Violation Ticket to the Person to whom the Municipal Tag was issued.
25. Notwithstanding the above, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may immediately issue a Violation Ticket to any Person whom the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

Violation Ticket

26. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* to any Person who the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
27. If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket may:
- (a) specify the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence; or
 - (b) require a Person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.

Voluntary Payment

28. A Person who commits an offence may:
- (a) if a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of the offence; and
 - (b) if the Violation Ticket specifies the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence;

make a voluntary payment by submitting to a Clerk of the Provincial Court, on or before the initial appearance date indicated on the Violation Ticket, the specified penalty set out on the Violation Ticket.

Powers of Enforcement Officers

29. No Person shall obstruct, hinder or impede any Bylaw Enforcement Officer Designated Officer in the exercise of any of his powers or duties pursuant to this Bylaw.
30. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may pursue any and all remedies set out in this Bylaw, the *Municipal Government Act* and any other law in the Province of Alberta.

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Nothing in this Bylaw shall restrict, limit or preclude the Municipal District from taking multiple steps to remedy an Unsightly Premises.

PART 4 – GENERAL

Severability

31. If any Section or parts of this Bylaw are found in any court of law to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such Section or parts shall be deemed to be severable and all other Sections or parts of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separate and independent there from and to be enacted as such.

Repeal and Effective Date

32. Bylaw No. 1071-02 is hereby repealed.
33. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it has received third reading and has been duly signed.

READ A FIRST TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 12 DAY OF MAY, 2015.

READ A SECOND TIME IN COUNCIL THIS 12 DAY OF MAY, 2015.

READ A THIRD TIME IN COUNCIL AND FINALLY PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 201__.

Brian Hammond
Reeve

Wendy Kay
Chief Administrative Officer

Date Signed

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**SCHEDULE "A"
SPECIFIED PENALTIES**

First Offence	Second Offence	Any Subsequent Offence
\$100	\$250	\$500

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

MAY 19, 2015

TO: Wendy Kay, CAO
FROM: Leo Reedyk, Director of Operations
SUBJECT: TELUS TEMPORARY PHONE LINES

1. Origin:

During construction of road projects Telus regularly installs temporary phone lines along the edge of the road right of way to provide service during construction. In recent months the Municipality has received multiple complaints on the issue.

2. Background:

Within the Municipal District there are a number of temporary phone lines along the edge of the road right of way, strung on fences or laying in the road ditch. Farmers have accidentally cut the lines with harvest equipment resulting in wide spread phone service disruptions.

Conversations with our Engineering service Provider, WSP and with Telus would indicate that the wait time for getting the temporary service reinstalled could be up to five years.

It could serve the municipality and other jurisdictions well if Council would write a letter to Telus and or Provincial departments to put pressure on Telus to expedite the reinstallation process. A resolution at Foothills - Little Bow Regional meeting to be brought forward at AAMDC could be another avenue to get results.

3. Recommendation:

THAT the report from the Director of Operations, dated May 19, 2015 regarding Telus Temporary Phone Lines be received;

AND THAT Council send a letter to Telus requesting they expedite the reinstallation of phone lines within the Municipal District;

AND FURTHER THAT the issue be brought forward at Foothills – Little Bow to determine the extent of the issue within the region.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leo Reedyk".

Leo Reedyk

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay, Chief Administrative Officer *W. Kay* Date: *May 20, 2015*

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

MAY 19, 2015

TO: Wendy Kay, CAO
FROM: Leo Reedyk, Director of Operations
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SOUTH DOOR SECURITY HARDWARE

1. Origin:

During construction of the Administration Building access hardware was not contemplated on the South East door. Council has requested that Administration look into adding security access hardware to the door.

2. Background:

Administration has contacted DA Electric to provide a quote on installing a security access control panel and hardware to the South East door. The hardware is to be compatible with the existing hardware in the building.

The quote to supply and install the hardware is \$4250.00 which was not included in the 2015 budget.

3. Recommendation No 1:

THAT the report from the Director of Operations, dated May 19, 2015 regarding the Administration Building South Door Security Hardware be received;

AND THAT Council direct administration to proceed with the project to install security access hardware on the South door with funding being coded to (2-12-0-252-2252 Administration Building Purchased Repair).

Recommendation No 2:

THAT the report from the Director of Operations, dated May 19, 2015 regarding the Administration Building South Door Security Hardware be received;

AND THAT Council direct administration not to proceed with the project to install security access hardware on the South door but to budget the project in 2016 with funding being coded to (2-12-0-252-2252 Administration Building Purchased Repair)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leo Reedy".

Leo Reedyk

Attachments: DA Electric Email

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay, Chief Administrative Officer *W. Kay* Date: *May 20, 2015*

Leo Reedyk

From: Marty Jurgens <mjurgens@daelectric.ca>
Sent: May 8, 2015 9:36 AM
To: Leo Reedyk
Subject: security door

M.D. of Pincher Creek
Leo Reedyk

Re- Security entrance equipment install on south-east door.

-Supply Corbin Russwin equipment- wall proximity reader/controller, Electric strike, and power supply, ----- \$2300.00
- Miscellaneous material and labor to install and connect ----- \$1950.00

TOTAL COST ----- \$4250.00

Thank-you,

Marty Jurgens
D.A. Electric Ltd.
Pincher Creek
403-627-4611
Fax 403-627-4949
Cell 403-627-8911

Director of Operations Report May 4, 2015

Operations Activity Includes:

- May 7, ASB meeting;
- May 8, AES Summer Student Orientation;
- May 12, Regular Council meeting;
- May 13, Joint Worksite Health and Safety meeting;
- May 14, ICS Table Top Exercises;
- May 20, Regional Transportation Committee meeting.

Agricultural and Environmental Services Activity Includes:

- May 1, Preparation for Incoming Summer Crews
- Crew Training
 - May 4
 - MD Safety Training & Orientation
 - Orientation (facilities)
 - Safe Work Procedures (SWP's)
 - Orientation (municipal and crew areas)
 - May 5, 6 – First Aid
 - May 5 - 8
 - Emergency Response
 - Herbicide Spill Kit Training
 - PPE Use (chemical handling)
 - Equipment use and calibration techniques
 - Record Keeping
 - Mapping & data management
 - May 11 – ATV Training
 - May 12 – UTV Training
- Also other training done May 15 – 31 is Dow Chemical training, Authorized Assistant training, Bearsmart Training and WHMIS. All of above is for new crew as needed, some for returnees. Otherwise returnees are out killing weeds or gophers as needed.
- May 7, ASB Meeting
- May 13, Joint Worksite Health and Safety Committee
- May 14, ICS Tabletop Exercises
- Ongoing, Growing Forward applications/assistance
- Ongoing, Environmental Farm Plans
- Deployment of off-stream watering demo unit – The solar waterer is currently at Mark Zoratti's property (SW of the landfill and just east of Highway 507). It's next couple deployments will be up the Snake Trail.

Public Works Activity Includes:

- Cleaned up trees on Tappy Rd into Forestry;
- Started Crack Sealing paved roads;

- Reclaiming Jenkins Gravel Pit;
- Hauling Gravel;
- Major Repair Cat D7;
- Water Drainage Various locations;
- Purchased two trucks for Capital Plan.

Upcoming:

- May 26, Regular Council meeting;
- May 27 Shell Dust Suppression meeting.

Project Update:

- 2013 Disaster Recovery Projects
 - Cottonwood Bridge – Contractor working on bridge deck;
 - Drywood Creek/Spread Eagle Road – complete;
 - Oldman River/Lank Bridge – 2013 damage repair complete;
 - Satoris Road/Goat Creek Bridge – Contractor to do the work summer 2015.
- 2014 Disaster Recovery Projects
 - BF 2064 (Bruder Bridge) – contractor to finish approaches after May long weekend;
 - Oldman River/Lank Bridge Armour – awaiting DRP assessment.
- Capital Projects
 - RR 29-5 (Bill Cyr Road) – Contract awarded scheduled to start early August;
 - TR 8-4 (Paradien Hill) – Preliminary design complete, contemplating options;
 - North Burmis Road Intersection – Surveying complete, preliminary design underway;
 - Maycroft Road Right of Way – contractor engaged;
 - Summerview Bridge – Request for quotation out to contractor;
 - Christy Mines Road – Contractor quotes received, scheduling start date;
 - Beaver Mines Fire Hall improvement – investigation underway on what can or cannot be done to the current facility.

Call Log – attached.

Recommendation:

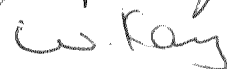
That the Operations report for the period May 4, 2015 to May 20, 2015 be received as information.

Prepared by: Leo Reedyk



Date: May 20, 2015

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay



Date: May 20, 2015

Submitted to: Council

Date: May 26, 2015

WORK ORDER	DIVISION	LOCATION	CONCERN/REQUEST	ASSIGNED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REQUEST	COMPLETION DATE
141	Division 2	SW28 T5 R29 W4	Wants to expand an approach for big trucks and put gravel on road allowance	Arnold Nelson	Will be completed when crews are in the area	2014-09-29	
158	Division 1	NE2 T3 R29 W4	East side of Texas gate needs cleaning West side was done last year	Arnold Nelson	Will be completed when crews are in the area	2014-10-15	
168	Division 2	NW26 T5 R29 W4	Would like road allowance graded	Stu Weber	Will be completed when crews are in the area	2014-10-22	
170	Division 2	NE17 T5 R29 W4	Rocks need to be p/u from her field washed up from the ditch	Stu Weber	Will be completed when crews are in the area	2014-10-23	
327	Division 5	NE36 T7 R3 W5	Would like gravel added to approach off N. Burmis Rd. to Texas gate to make a long gentle slope	Dave Sekelia	Will be completed when crews are in the area	2015-01-26	
329	Division 1	SE1/SW2 T4 R30 W4	Major grading to section of road TWP 4-0 west of Hwy 6	Stu Weber	Will be completed when crews are in the area	2015-02-04	
331	Division 5	SW16 T9 R2 W5	Would like an approach put in in future will be building a house	Stu Weber	Waiting for a development plan	09-Feb-15	
345	Division 3	Airport	Repair light on apron to runway	Bob Salimon	Work in progress	2015-02-13	
346	Division 5	Burmis Mtn Estates	To install 'no motorized equipment' signs within the environmental reserve adjacent to current motorized trails	Don Jackson	Completed	2015-03-13	2015-05-12
347	Division 3	SW25 T5 R1 W5	Site 60016 Rail fence broken Twp Rd 6-0	Arnold Nelson	Work in progress	2015-03-13	
368	Division 3	509 - 2 Ave Beaver Mines	Water run-off coming on his property	Arnold Nelson	Work in progress	2015-03-30	
370	Division 5	Hwy 3A RR2-3	Intersection sign knocked down	Don Jackson	Completed	2015-04-01	2015-05-13
372	Division 5	6 Villa Vega Acres	Concerns re traffic speeding Twp 7-2/ Hwy 507 Perhaps children at play signs should be put in	Stu Weber	Work in progress	2015-04-07	
373	Division 3	SW31 T5 R1 W5	Sites #5520 & #5518 would like driveways graded	Brent Gunderson	Work in progress	2015-04-07	
377	Division 3	Beaver Mines future Fire Hall site	Fire Hall needs clean up and culvert fixed, need culvert on trail through stream	Arnold Nelson	Work in progress, culverts to be completed when ground dry's	2015-04-14 2015-04-29	
379	Division 1	SE17 T4 R28 W4	New House, new Road would like road to house graded	Rod Nelson	Work in progress	2015-04-16	
383	Division 1	NW4 T5 R30 W4	Road & Approach maintenance Need to blade driveway, also needs a Blue Sign	Stu Weber	Work in progress	2015-04-23	
385	Division 5	N Burmis Rd/N.Hw3	Water erosion & water going under culvert	Arnold Nelson	Completed	2015-05-05	2015-05-05
386	Division 4	RR2-0 N.Hwy 3	Sign is required to be put in	Don Jackson	Completed	2015-05-04	2015-05-12
387	Division 3	Airport	Ag Service sign is down & grass to be cut	Stu Weber	Work in Progress	2015-05-06	
388	Division 3	NW23 T5 R2 W5	Yield sign to be put in	Don Jackson	Completed	2015-05-07	2015-05-12
389	Division 1	SW19 T4 R29 W4	Stop sign is down SW corner /Shell Rd/Even.	Don Jackson	Completed	2015-05-07	2015-05-13
390	Division 3	SE30 T5 R2 W5	Need gravel on road allowance	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-05-07	
391	Division 2	NW26 T5 R29 W4	Road Allowance needs grading/gravel	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-05-07	

WORK ORDER	DIVISION	LOCATION	CONCERN/REQUEST	ASSIGNED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REQUEST	COMPLETION DATE
392	Division 4	NE11 T7 R30 W5	Rd rth of Pincher Stn needs gravel/grading	Tim Oczkowski	Work in Progress	2015-05-11	
393	Division 5	NW33 T8 R2 W5	Approach needs gravel off Chapel Rock Rd	Dave Sekella	Work in Progress	2015-05-11	
394	Division 4	SW15 T7 R29 W4	To blade private driveway	Tim Oczkowski	Work in Progress	2015-05-12	
395	Division 1	SW10 T5 R29 W4	Road Allowance S of Kerr needs repair	Rod Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-05-12	
396	Division 1		Road into Camp area needs repair	Rod Nelson	Completed	2015-05-12	2015-05-19
397	Division 5		Needs his 16' Texas gate wider Add 10 - 12'	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-05-14	
398	Division 3	Airport	Broken window at Terminal	Bob Salmon	Work in Progress	2015-05-14	
399	Division 4	Swamp Road	Ditch adjacent to Swamp Rd. needs cleanup	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-05-14	
400	Division 4		Ditch adjacent to Swamp Rd. needs cleanup	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-05-14	
401	Division 2	NW11 T6 R30 W4 TWP RD 6-2	Grading has deposited material in the south ditch minimizing drainage potential	Brent Gunderson	Work in Progress	2015-05-14	
402	Division 2	Sleepy Hollow Camp Ground	To remove the vertical wet well and redistribute the rip rap at the Creek and Bobby Burns Fish Pond	Stu Weber	Work in Progress	2015-05-14	
403	Division 2	SW27 T5 R29 W4	TERRIAULT DAM Sinkhole above spillway CMP non-conformance deficiency Inspection and maintenance required	Stu Weber	Work in Progress	2015-05-15	
404	Division 4	SE5 T8 R28 W4	TWP Rd 8-0 request to remove Texas Gates (SW & SE) and have fence put in by land owner (Livingstone Colony). Would they be prepared o fence the road row & MD provide cost of material to build an AT spec 4 wire fence	Stu Weber	Work in Progress	2015-05-15	
405	Division 4	SE25 T8 R30 W4	Trees to be cleaned up	Arnold Nelson	Work in Progress	2015-05-19	
406	Division 2	SW4 T6 R29 W4	Road has been left in bad condition and needs work done on it	Tony Tuckwood	Work in Progress	2015-05-19	
407	Division 2	TR 6-1	Grading is terrible	Stu Weber	Work in Progress	2015-05-12	
408	Division 2	TR 5-4	Some of the approaches along Crook Road are no longer accessible. Grader operator has cut into berm causing issues with the approaches.	Stu Weber	Work in Progress	2015-05-12	

Tara Cryderman

Subject: FW: Preliminary Planning Study
Attachments: Scan_05_12_15_9754.pdf; 2015 Beaver Mines Trail Scope of Work.pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: Gavin Scott [mailto:gavinscott@orrc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 3:10 PM
To: Wendy Kay
Subject: RE: Preliminary Planning Study

Please find attached the scope of work and budget. The other scanned document is an example of the type of product proposed for this project.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wendy Kay [mailto:wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 11:39 AM
To: 'Gavin Scott'
Cc: Roland Milligan
Subject: Preliminary Planning Study

Gavin:

Can you please provide the cost of undertaking a Preliminary Planning Study regarding a walking path within the Hamlet of Beaver Mines.

Thank you.

Wendy Kay
Chief Administrative Officer
Phone: 403-627-3130
Fax: 403-627-5070

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MD of Pincher Creek No.9

Hamlet of Beaver Mines Trail Planning Study

Scope of Work

a. Planning Study

- i. Identification of Objectives and Constraints
- ii. Basic Design Details
- iii. Mapping:
ORRSC will coordinate the production of a map which will contain the major trail components, constraints, design detail and written portion of the study

b. Public Open House for the Final Draft

c. Final Plan

Budget

The Oldman River Regional Services Commission estimates the budget for the project at \$1,000.

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

May 20th, 2015

TO: Reeve and Council

FROM: Mat Bonertz, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: **Heritage Acres Farm Museum Requests**

1. Origin

The MD has received a request from Ken Lewis on behalf of Heritage Acres Farm Museum requesting a waiver of 2015 municipal taxes, insurance on the Summerview Hall, use of a water truck on the long weekend in August and 100 cubic yards of gravel. As well Mr. Lewis is suggesting the taxable portion of their property should qualify for tax exemption and wants the M.D. to consider this possibility.

2. Background/Comment

For several years the M.D. has waived the municipal portion of Heritage Acres annual tax bill. This has been done rather than pay for Summerview Hall's insurance premium as we do for the other community halls in the M.D. The Summerview Hall is insured as part of their overall insurance package and they are hesitant to have it separated out. Waiving the municipal taxes in lieu of the insurance coverage works for both the museum and ourselves. The amount waived in 2014 was \$968.01.

Mr. Lewis requested the M.D. consider making all of their property exempt from paying taxes. After discussing this with our assessor he assured me that all of the land and buildings that can be classed as exempt at the museum have been made exempt. All that is being taxed is the residence and its' 3 acre site that the caretaker lives in and a new, this year, wind tower site. According to our assessor any property actively being used must be assessed as taxable. This goes for the Provincial Government (wardens' residence at Beauvais Lake), Municipal Government (airport rental house) as well as the museum (caretakers' residence). As the museum does have some agricultural property the assessed value of this property has been deducted from the improvement assessment as per the Rural Assessment Policy. If there is no longer anyone living in the residence it should be discussed with our assessor.

The museum is requesting the use of a water truck and driver for their annual show on the long weekend in August. The M.D. has agreed to this request in the past. Due to wet weather a truck was not required in 2014.

The museum has also requested 100 yards of gravel to use on their driveways and approaches. The M.D. has also agreed to this in the past providing the museum is responsible for the hauling costs. No request for gravel was received in 2014.

3. Recommendation

That the M.D. advise the Heritage Acres Farm Museum that they need to discuss their tax exemption status with our assessor, Doug Jensen, if they wish to further pursue exemption status;

And That the M.D. waive the municipal portion of the taxes on roll numbers 1980.010 in the amount of \$1,017.46 (residence) and roll number 1980.020 in the amount of \$96.20 (wind tower site) for a total of \$1,113.66 in lieu of not contributing to their insurance costs on Summerview Hall, with the cost being expensed to 2-74-0-770-2765 (Culture – Grants to Organizations);

And That the M.D. allows the Heritage Acres Farm Museum to use a M.D. watering truck on the long weekend in August providing we are able to get a M.D. employee to drive the truck;

And That the M.D. donates 100 yards of crushed gravel (value of \$1,100.00) to the Heritage Acres Farm Museum with the understanding they use the gravel by December 31st, 2015, and Heritage Acres Farm Museum covers the cost of hauling the gravel with the cost of the gravel being charged to 2-74-0-770-2765 (Culture – Grants to Organizations).

Respectfully Submitted,



Mat Bonertz, Director of Finance and Administration

Reviewed By: Wendy Kay, CAO



Date: May 20th, 2015

HERITAGE Acres

Farm Museum
Pincher Creek, AB

Oldman River Antique Equipment
& Threshing Club
Box 2496
Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0
Phone (403) 627-2082

Wendy Kay
Chief Administrative Officer
MD of Pincher Creek #9
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M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

Subject: Property Tax Exemptions for Heritage Acres Farm Museum

Along with the other property owners in the MD, Heritage Acres Farm Museum, or rather its parent society The Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club, has received its 2015 Combined Assessment and Tax Notice and for this year, a special gift, a revised notice. Last year the MD granted us a partial property tax exemption.

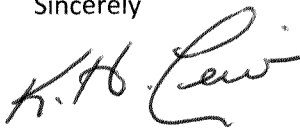
Someone asked what process we used to get last year's tax exemption. After a little investigation we turned up our copy of last year's letter to the MD in which we requested several things. We also discovered a nice document available online from the province's Ministry of Municipal Affairs, titled **Property Tax Exemptions in Alberta**, a 2005 publication. The information on Page 18 regarding museums is interesting.

By the way, thank you for surfacing the mile of MD road we use to access our facilities. The hard surface will definitely help to control dust during our events this year. Consequently our request is considerably reduced this year. We are in need of about 100 cu. yds. of gravel for our driveways and a water truck during our Annual Show, on the long weekend in August.

We would like Council to consider giving us an exemption to property tax as well as support for our insurance of the Summerview Community Hall. To assist the MD's administration with researching these issues for Council, we have prepared a background report and made several recommendations for Council's consideration. They are attached to this letter.

Would you kindly schedule Heritage Acres Farm Museum to appear as a delegation before Council. We would like to give the Councillors an update of our activities and plans.

Sincerely



Ken Lewis

President

Property Tax Exemptions in the MD for Heritage Acres Farm Museum

Background

Insurance and taxes. More than five years ago, Council received a request from one of the community associations, in charge of a hall within the MD, for assistance on their insurance bills. The discussion on Council highlighted the importance of maintaining these halls for the social benefits in the municipality, and the fact that many of them are culturally and historically important to the small communities that use them. Insurance costs were rising and many of the small community associations were struggling to make enough money to pay the bill. The outcome was that the request was granted, and consideration was given for the other community halls in the district for the same reason.

The Summerview Hall was a special case. Many years ago, the Summerview Community Society arranged with the Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club to move the Summerview Hall onto the property know as Heritage Acres, owned by the Club. The Club's insurance covered the Summerview Hall for Heritage Acres and could not be easily segregated at the time. The MD Council considered this and agreed to provide the Club with an amount equivalent to that granted each of the other halls.

The easiest way to grant the amount, other than cash, was by way of granting an exemption to that amount on the annual property tax assessed on the Club. At the time the amount of the exemption granted by the MD was about the same as the total tax owed by the Club less the education portion of the assessment, or around \$900.00.

Were there any other exemptions that the Club might qualify for? None were mentioned and it was understood that the Club would have to apply each year. Subsequently, the Club continued to request the exemption along with other sundry requests, annually in a letter and by appearing as a delegation at a regular Council meeting.

Property Tax and Museums. The Heritage Acres Farm Museum is a Recognized Museum as described and administered by the Alberta Museums Association. Its parent society, The Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club, is registered as a not-for-profit corporation under the Society Act of Alberta. The organization meets all the regulatory requirements of a charitable public service body as defined by the Federal government; it is a registered charity. The international definition of a museum, adopted by the Board of the Alberta Museum Association, is that of a... “permanent institution in the service of society... open to the public... which acquires... and exhibits, for purposes of study, education and enjoyment, material evidence of people and their environment.”

The Municipal Government Act states that the usual status of Charitable and Benevolent Institutions is that they are exempt from property tax, when owned or leased, and operated by a non-profit organization. (MGA S362(1)(n)(iii) and Parts 1 & 2 of AR 281/98.)

The Heritage Acres Farm Museum is a property that is used more than 60% of the time that the facility is in use for a charitable or benevolent purpose (s.1(1)(b), 4, 10(1) AR 281/98). The property is unrestricted at least 70% of the time that the property is in use (s. 10(2) AR 281/98). In these and all other ways, the property known as the Heritage Acres Farm Museum exceeds the usage required for a charitable and benevolent institution to be exempt from property tax.

The argument could be made that the MD has granted tax exempt status in part. However, it has granted an exemption for only a portion of the total tax assessed on the property granting of the exemption for the ‘municipal’ portion of the assessment, as opposed to the ‘provincial education’ portion which remains due and owing, is not an argument with much weight. The argument is circular because it places the institution, whose main purpose is education, as only paying taxes for the education of Society. With few exceptions, all property taxes are administered by municipalities in accordance with the MGA. No distinction is made as to splitting the purpose of the tax until all requisitions are received, including those for emergency services, other benevolent intuitions such as foundations, and the municipal administration.

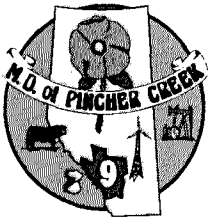
A copy of **Property Tax Exemptions in Alberta** is available at this link:

http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/as/pte_guide_2005.pdf

Recommendation

That the administration of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek #9:

1. review the current policy on granting tax exemptions to benevolent institutions in the municipality and especially the one known as the Heritage Acres Farm Museum;
2. recommend to the Council a policy on the granting of property tax exemptions that is in compliance with the MGA;
3. provide the Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club with a revised 2015 Combined Assessment and Tax Notice, if changes are required, prior to May 31 2015;
4. provide the Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club with a different means than property tax exemptions, to support the Summerview Community Hall's insurance requirements.



2015 COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICE

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
 P.O. Box 279
 Pincher Creek, Alberta T0K 1W0
 (403) 627-3130
 www.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

Oldman River Antique Equipment & Threshing Club
 P.O. Box 2496

Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

	Discount Deadline	Appeal Deadline
	May 31, 2015	June 30, 2015
Tax Roll #	Chief Administrative Officer	Date Mailed
1980.010	Wendy Kay	May 1, 2015
Copies Sent To:		

Legal Description	Lot Block Plan	Civic Address	Acres
-S.E.-21-07-29-W4	002 -01 -1013180	07316 RGE. RD. 29-3	188.81000

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Assessment Description	Land	Improvements	Other	Total Assessment
Res. - Agricultural Improved	\$107,300.00	\$104,100.00		\$211,400.00
Farmland - Agricultural	\$26,700.00			\$26,700.00
Totals:	\$134,000.00	\$104,100.00		\$238,100.00

TAX INFORMATION

Property Tax Details	Tax Rate	Total	Property Tax Details	Tax Rate	Total
Emergency Services Levy - Farm	0.1599	\$4.27			
Emergency Services Levy - Res.	0.1599	\$33.80			
Municipal - Farmland	5.8823	\$157.06			
Municipal - Residential	4.0700	\$860.40			
PC Foundation - Farmland	0.2067	\$5.52			
PC Foundation - Residential	0.2067	\$43.70			
			School Taxes		Total
			School Public - Farmland	2.4329	\$64.96
			School Public - Residential	2.4329	\$514.32
			Total Municipal Taxes:		\$1,104.75
			Total School Taxes:		\$579.28
			Total Current Taxes:		\$1,684.03

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION

Description	Amount	Last Year Taxes	Current Year Owning
		\$1,628.00	\$1,684.03
		1% Discount on Current Year Owning until May 31, 2015.	Local Improvements \$0.00
		6% Penalty Applied Nov 1, 2015 and further 12% applied on Jan 1, 2016	Arrears \$0.00
Total	\$0.00		Amount Due \$1,684.03

Please see reverse for payment and assessment appeal information

Please remit this portion with your payment

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Tax Roll #	Customer #	Amount Paid
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	Discount Deadline	Appeal Deadline
	May 31, 2015	June 30, 2015
Tax Roll #	Chief Administrative Officer	Date Mailed
1980.020	Wendy Kay	May 1, 2015
Copies Sent To:		

Legal Description	Lot Block Plan	Civic Address	Square Feet
-S.E.-21-07-29-W4		WIND TOWER SITE	800.00000

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Assessment Description	Land	Improvements	Other	Total Assessment
Non Res. - Industrial Improved	\$13,000.00			\$13,000.00
Totals:	\$13,000.00			\$13,000.00

TAX INFORMATION

Property Tax Details	Tax Rate	Total	Property Tax Details	Tax Rate	Total
Emergency Services Levy - NonR	0.1599	\$2.08			
Municipal - Non Residential	7.4000	\$96.20			
PC Foundation - NonResidential	0.2067	\$2.69			
			School Taxes	Rate	Total
			School Public - NonResidential	3.3115	\$43.05
			Total Municipal Taxes:		\$100.97
			Total School Taxes:		\$43.05
			Total Current Taxes:		\$144.02

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION

Description	Amount	Last Year Taxes	Current Year Owing
		\$0.00	\$144.02
		1% Discount on Current Year Owing until May 31, 2015.	Local Improvements \$0.00
		6% Penalty Applied Nov 1, 2015 and further 12% applied on Jan 1, 2016	Arrears \$0.00
Total	\$0.00		Amount Due \$144.02

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Summary Report

As of: 05-19-2015

Roll: 1980.010
Legal: 1013180 1 2 E -21-7-29-4
 N 1/2 OF S.E.21 + NE 1/4 South of Rd

Description:
 Address: 1/2 Mile East of Oldman Reservoir
 Zoning: Agricultural
 Actual Use: Primary: R10101
 Market Loc: 40 D4 Around And North Of Th Assbl. Land Area: 188.81 Acres
 Econ.Zone:
 Assbl.Party: I Individual
 Owner: **OLDMAN RIVER ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT & THRESHING CLUB**
 P.O. Box 2496
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Market Value Land

LandID	Base Code	Site Area	Services	Location Adj.	Asmt Code	Reg	Assessment
160000909	1 Value Base Code	3.00 Acres	0%	100%	1 100%	100.0	107,300

Productivity Based Land

Agroclimatic Zone: 11

Photo:

Regulated: 100%

Description	Area	AUVBR	BYM	Rating	A.U.V.	Location	Access	F.A.V.	Asmt Code	Assessment
22 DB	148.80 Acres	\$350/Acre	1.0000	44.8%	23,332					
80 Pasture	37.01 Acres	\$350/Acre	1.0000	30.0%	3,886					
	185.81 Acres				27,218	98%	100%	26,674	101 100%	26,700

Improvements

ImprID	MT- Qu- St	Description	Area (Ft2)	Eff. Year	Asmt Code	Reg	Assessment
160001144	002-03-07	S.Family - Pre 1940	1,829	1955	1 100%	100.0	130,800

Assessment Totals

Tax Status	Code	Description	Land	Improvement	Other	Assessment
T		1 R&F - Agricultural Occupied	107,300	104,100	0	211,400
		101 R&F - Farmland Improved	26,700	0	0	26,700
		Totals: Taxable	134,000	104,100	0	238,100
E		99 Rural Assessment Policy Exemption	0	26,700	0	26,700
		Grand Totals:	134,000	130,800	0	264,800

Rural Assessment Policy

Unit: 160016348 Name: Oldman River Antique Equipment & Threshing Club

Land:	Roll	Rural Legal	Parcel Area	Contribution	Assessment	
	1980.010	E -21-7-29-4	188.81	100%	26,700	Total Land: 26,700
Buildings:	Roll	Priority	ImprID	MT-Qu-St	Assessment	
	1980.010	1	160001144	002-03-07	130,800	Total Buildings: 130,800

Inspections

Historical Data	12-31-2008	JENSEN, Doug	Annual Assessment Review
Visual Exterior	11-08-2006	JENSEN, Doug	

Sales

Date	Price	Adj. Price	Sale Code	Type	Ratio	CofT
08-24-2010			8000 Not Verified	Improved		101252030

Notes .01 out of parcel for Wind Tower Site. All outbuildings are exempt from assessment - they are Farm Buildings.



Image Report

As of: 05-19-2015

Roll: 1980.010

Alt. Key:

Legal: 1013180 1 2 E -21-7-29-4

Address: 1/2 Mile East of Oldman Reservoir
N 1/2 OF S.E.21 + NE 1/4 South of Rd

Prop. Desc:

Land Area: 188.81 Acres

Subdivision:

Market 40 D4 Around And North Of Th

Zoning: Agricultural

Property Type:

Economic Zone:

Image Date: 10-21-2014

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Image Date: 10-21-2014

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M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9 Statement of Cash Position

E3b

Month Ending April 2015

BANK STATEMENT C.I.B.C.	April	March
General Accounts		
Bank Statement Balance	342,624.36	(2,939,098.00)
Deposits After Monthend	25,011.20	1,974.00
Cash On Hand	600.00	600.00
Outstanding Cheques	(652,490.77)	(107,810.56)
Month End Cash Available (- Overdrawn)	(284,255.21)	(3,044,334.56)

M.D.'S GENERAL LEDGER	April	March
Balance Forward from Previous Month	(3,044,334.56)	(1,592,689.48)
Revenue for the Month:		
Receipts for the Month	238,182.37	123,739.40
Interest for the Month		0.00
Transfer from Long Term Investments	4,172,689.97	0.00
Disbursements for the Month:		
Cheques Written	(1,371,445.84)	(509,436.19)
Payroll Direct Deposits and Withdrawals	(249,496.75)	(300,937.39)
Electronic Withdrawals - Utilities and VISA	(27,536.39)	(48,161.27)
Banking Transaction Fees	(395.34)	(421.76)
Bank Overdraft Fees	(1,918.67)	(6,593.52)
Requisition & Debenture Payments	0.00	(709,834.35)
Transfer to Short Term Investments	0.00	0.00
M.D.'s General Ledger Balance at Month End	(284,255.21)	(3,044,334.56)

SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS - C.I.B.C.	April	March
General Account Operating Funds	7,476.64	7,442.85
Public Reserve Trust Funds	105,900.23	105,725.56
Bridge Repair Advances	2,805.49	2,800.86
MSI Capital Grant Advances	209,129.33	208,784.39
Performance Bonds	63,000.00	0.00
Lottery Board Account	2,193.42	2,189.63
Regional Water Advance	2,097.12	2,093.67
Federal Gas Tax Grant Advance	713,520.02	712,343.15
Tax Forfeiture Land Sales	3,487.68	3,483.45
	1,109,609.93	1,044,863.56

LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	April	March	Annual Rate	Original	Original
Financial Institution	Market Value	Market Value	of Return	Investment	Investment
			in 2014	Date	Amount
C.I.B.C. Wood Gundy - Bonds	8,128,529.00	8,191,143.10	5.57%	Nov-88	1,255,915.75
Bank of Montreal Nesbitt Burns - Bonds	0.00	4,147,154.78	7.52%	Jul-99	2,000,000.00
	8,128,529.00	12,338,297.88			3,255,915.75

COMMENTS

May Items of Note	Amount
Revenue In - Tax Revenue	9,000,000.00
Revenue In -	
Expense Out - Cottonwood Dam	750,000.00
Expense Out - Bruder Bridge	300,000.00

This Statement Submitted to Council this 26th Day of May 2014.


Director of Finance

May 8, 2015 to May 21, 2015

DISCUSSION

- May 12, 2015 Policies and Plans
- May 12, 2015 Regular Council
- May 14, 2015 Emergency Management – Table Top Exercises
- May 19, 2015 Conference Call – Municipal Affairs
- May 20, 2015 Conference Call – AHS
- May 21, 2015 Open House – Oldman Dam

UPCOMING:

- May 26, 2015 Policies and Plans
- May 26, 2015 Regular Council
- May 27, 2015 Coffee with Council – Lundbreck
- May 28, 2015 Emergency Services
- May 28, 2015 Joint Council
- June 2, 2015 Castle Mountain Area Structure Plan
- June 2, 2015 Subdivision Authority
- June 2, 2015 Municipal Planning Commission
- June 9, 2015 Policies and Plans
- June 9, 2015 Regular Council

OTHER

- Emergency Management Plan

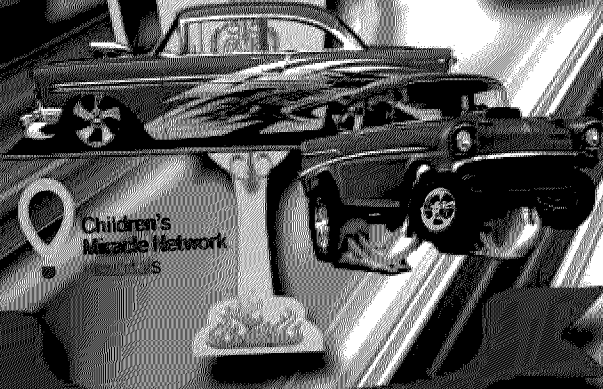
RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information, the Chief Administrative Officer's report for the period of May 8, 2015 to May 21, 2015.

Prepared by: CAO, Wendy Kay Date: May 21, 2015

Presented to: Council Date: May 26, 2015

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK



SHOW & SHINE III

**WALMART PARKING LOT
JUNE 6, 2015
PINCHER CREEK, ALBERTA**

AWARDS

- BEST IN SHOW
- BEST CAR
- BEST TRUCK
- BEST MOTORCYCLE

REGISTRATION

OPENS @ 9 AM
 \$15 PER ENTRANT
 INFO: GAYLE @
 (403) 627-1790

ACTIVITIES

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 @ 8 AM
 BBQ @ 11:30 AM
 DJ
 T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

All proceeds from this event will go to support
 CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK ()

*Council
Corresp-Action*



1100 Table Mountain Road
Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0
(403) 627-1790

RECEIVED
MAY 12 2015
M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK

To Whom It May Concern:

The Pincher Creek Walmart will be hosting its Third Annual Show and Shine Event to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN). CMN is a non-profit group that provides help, comfort, treatment, and hope to millions of sick children each year.

Our Show and Shine will be held on June 6, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

During the event we will have a number of activities to raise funds for CMN. There will be BBQ'd snacks, popcorn, cotton candy, and ice cream for sale. We will have music as well.

We are canvassing for prize donations for the winners of the Show and Shine. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds made from this event will go directly to support the Children's Miracle Network. Additionally, Walmart Canada will match up to \$2,000 of the total funds raised from this event.

All volunteers are Walmart associates, friends, and family members from our community. We are hoping to make this a success and bring our community together for a great afternoon.

If you have any questions concerning the Show and Shine, please feel free to contact Gayle, Ruby, or Gloria at (403) 627-1790.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Tara Cryderman

From: Wendy Kay
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 8:29 AM
To: Tara Cryderman
Subject: FW: business improvement loan
Attachments: BI loan.PDF

Next Council
 - Action Correspondence

Wendy Kay
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Phone: 403-627-3130
 Fax: 403-627-5070

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From: Yahoo! Member Services [mailto:jjpthouin@yahoo.ca]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 10:25 AM
To: Wendy Kay
Cc: Garry Marchuk; Tony Walker
Subject: business improvement loan

Thank you for informing me, that you agreed NOT to support the BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM.

You failed to explain why you do not support it.

Other businesses in my area, that were interested in the improvement loan would also like to know why it was voted down.

The article in the ECHO quoted that council would have "no control" .

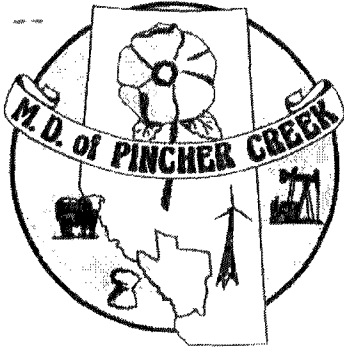
No control over what?

Were you in touch with Pincher Creek, Lethbridge, Cardston, or Glenwood to ask how they are dealing with the program?

I would like a letter signed by the Reeve explaining why the program was rejected so I can forward the info. to the other businesses; exactly why the program was voted down.

thank you

Jacques Thouin



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May 7, 2015

Jacques Thouin
P.O. Box 1256
Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

Dear Mr. Thouin:

Reference: Business Improvement Loan

This is to advise that Council at their meeting held Tuesday, April 28, 2015, discussed your request for the MD to enter an agreement with Community Futures with respect to the Business Improvement Loan program.

At that time, Council agreed not to support your request for the MD to enter into an agreement with Community Futures under the Business Improvement Loan program.

This is provided for your information.

Sincerely,

Wendy Kay
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Tony Walker, Community Futures

Presented
May 26/15

Tara Cryderman

From: Wendy Kay
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Garry Marchuk; Brian Hammond; Grant McNab; Fred Schoening; Terry Yagos
Cc: Tara Cryderman
Subject: FW: Porcupine development
Attachments: Porcupine Hills Summary - final 15-04-15.docx; Porcupine Hills Maps V2.pdf

This item will be added to the agenda on Tuesday.

Tara – please make hard copies.

Thank you.

Wendy Kay
Chief Administrative Officer
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From: Brian Hammond
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 12:49 PM
To: Wendy Kay
Subject: FW: Porcupine development

Wendy

Just received this. Perhaps we can discuss this next week. Forward to Council?

From: phil burpee [<mailto:phil.burpee@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 11:03 AM
To: Brian Hammond
Cc: newilson@platinum.ca; gardnerc@telusplanet.net
Subject: Porcupine development

Dear Brian,

Perhaps you are already aware of this initiative, but I thought I'd run it by you nonetheless. Last week a group of stakeholders who have vested interest in the wellbeing of the Porcupine Hills gathered at Chain Lakes to see about forming a united front to head off rapidly-coalescing plans for recreational and economic development in the Porcupine, emanating from policy outcomes derived from the work of the Regional Advisory Council under the LUF and subsequently ALSA – and now encoded under the SSRP. The concern is that certain user groups, especially those associated with motorized vehicle recreation as well as logging interests, might be making the loudest noises in Edmonton and therefore potentially catching the ear of both government and regulatory agencies. Present were Cam Gardner and Neil Wilson from Ranchlands and Willow Creek MDs respectively, and various other concerned non-governmental advocates including OWC, AWA, and CPAWS, along with regional landowner and stock-grower groups. The idea is to create a cohesive voice as quickly as possible in order to see that any forthcoming land-use initiatives comport appropriately with local needs and expectations, and that such are done with a careful eye to the often-overlooked element of cumulative effects, as well as properly valuing the underlying ecological goods and services which accrue to future generations.

I am attaching a background paper which articulates the broader scope of the initiative, and by way of framing something of the urgency of the matter. The participation of MD Pincher Creek Council would be highly beneficial.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

Phil

The Porcupine Hills – An ecological treasure not to be degraded or overlooked by the SSRP implementation

The Porcupine Hills of southwest Alberta are a unique, diverse, and valuable landscape feature that run for 50 kilometres from South Willow Creek (Riley Road) at their north end to just short of the Oldman River Reservoir on their southern end. They are bound by Hwy 22 to the west and the cultivated lands along Hwy 2 to the east. They contain a mix of land ownership including a portion of the provincial Bow Crow Forest Reserve, Crown grazing leases, and private land. The predominant land uses in the Porcupine Hills are grazing on both private and public land, and recreation on the public lands. There is limited forestry and oil and gas development at this time although there is some forestry taking place at the northern end.

The Porcupine Hills are ecologically unique in that they combine four distinct vegetation patterns in a relatively small area including montane forest, subalpine forest, aspen parkland, and foothills fescue grassland. This diversity of habitats makes the Porcupine Hills extremely valuable for a wide range of wildlife species. The Hills support resident and seasonal populations of deer, elk, moose, black and grizzly bear, cougar, lynx, a host of smaller mammals, and a variety of both raptors and other bird species.

The Hills are also the headwaters for dozens of creeks on both their east and west flanks which ultimately feed into the Oldman River. Some of the larger streams originating in the Hills have historically supported westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout. Existing populations have been designated as “threatened”. Genetically pure, or near pure populations of cutthroat trout exist in several streams that flow from the Porcupine Hills. These populations are genetically distinct and are the remnants of populations that historically had connectivity to a larger population base. They are at substantial risk from logging, unmanaged grazing, and most significantly, from uncontrolled vehicle access on too many roads and trails that intersect these streams. The density of linear features in the Porcupine Hills exceeds recognized thresholds for native trout maintenance by several orders of magnitude.

For those who have studied or live along the Porcupine Hills their ecological value is well understood. A number of landowners have worked in conjunction with land trusts to protect large tracts of private land on the east, south, and west sides of the Porcupines. While landowners have been encouraged by the Province to take such protective measures, and have done so at considerable personal cost, their conservation commitments on private lands are being compromised by government inaction on adjacent Crown lands where unmanaged and uncontrolled use is undermining watershed and biodiversity values.

The area being easily accessible from both Calgary and Lethbridge, non-motorized recreational use and hunting, particularly in the Forest Reserve area, have long been popular and existing alongside grazing and small-scale forestry operations.

But, just as ease of access contributes to the popularity of the Porcupines, it also leaves them very vulnerable to unsustainable demands and over-use. In recent years, OHV and other motorized recreation has been dramatically escalating in the Hills. They are now experiencing new and excessive levels of linear disturbance, degradation of native vegetation and watercourses, erosion on steep land features, weed encroachment, and disturbance of resident wildlife populations. Low intensity

recreationists are being displaced, and grazing leaseholders report increasing incidence of livestock disturbance, damage to fences, and left-behind garbage.

From a land use planning standpoint the Porcupine Hills have been largely neglected or, at best, their importance minimized. Planning emphasis (although not necessarily action) has been placed on the Eastern Slopes – sometimes omitting or ignoring the Porcupines. It is clear that the Hills contain all of the same ecological values and should be included as an integral part of the Eastern Slopes from a planning standpoint. Although the 1984 Eastern Slopes Policy included the Porcupine Hills and the SSRP process clearly demonstrated their high ecological value, the final SSRP simply left the Crown land in the hills for “multiple uses”. If the significant values of this unique landscape are not adequately recognized, protected, and in some cases restored in current and future planning efforts, they will be irretrievably lost.

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development has recently or will soon be embarking on a number of planning initiatives within the SSRP that will impact directly on the Porcupine Hills. These include the Linear Footprint Management Plan, Recreation Management Plan, Tourism Development Plan, Forest Management Plan, review of the Integrated Resource Development Plan, and the Biodiversity Management Framework. While each of these are important to SSRP implementation, it is critical that biodiversity and other knowledge-based initiatives proceed ahead of and are in turn used to inform and guide planning for specific uses. To-date, that does not appear to be happening, some decisions having already been made, and several of the initiatives above apparently proceeding simultaneously and scheduled for completion in 2015 or 2016.

If the SSRP is to have substantial value, and if implementation is to have public acceptance and credibility, three steps need to be taken immediately by the Alberta Government:

1. Local landowners, landowner groups, relevant conservation organizations, land trust organizations, interested municipalities, and other interests should be invited and encouraged to fully participate in each of these initiatives prior to any decisions being made or options determined.
2. Current schedules should be reviewed, and a revised comprehensive planning schedule developed, incorporating the above, and leading to an integrated, sub-regional plan for the Hills.
3. The Biodiversity Management Framework, Linear Footprint Management Plan, and other knowledge-based initiatives and relevant existing scientific information should logically precede completion of industry or recreation use plans and commitments to any particular user groups.

Above all, the current planning exercises must begin with a clear recognition of the watershed and biodiversity values supported by the Porcupine Hills. Planning for future land uses within the Hills should then be done with preservation of these critical ecological values as the highest priority. This does not exclude recreational and/or industrial activity in the Porcupine Hills, but such activities must be planned and managed in such a way that the ecological values aren't degraded over time.

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The attached maps show how the Porcupine Hills contain the same biodiversity and watershed values as the Eastern Slopes.

Map 1 was created for the SSRP Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) report to show areas of priority for surface water.

Map 2 was created for the SSRP RAC report to show areas of high biodiversity.

Map 3 was created by the SSRP RAC to explore candidate conservation networks with an emphasis on “maintaining unfragmented forests” and “retaining foothills fescue grassland” both of which are significantly represented in the Porcupine Hills.

Map 4 shows the government mapping layer titled “Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone” which specifically delineates the Porcupine Hills as one of the most significant blocks of the zone. Also interesting is the management intentions associated with this zone shown below the map.

Map 5 was developed through a project undertaken by the Livingstone Landowners Group and shows the southern portion of the Porcupine Hills within the MD of Pincher Creek. What it shows is that the Porcupine Hills score very high when you combine government data sets for species at risk, winter ungulate habitat, native vegetation, and grizzly bear habitat.

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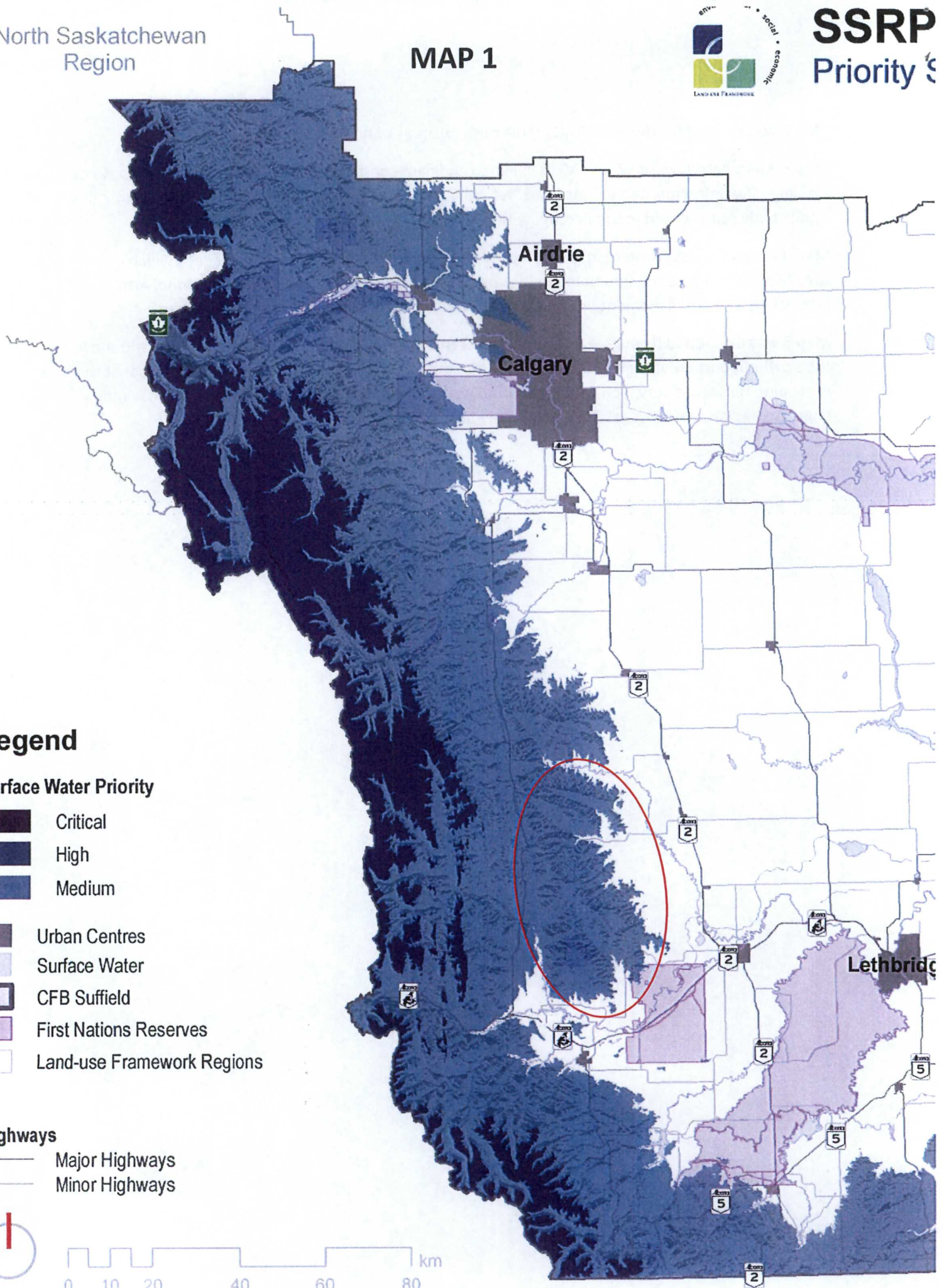
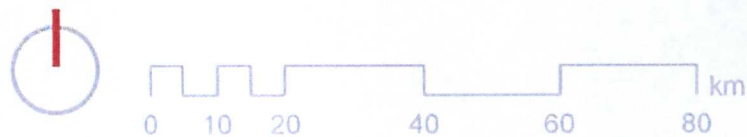
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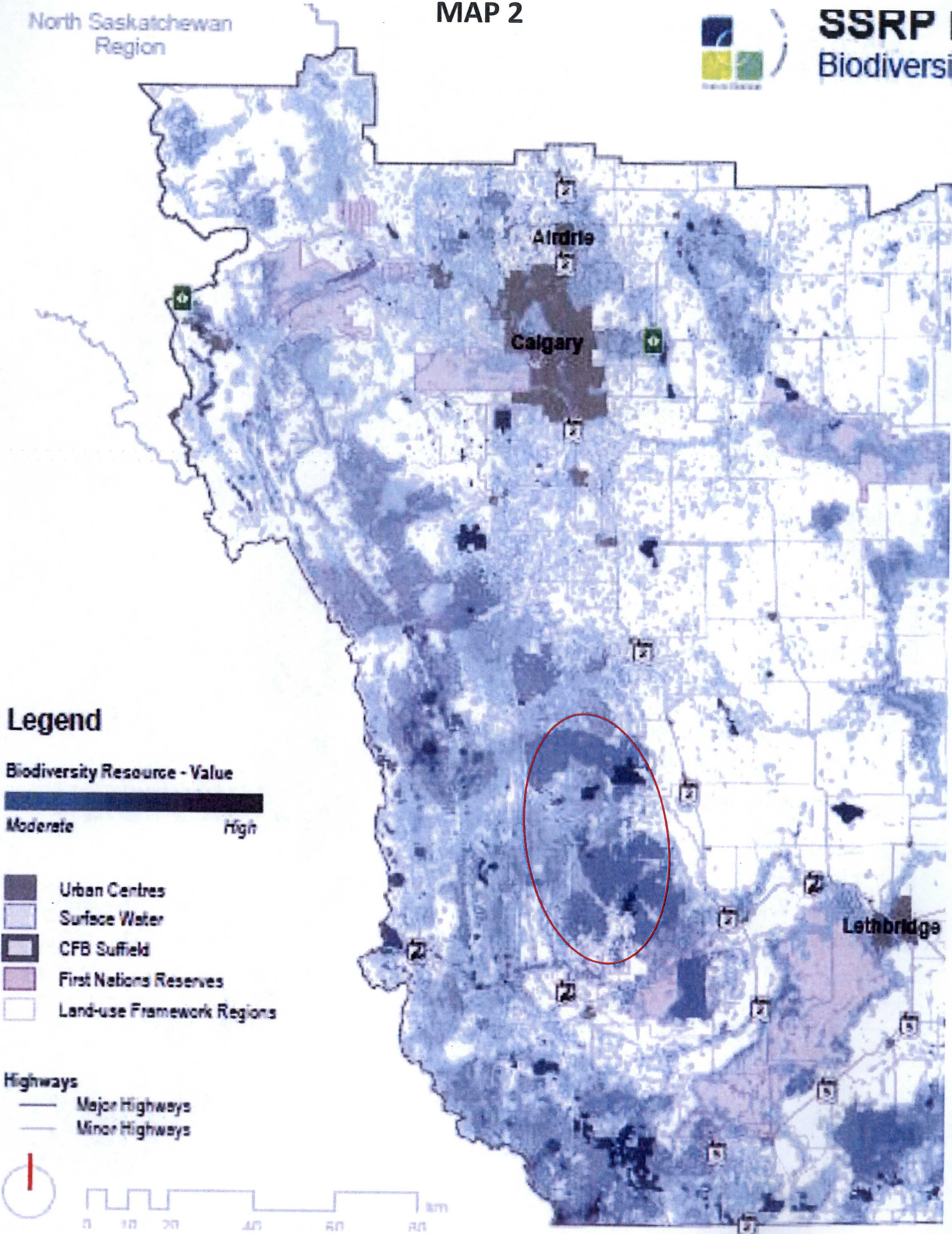
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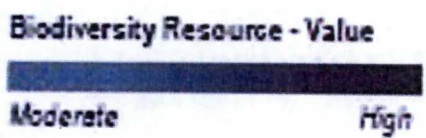
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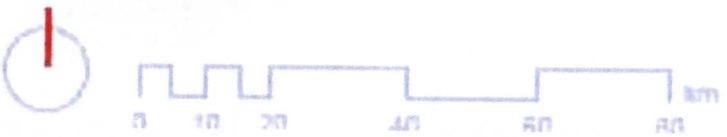


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




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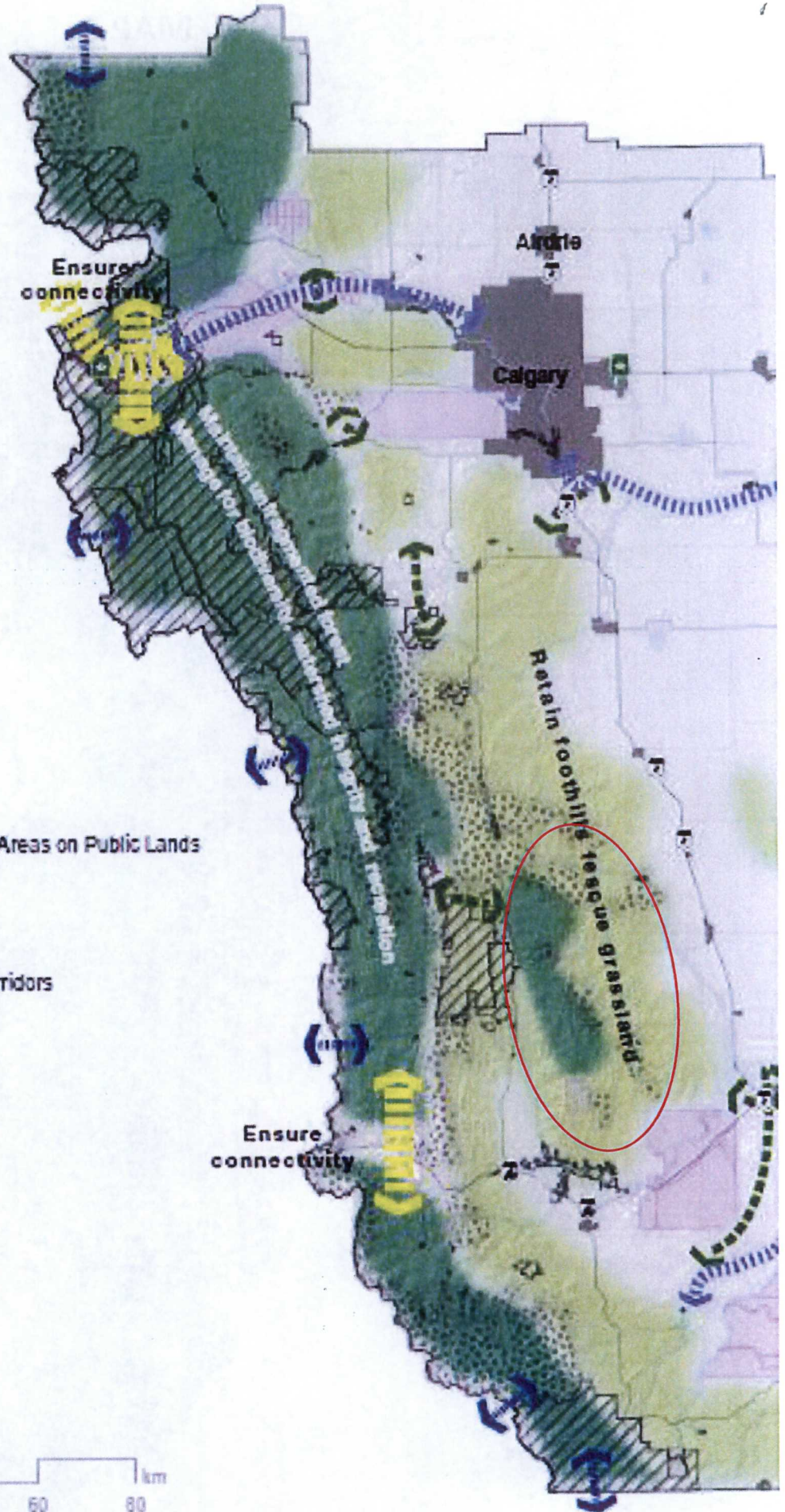
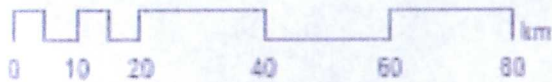
SSRP RAC Conservation Network Map

Legend

-  Forests
-  Grasslands
-  Parks and Protected Areas
-  Candidate Conservation Management Areas on Public Lands
-  Corridors
-  Potential Links Between Patches
-  Connectivity Across Transportation Corridors
-  Inter-regional Connections
-  Surface Water
-  CFB Suffield
-  First Nations Reserves
-  Land-use Framework Regions

Highways

-  Major Highways
-  Minor Highways



MAP 4

Alberta

Environment and Sustainable
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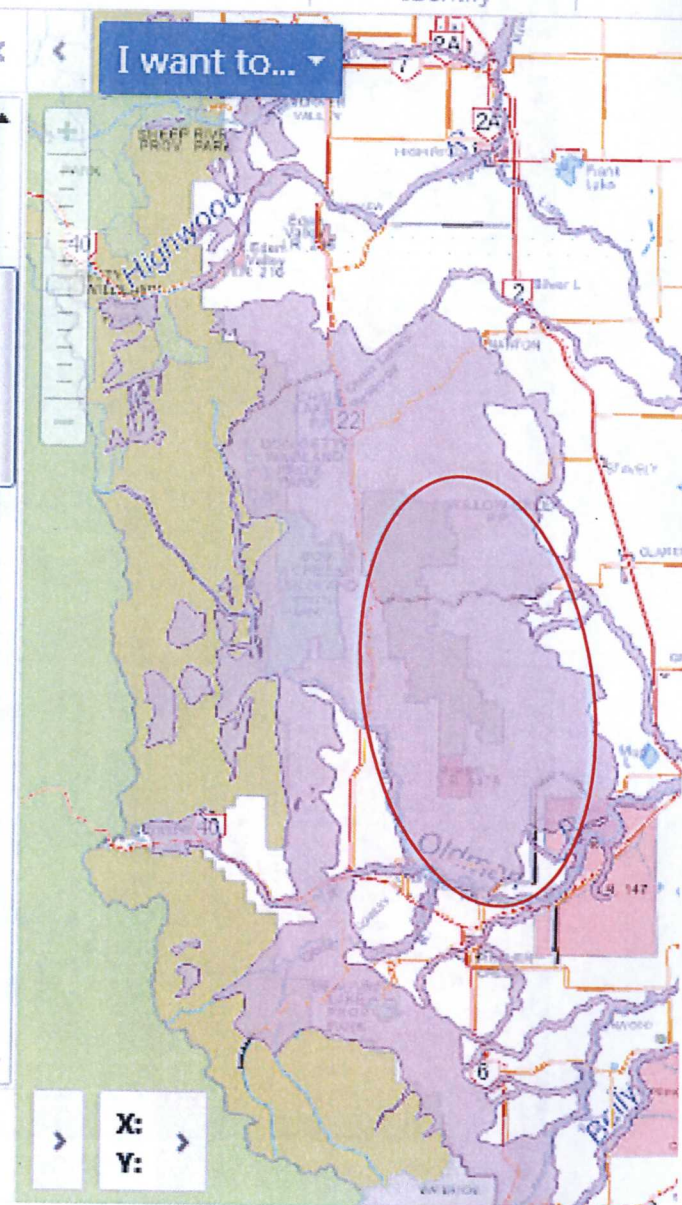
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Map Layers

- Federal Emergency Order Area
- Colonial Nesting Birds Buffer
- Greater Sage Grouse - Habitat Boundary...
- Grizzly Bear - Zones
- Piping Plover
- Sharp-Tailed Grouse Survey Area
- Trumpeter Swan
- Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone**
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- Provincial Special Access Zone
- Burrowing Owl Range
- Caribou Range
- Eastern Short-Horned Lizard Range

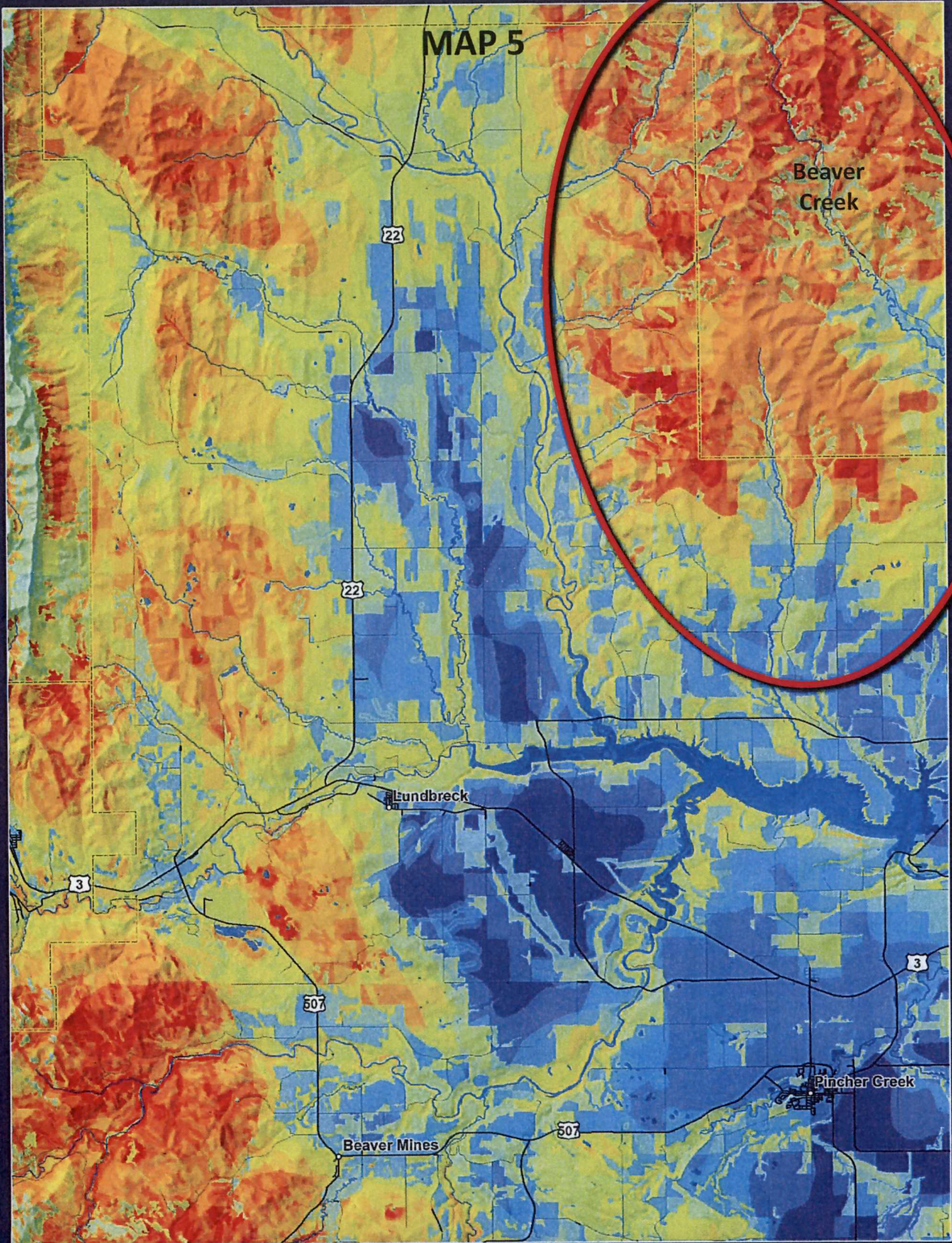
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This dataset is produced for the Government of Alberta and is available to the general public. Please consult the Distribution Information of this metadata for the appropriate contact to acquire this dataset. The Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone is a combination of key wildlife habitat from both uplands and major watercourse valleys. The basis of this zone was determined using major river corridors, valley topography, valley slope breaks and ungulate winter densities. The Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone is intended to prevent loss and fragmentation of habitat; prevent short and long-term all-weather public vehicle access; prevent sensory disturbance during periods of thermal or nutritional stress on wildlife; and prevent the development of barriers to wildlife corridors (e.g. stream crossings).

MAP 5



This map shows an overlay of four conservation values:

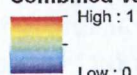
1. Grizzly bear habitat.
2. Ungulate winter range.
3. SHARP multi-species conservation.
4. Areas with natural vegetation cover.

These conservation values are all displayed individually on other maps in this series.

Values range theoretically between 0 (no conservation value in any of the above factors) and 1 (highest conservation value in all four factors). In this area, the lowest combined conservation value is 0.125.

CONSERVATION VALUES OVERLAY

Combined Value



High : 1

Low : 0

o Towns

Municipal Boundaries

Paved Roads

Gravel Roads

Rivers & Streams

Lakes & Ponds



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Tara Cryderman

From: Wendy Kay
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 8:30 AM
To: Tara Cryderman
Subject: FW: 2015 Public Lands Compliance Program
Attachments: DM Reply - Kay.pdf

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From: Bill Werry [mailto:Bill.Werry@gov.ab.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Wendy Kay
Subject: 2015 Public Lands Compliance Program

Good afternoon Ms. Kay,

Please see attached letter.

thank you,

Bill Werry, Deputy Minister

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
11th Flr. Petroleum Plaza South Tower
9915 - 108 Street
Edmonton, AB T5K 2G8

Ph. 780 427-1799
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May 12, 2015

Ms. Wendy Kay, Chief Administrative Officer
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
Box 279
Pincher Creek AB T0K 1W0
wkay@mdpincercreek.ab.ca

Dear Ms. Kay:

In an effort to provide additional opportunities to interact with Albertans and promote safe recreation and stewardship, the Government of Alberta will be dedicating additional enforcement presence on public lands on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in 2015. Please find attached further information on this initiative.

Regarding feedback and suggestions on this program, please contact Mr. Doug Marvin, Manager of Operations in our Parks Division. Mr. Marvin can be reached at 780-644-5044 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection), or at doug.marvin@gov.ab.ca. Mr. Marvin looks forward to hearing from our engaged municipalities.

Bill Werry
Deputy Minister

Attachment

cc: Graham Statt, Matt Machielse, Bruce Mayer
Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

Bill Sweeney
Justice and Solicitor General

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
2015 Public Lands Compliance Program

A combination of Conservation Officers and Park Rangers appointed as Peace Officers will see 20 new officers dedicated to patrolling in four regions of high public outdoor recreation use. Starting on the May long weekend the public will notice an enforcement presence on public lands on the eastern slopes in the South Saskatchewan region, Red Deer region, and North Saskatchewan region.

The objective is to deliver an effective compliance program on public lands by addressing non-compliance through information and public interaction first and law enforcement second, supporting recreation on public lands while diminishing environmental impact and ensuring public safety.

Those who do not comply with regulatory requirements will be held accountable for the effects of their actions on the environment and our natural resources.

The officers will be on the eastern slopes because the area has experienced a significant increase in public lands recreation, including camping and off-highway vehicle use. Local municipalities have been increasingly concerned about the overwhelming need for broad public education, awareness, and enforcement support from the province. The majority of people are responsible users of public land.

However, there are instances every year of unsafe and destructive behaviour; random campers leaving garbage or abandoning furniture and other items on the landscape; mud-bogging can drastically change the landscape, and some off-roading enthusiasts drive their vehicles through sensitive areas. Liquor and firearms offences also occur.

The 2015 program is a good start to addressing public access pressures, public safety and environmental impact.

Feedback on enforcement efforts received during the 2015 summer season will help inform future decisions regarding patrols, monitoring and enforcement on public lands in other regions of the province.

The cross-ministry enforcement program will include the participation of other compliance and law enforcement agencies and personnel including the RCMP and Fish and Wildlife Officers already in the area.

Tara Cryderman

From: Wendy Kay
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Tara Cryderman
Subject: FW: BROADBAND MOTION TO AUMA
Attachments: Motion-AUMA-PCREEK.JPG; Broadband Resolution to AUMA - Final.docx

Importance: High

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From: Bev Thornton [mailto:bev@albertasouthwest.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Barney Reeves; Barney Reeves2; Beryl West; Bill Peavoy; Blair Painter; Dennis Gillespie; Garry Marchuk; John Connor; John Connor2; Jordan Koch; Kathy Wiebe; Lloyd Kearl; Maryanne Sandberg; Monte Christensen; Ron Davis; Shelley Ford; Tammy Rubbelke; Trish Hoskin; Warren Mickels; Chad Parsons; Cindy Cornsih; Cindy Vizzutti; Clayton Gillespie; David Connauton; Greg Brkich; Janet Edwards; Jeff Shaw; Kariniesha Gordon; Kevin Miller; Laurie Wilgosh; Marian Carlson; Murray Millward; Scott Barton; Sheldon Steinke; Wendy Kay
Cc: pete.lovering@southgrow.com
Subject: BROADBAND MOTION TO AUMA
Importance: High

Dear AlbertaSW Board and CAOs,
ATTENTION: "Urban" municipalities

TIGHT TIMELINE ON THIS but we are going to try!!!!!!!!!!!! :o)

- 1) Town of Raymond (A SouthGrow REDA community) is proposing a motion to AUMA asking simply that they form a Broadband Committee and work with the REDAs and communities to identify issues and move forward on an issue that is of critical importance to our communities. RESOLUTION ATTACHED
- 2) Town of Pincher Creek (an AlbertaSW REDA community) has seconded the motion. MOTION ATTACHED.

REQUEST TO ALL OUR REDA URBAN COMMUNITIES:

- 3) THAT as many of our communities as possible ...

- a. each please **MAKE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION BEFORE MAY 31** and
- b. **send advice of that motion to Pete Lovering** (Manager of SouthGrow REDA) who is copied on this e-mail.

Pete will collect all the motions and forward to AUMA.

- AUMA has been very helpful and willing to assist with assembling the resolution to include many communities.
- The intent is for this resolution to go to the floor of the convention with a great deal of support right at the start.
- This is a very unusual approach, and should be impactful.

We expect that this, or a similar resolution, can also go forward to AAMDC, and perhaps the result may be a joint AUMA/AAMDC Broadband initiative.

Thanks for anything you can do to help this along! Contact info for both Bev and Pete, below.

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Town of Raymond
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May 12, 2015

Mayor George Bohne,

Please be advised that Council for The Town of Pincher Creek passed the following resolution at the May 11, 2015 regular Council Meeting;

That Council for the Town of Pincher Creek supports and agrees to second the proposed resolution sponsored by the Town of Raymond for the Review of Broadband Internet Availability in Alberta, which will be proposed at the AUMA Convention in September 2015.

Trusting this information to be in satisfactory order however, should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Laurie Wilgosh
Chief Administrative Officer/LGA
Town of Pincher Creek

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cc. Alberta SouthWest

Resolution Title: Review of Broadband Internet Availability in Alberta

WHEREAS establishing a fibre optic network is essential for the provision of high speed internet services within the Province of Alberta and is a key element for future economic development and community sustainability, and

WHEREAS the Province of Alberta has invested in a fibre optic system that covers the Province of Alberta, and

WHEREAS the cost of access to Alberta's fibre optic system continues to be cost-prohibitive to many urban and rural municipalities, and

WHEREAS many communities continue to be underserved by other high speed internet providers, and

WHEREAS Alberta SouthWest and SouthGrow Regional Alliances have studied and identified the lack of adequate internet speeds as a major deterrent to the future development of Alberta, and

WHEREAS Strategy 4.2 of the Rural Economic Development Action Plan released in October 2014 specifically has 4 action steps to be undertaken to enhance technology infrastructure

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association:

1. Establish a separate committee on Broadband to emphasize the importance of this issue;
2. Work with REDA's and other organizations with similar objectives to advocate for affordable fibre optic internet access to all Albertans;
3. Continue to press the Alberta Government to move forward with a Broadband Policy that addresses the Action steps in 4.2 of REDAP.

Sponsored By: The Town of Raymond

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

*Council
- Fred's reports*

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MAY 12 2015

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK



**Chinook Arch
Regional Library
System**

Memo

May 5, 2015

To: Mayors and Reeves of Chinook Arch member Municipalities

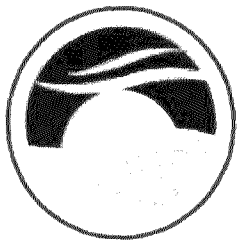
From: Maggie Macdonald, CEO

Re: Chinook Arch Library Board Financial Statements 2014 and Annual Report Highlights

Please find enclosed the 2014 Audited Financial Statements for Chinook Arch. The 2014 Annual Report Highlights are also enclosed.

Please contact Maggie Macdonald or Robin Hepher if you have any questions.

2902 - 7th Avenue North, Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 5C6, Phone: 403-380-1500, Fax: 403-380-3550



Chinook Arch Regional Library System

2014
Annual Report
Highlights!

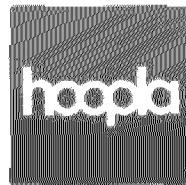
Our Mission:

Chinook Arch creates and supports the structure for a network of cooperating libraries in Southwestern Alberta to share resources in a cost-effective manner

ONLINE SERVICES



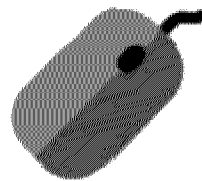
124,886
Overdrive
Downloads



13,832
hoopla
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29,342
Magazine
Downloads



177,844
Website/
Catalogue
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85%
Increase
in Online
Resource
Usage

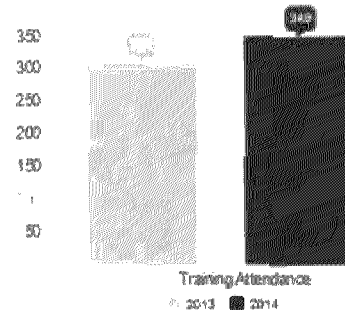
TRAINING & CONSULTING

200
Consulting
Visits



624
Library
Program
Attendees

4,893
Reference
Transactions
*(43% more
than
2013)*

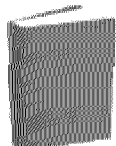


349 People attended
training sessions

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES



54,300
Items
Ordered



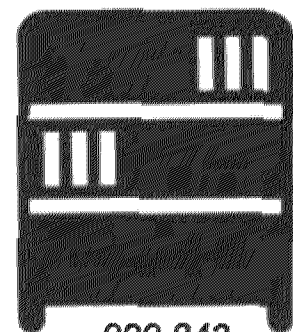
84,000
Items
Catalogued



60,012
Items
Processed

\$738,000
Spent on
Library
Materials in
2014

That's 230 items per day!



909,843
Items in
Shared Catalogue

2014 Annual Report Highlights

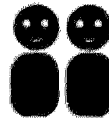
AMAZING FACTS!



515,000
Items
Delivered



1,685,000
Total
Checkouts



Population Served:
193,379



4,456
Delivery
Stops



232,000
Holds
Filled



Member Authorities:
40



Overall Satisfaction with
System Services:
100% Completely or Very
Satisfied

MEMBER COMMENTS

*So glad to be part of
CARLS!*

**ALWAYS WILLING TO GO THE
EXTRA MILE FOR MYSELF AND
MY STAFF.**

**Isn't there a category for
"over the moon with
gratitude?" I'd check that
one.**

Have always been
impressed with the system
service

*How can you possibly
improve on perfection?*

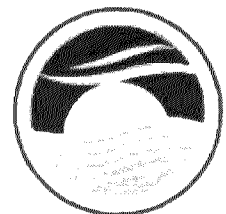
*Excellent service by all
those with whom we
have had
contact...from the van
driver to the CEO.
Thank you!*

*Any time we have had a question
or request it has been addressed
immediately and in detail. We as a
board and a member are very
pleased with the services. Thank
you*

*I still maintain that libraries
receive excellent service and
support from CARLS!*

**Staff is very upbeat. They work
in harmony and are willing to
go the extra mile, so to speak.**

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Chinook Arch
Regional Library
System

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

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McNiven Newman LLP
Professional Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of Directors of
Chinook Arch Library Board**

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Chinook Arch Library Board, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2014 and the statement of operations, statement of net assets and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory information

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian not-for-profit accounting standards and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chinook Arch Library Board, as at December 31, 2014, and its statement of operations, statement of net assets and the statement of cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian not-for-profit accounting standards

McNiven Newman LLP

**Vauxhall, Alberta
April 2, 2015**

**McNiven Newman LLP
Professional Accountants**

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Temporary Investments	\$ 1,262,136	\$ 1,421,182
Accounts Receivable (net)	\$ 6,341	\$ 69,242
GST Recoverable	\$ 25,959	\$ 21,802
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 145,222	\$ 86,407
Current Portion Due on Loans Receivable (note 4)	\$ 1,355	\$ 1,184
	<u>\$ 1,441,013</u>	<u>\$ 1,599,817</u>
Loans Receivable (note 4)	\$ 2,715	\$ -
Capital Assets (note 5)	\$ 884,473	\$ 840,191
	<u>\$ 2,328,201</u>	<u>\$ 2,440,008</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 25,437	\$ 123,867
Deferred Revenue (note 6)	\$ 38,300	\$ 1,087
Employee Benefit Obligations (note 7)	\$ 130,771	\$ 129,607
	<u>\$ 194,508</u>	<u>\$ 254,561</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets Invested in Capital	\$ 884,473	\$ 840,191
Net Assets Internally Restricted (note 8)	\$ 1,245,403	\$ 1,328,360
Net Assets Externally Restricted (note 8)	\$ 2,079	\$ 1,597
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,738	\$ 15,299
	<u>\$ 2,133,693</u>	<u>\$ 2,185,447</u>
	<u>\$ 2,328,201</u>	<u>\$ 2,440,008</u>

Approved by the Board:

 Director
 Director

Date Apr 2 2015

Date Apr 2 2015

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Library Boards	\$ 568,986	\$ 562,642
Municipal Levies	\$ 1,380,790	\$ 1,321,319
Municipal Rural Services Fees	\$ 64,102	\$ 63,988
Other Grants	\$ -	\$ 7,830
Resource Sharing Contract Grant (note 9)	\$ 149,987	\$ 130,695
Provincial Operating Grant	\$ 864,575	\$ 864,575
Establishment Grant	\$ -	\$ 386
Provincial Rural Library Services Grant	\$ 185,103	\$ 185,103
Other Income (schedule 1)	\$ 417,228	\$ 386,414
Contract Services (Schedule 2)	\$ 143,468	\$ 154,191
	\$ 3,774,239	\$ 3,677,143
EXPENDITURES		
Library Materials and Collections	\$ 738,145	\$ 636,315
Shipping & Delivery (schedule 3)	\$ 51,082	\$ 53,866
Network Services (schedule 4)	\$ 272,394	\$ 156,092
Bibliographic Services (schedule 5)	\$ 74,855	\$ 65,914
Programs and Services (schedule 6)	\$ 440,896	\$ 425,244
Training & Development (schedule 7)	\$ 87,237	\$ 91,331
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,738,759	\$ 1,774,866
Administration (schedule 8)	\$ 49,299	\$ 46,447
Building and Maintenance	\$ 74,210	\$ 75,540
Board Expenses	\$ 32,794	\$ 33,930
Contract & Other Services (schedule 9)	\$ 190,436	\$ 163,028
Amortization Expense	\$ 75,886	\$ 106,771
	\$ 3,825,993	\$ 3,629,344
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (51,754)	\$ 47,799

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Unrestricted Surplus	Internally restricted Surplus (note 8)	Externally restricted Surplus (note 8)	Invested in Capital Assets (note 5)	Total 2014	Total 2013
BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 15,299	\$ 1,328,360	\$ 1,597	\$ 840,191	\$ 2,185,447	\$ 2,137,648
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ (51,754)			\$	\$ (51,754)	\$ 47,799
Internally Imposed Restrictions	\$ 82,957	\$ (82,957)				
Externally Imposed Restrictions	\$ (482)		\$ 482			
Capital Assets Purchases	\$ (175,685)			\$ 175,685		
Capital Assets Grants	\$ 54,710			\$ (54,710)		
Reduction of Assets Sold	\$ 58,528			\$ (58,528)		
Accumulated Amortization on Assets Sold	\$ (57,721)			\$ 57,721		
Annual Amortization Expense	\$ 75,886			\$ (75,886)		
BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$ 1,738	\$ 1,245,403	\$ 2,079	\$ 884,473	\$ 2,133,693	\$ 2,185,447
BALANCE END OF YEAR - 2013	\$ 15,299	\$ 1,328,360	\$ 1,597	\$ 840,191		

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW****YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash Received for Operations	\$ 3,850,592	\$ 3,644,959
Cash Paid to Suppliers and Employees	\$ (3,906,188)	\$ (3,531,089)
	\$ (55,596)	\$ 113,870
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds (Purchase) of Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ (103,450)	\$ 61,378
	\$ (103,450)	\$ 61,378
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	\$ (159,046)	\$ 175,248
CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,421,182	\$ 1,245,934
CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,262,136	\$ 1,421,182

CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS ARE COMPRISED OF:

Cash	\$ 762,136	\$ 1,322,752
Temporary Investments	\$ 500,000	\$ 98,430
	\$ 1,262,136	\$ 1,421,182

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD**SCHEDULE 1 - OTHER INCOME****YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Additional Funds for Library Materials	\$ 319,853	\$ 328,625
Interest & Investment Income	\$ 17,484	\$ 19,276
Fundraising & Donations - General	\$ 32,707	\$ 1,551
RISE Project	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Employment Programs	\$ 5,050	\$ 4,948
Southern Alberta Library Conference	\$ 19,998	\$ 20,045
Lost Materials Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 708
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets	\$ 16,718	\$ 10,481
Miscellaneous	\$ 418	\$ 780
TOTAL	\$ 417,228	\$ 386,414

SCHEDULE 2 - CONTRACT SERVICES**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Contracts	\$ 30,526	\$ 47,871
Regional Libraries Promotional Materials	\$ -	\$ 10,690
Book Purchases	\$ 1,557	\$ 2,000
Reimbursement for Purchases	\$ 111,385	\$ 93,630
TOTAL	\$ 143,468	\$ 154,191

SCHEDULE 3 - SHIPPING AND DELIVERY**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Freight	\$ 3,373	\$ 5,768
Postage and Shipping	\$ 5,102	\$ 4,886
Vehicle Insurance	\$ 2,951	\$ 2,278
Vehicle Expenses	\$ 39,656	\$ 40,934
TOTAL	\$ 51,082	\$ 53,866

SCHEDULE 4 - NETWORK SERVICES**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Telecommunications	\$ 26,770	\$ 28,866
Network Support and Maintenance	\$ 124,001	\$ 102,538
RISE Bridge & Network Support	\$ 34,300	\$ -
Equipment and Software	\$ 87,323	\$ 24,688
TOTAL	\$ 272,394	\$ 156,092

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD**SCHEDULE 5 - BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES****YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Cataloguing Subscriptions	\$ 4,302	\$ 4,270
Supplies for Library Materials	\$ 16,297	\$ 13,477
Support Services	\$ 54,256	\$ 48,167
TOTAL	\$ 74,855	\$ 65,914

SCHEDULE 6 - PROGRAMS**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Summer Programs	\$ 3,437	\$ 2,833
Reading Programs	\$ 1,044	\$ 1,034
Membership Programs	\$ 7,943	\$ 7,860
Rural Library Services Grant Transfers	\$ 218,770	\$ 218,656
Library Membership Cards	\$ 3,877	\$ 3,392
Marketing and Communications	\$ 23,308	\$ 13,263
Regional Resource Sharing	\$ 182,482	\$ 174,485
Special Projects	\$ 35	\$ 3,721
TOTAL	\$ 440,896	\$ 425,244

SCHEDULE 7 - TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Librarians Meetings and Training	\$ 16,543	\$ 12,739
Southern Alberta Library Conference	\$ 28,491	\$ 24,700
Conferences, Courses, Staff Travel	\$ 42,203	\$ 53,892
TOTAL	\$ 87,237	\$ 91,331

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD**SCHEDULE 8 -ADMINISTRATION****YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Bank Charges	\$ 279	\$ 253
Subscriptions	\$ 2,408	\$ 1,758
Professional Fees	\$ 7,350	\$ 8,850
Advertising	\$ -	\$ 624
Memberships	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,284
Recruitment	\$ 4,444	\$ 2,676
Office Supplies and Equipment	\$ 8,217	\$ 7,991
Maintenance Office Equipment	\$ 16,415	\$ 16,348
Coffee Services	\$ 4,545	\$ 4,377
Printing	\$ 4,324	\$ 2,286
TOTAL	\$ 49,299	\$ 46,447

SCHEDULE 9 -CONTRACTS AND OTHER SERVICES**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
Better Beginnings Card Coupons	\$ 1,018	\$ -
Provincial ILL Resource Sharing	\$ 2,921	\$ 3,028
ILL VDX Maintenance	\$ 36,243	\$ 11,951
ILS Maint. & Subscriptions Contract Services (SLS)	\$ 16,609	\$ 33,393
Internet Services Contract (SLS)	\$ 6,354	\$ 5,198
Purchasing Services for Member Libraries	\$ 125,301	\$ 95,058
Regional Libraries Promotional Mat.	\$ 380	\$ 12,344
Staff Purchases Materials	\$ 1,610	\$ 2,056
TOTAL	\$ 190,436	\$ 163,028

CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Chinook Arch Library Board assists a network of cooperating libraries in southwest Alberta to provide cost-effective, convenient access to information and library resources.

Chinook Arch Library Board is a volunteer Board established as a Library under the Alberta Libraries Act. The Board is also a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. The Board operates Chinook Arch Regional Library System.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Not-For-Profit accounting standards applied on a basis consistent with prior periods.

Outlined below are those policies the organization considers particularly significant:

a) Fund Accounting

For reporting purposes, established funds consist of the operating, capital, restricted and reserve funds. Transfers between funds are recorded as adjustments to the appropriate equity account. Capital fund debt interest is recorded as an expense in the capital equity fund. Amortization expense is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Operations.

b) Investments

Investments that are Guaranteed Investment Certificates have a carrying value that equal their estimated fair market value and are classified as held to maturity. Held to maturity investments are accounted for at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

c) Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost. Amortization is provided using the declining balance method for the following assets at the following annual rates:

Building	-	4%
Automotive (passenger vehicles)	-	50%

Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis for the following assets at the following annual rates:

Automotive (delivery vehicles)	-	50%
Office furniture and equipment	-	10%
Computer equipment	-	25%

d) Reserves for Future Expenditures

Internally restricted reserves are established at the discretion of the Board to set aside funds for future operating and capital expenditures. Transfers to and from reserves are reflected as adjustments to the Statement of Net Assets.

Externally restricted reserves arise from funding received for specific projects. Transfers to and from these reserves arise as funds are received or expenditures are incurred for the specific projects.

**CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

e) Restricted Fund – Book Allotment

Funds allocated to member libraries for book allotment are restricted for purchases of library materials in subsequent years. Unspent allocations are added to the library's allocation in the following year. Transfers to and/or from reserves are reflected in Note 8 – Reserves and Restricted Funds.

f) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when the requirements as to performance for transactions involving the sale of goods are met and ultimate collection is reasonably assured at the time of performance.

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used for certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of capital assets. These funds are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purpose specified.

Government transfers for operations are recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred and any eligibility criteria have been met.

Government grants for the purchase of capital assets are applied against the asset cost and the balance of the cost is amortized over the useful life of the asset. During 2014 \$54,710 was received for the acquisition of capital assets (2013-\$142,418).

g) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Part III of the CICA Handbook – Accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure during the period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

h) Financial Instruments

Fair Value

Financial instruments of the organization consist mainly of cash, temporary investments, accounts receivable, loans receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. There are no significant differences between carrying values of these amounts and their estimated market value due to the short term maturities of these instruments. Unless otherwise noted, it is Management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments.

(i) Measurement of Financial Instruments

Chinook Arch Library Board measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost. Financial assets measured at cost include cash, temporary investments, accounts receivable, and loans receivable. Financial liabilities measured at cost consist of accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred.

**CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY BOARD
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

h) Financial Instruments (cont.)

(ii) Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, Chinook Arch Library Board assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset measured at amortized cost may be impaired. Objective evidence of impairment includes observable data that comes to the attention of Chinook Arch Library Board. When there is an indication of impairment, Chinook Arch Library Board determines whether a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing of future cash flows from the financial asset.

When Chinook Arch Library Board identifies a significant adverse change in the expected timing of future cash flows from a financial asset, it reduces the carrying amount of the asset to the highest of the following:

- a) the present value of the cash flows expected to be generated by holding the asset discounted using a current market rate of interest appropriate to the asset;
- b) the amount that could be realized by selling the asset at the statement of financial position date; and,
- c) the amount Chinook Arch Library Board expects to realize by exercising its rights to any collateral held to secure repayment of the asset net of all costs necessary to exercise those rights.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced directly or through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the reduction is recognized as an impairment loss in the statement of operations.

When the extent of impairment of a previously written-down asset decreases and the decrease can be related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations in the period the reversal occurs.

(iii) Transaction Costs

Transactions costs are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred, except for financial instruments that will be subsequently measured at amortized costs. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition and disposal of fixed income investments are capitalized and are included in the acquisition costs or reduce proceeds on disposal. Investment management fees associated with the fixed investments and mutual funds are expensed as incurred.

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3. SIGNIFICANT REVENUE SOURCE

In 2014, 81.5 % (2013 – 82.1%) of total revenue is based on per capita municipal levies, per capita payments from library boards, and per capita grants from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

A significant percentage of revenue is attributed to the membership of the City of Lethbridge. In 2014, the Lethbridge population represented 46.8 % (2013 – 46.5%) of the System's total population and created 39.3% of the total revenue (2013- 39.5%) Although the organization would continue to operate without that membership there would be a need for additional sources of revenue.

4. LOANS RECEIVABLE

The Board has a policy on loans for the purchase of computers and software to a maximum of \$2,500 per employee. These loans are payable in monthly blended payments, with interest at prime rate.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Loan Receivable	\$ 4,070	\$ 1,184
Less Principal included in current assets	<u>\$ 1,355</u>	<u>\$ 1,184</u>
	<u>\$ 2,715</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Principal repayments due over the next year are as follows:

2015 - \$1,355

2016 - \$2,715

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net 2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Land	\$ 40,580	\$ -	\$ 40,580	\$ 40,580
Building	\$ 1,386,668	\$ 619,956	\$ 766,712	\$ 732,073
Office Furniture and equipment	\$ 57,811	\$ 44,932	\$ 12,879	\$ 16,099
Computer equipment	\$ 632,556	\$ 579,829	\$ 52,727	\$ 36,008
Automotive	\$ 73,559	\$ 61,984	\$ 11,575	\$ 15,431
	<u>\$ 2,191,174</u>	<u>\$ 1,306,701</u>	<u>\$ 884,473</u>	<u>\$ 840,191</u>

Building cost	\$ 1,504,086	\$ 1,437,501
Less: Grants Roof repair	<u>\$ (117,418)</u>	<u>\$ (117,418)</u>
	<u>\$ 1,386,668</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,083</u>

Automotive Equipment cost	\$ 153,269	\$ 146,595
Less: Government grant	<u>\$ (79,710)</u>	<u>\$ (25,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 73,559</u>	<u>\$ 121,595</u>

Computer Equipment Cost	\$ 682,438	\$ 638,539
Less: Government grant	<u>\$ (49,882)</u>	<u>\$ (49,882)</u>
	<u>\$ 632,556</u>	<u>\$ 588,657</u>

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6. DEFERRED REVENUE

The change in deferred revenue related to expenses of future periods are as follows:

	<u>Balance 2013</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Amount Recognized</u>	<u>Balance 2014</u>
Milo Library Board Book allotment 2015	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
Funds received for Hoopla	\$ -	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
Kainai Library Fundraising	\$ 1,087	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,087	\$ -
Total Deferred	<u>\$ 1,087</u>	<u>\$ 45,300</u>	<u>\$ 8,087</u>	<u>\$ 38,300</u>

7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Vacation	\$117,015	\$ 113,955
Health Spending Account	<u>\$ 13,756</u>	<u>\$ 15,652</u>
	<u>\$130,771</u>	<u>\$ 129,607</u>

Vacation is a liability comprised of the vacation that employees have earned. Health spending benefits arise from unused benefits that are accumulated for two years. Employees have earned these benefits and are entitled to them within the next budgetary year.

8. RESERVES AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>Restated 2013</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>2014</u>
Reserves Internally Restricted				
Technology Reserve	\$ 350,000		\$ 25,000	\$ 325,000
Vehicle	\$ 141,457		\$ 10,000	\$ 131,457
Building	\$ 350,873		\$ 13,300	\$ 337,573
Operating	* \$ 208,052		\$ -	\$ 208,052
Book Allotment carry over	* \$ 277,978	\$ -	\$ 34,657	\$ 243,321
	<u>\$ 1,328,360</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 82,957</u>	<u>\$1,245,403</u>
Externally Restricted Reserves				
Better Beginnings	\$ 1,597	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,018	\$ 2,079
	<u>\$ 1,597</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,018</u>	<u>\$ 2,079</u>

* The opening balances of these internally restricted funds have been restated to correctly reflect the reserve balances for 2013.

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9. RESOURCE SHARING GRANT

Chinook Arch Library Board receives a resource sharing grant from Alberta Municipal Affairs to fund the coordination of the provincial interlibrary loan service in Alberta. Funds for the provincial fiscal year 2013-2014 were received in 2013. In 2014 the grant was received for the provincial fiscal year April 2014 to March 2015. The 2014 calculation indicates a total for the 2013-2014 provincial fiscal year ended March 31 2014 as well as the simple total for the Chinook Arch fiscal year 2014. The 2013 staffing and administrative costs have been re-stated to correct administrative costs.

*The total expenditures from April 2013 to March 2014 are \$137,814

Interlibrary Loan Grant/Expenditures Revenue	Jan-Mar 2014	Apr-Dec 2014	Total 2014	Jan-Mar 2013	Apr-Dec 2013	Total 2013
Resource Sharing Grant from Municipal Affairs		\$149,987	\$149,987		\$130,695	\$130,695
Expenditures						
Staffing and Administrative costs	\$37,740	\$ 67,735	\$105,475	\$ 48,445	\$ 55,814	\$104,258
Hardware/software maintenance	\$31,155	\$ 5,088	\$ 36,243	\$ 251	\$ 13,105	\$ 13,357
Node Training & Travel	\$ -	\$ 1,085	\$ 1,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	* \$68,895	\$ 73,908	\$142,803	\$ 48,696	*\$68,919	\$117,615

10. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of the organization participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plan Act. The LAPP services about 230,534 members and retirees and 418 employer groups. The LAPP is financed by the employer, employee and Government of Alberta contributions and investment earnings of the LAPP fund.

Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The organization is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 11.39% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 15.84% on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the organization are required to make current service contributions of 10.39% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 14.84% on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the organization to LAPP in 2014 were \$158,886 (2013 - \$149,715). The current service contributions by the employees of the organization to the LAPP in 2014 were \$145,979 (2013 - \$136,483).

As at December 31, 2013 the plan disclosed an actuarial deficiency of \$4.86 Billion

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11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Chinook Arch is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The risks at December 31, 2013 are as follows: credit risks, liquidity risks, currency risks and other price risks.

Chinook Arch has a specific investment policy which details acceptable low risk investment vehicles. Chinook Arch does not use derivative financial instruments to manage its risks.

Credit Risk

Chinook Arch is exposed to credit risk resulting from the possibility that parties may default on their financial obligations, or if there is a concentration of transactions carried out with the same party, or if there is a concentration of financial obligations which have similar economic characteristics that could be similarly affected by changes in economic conditions, such that Chinook Arch could incur financial loss. Chinook Arch mitigates this risk by dealing with major financial institutions in Canada that are regulated, as well as a large customer base.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Chinook Arch will not be able to meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they become due. Chinook Arch meets its liquidity requirements by preparing and monitoring budgets of cash flows from operations, anticipating investing and financing activities and holding assets that can readily be converted to cash.

Market Risk

Market Risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flow of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of currency risk, interest rate risk, and other price risk.

a) Currency Risk

Currency risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate relative to the Canadian dollar due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Chinook Arch transacts approximately \$60,000 US\$ funds a year which is insignificant compared to the total expenditures. The risk at December 31, 2014 is minimal.

b) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The exposure of Chinook Arch to interest rate risk arises from its interest bearing assets. Chinook Arch's cash includes amounts on deposit with financial institutions that earn interest at market value.

Chinook Arch manages its exposure to the interest rate risk of its cash by maximizing the interest income earned on excess funds while maintaining the liquidity necessary to conduct operations on a day-to-day basis. Fluctuations in market rates of interest on cash do not have a significant impact on Chinook Arch's result of operations.

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11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont.)

Market Risk (cont.)

b) Interest Rate Risk (cont.)

The primary objective of Chinook Arch with respect to its fixed income investments is to ensure the security of principal amounts invested, provide for a high degree of liquidity, and achieve a satisfactory investment return. The risk at December 31, 2014 is minimal.

c) Other Price Risk

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar instruments traded in the market. The risk at December 31, 2014 is minimal.

Changes in Risk

There has been no change in Chinook Arch's risk exposure from the prior year.

12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Where applicable, certain 2013 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the financial statements presentation adopted in the current year.

13. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board and management have approved these financial statements.



Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Wednesday April 1, 2015 – Community Hall, Cowley

Board Representatives

Lloyd Kearl, Cardston County
 Barney Reeves, Waterton
 Tammy Rubbelke, Pincher Creek
 Shelley Ford, Claresholm
 Maryanne Sandberg, MD Willow Creek
 Trish Hoskin, Fort Macleod
 Blair Painter, Crowsnest Pass
 John Connor, Granum
 Garry Marchuk, MD Pincher Creek
 Warren Mickels, Cowley
 Ron Davis, MD Ranchland
 Beryl West, Nanton
 Dennis Gillespie, Stavely
 Bill Peavoy, Cardston

Cowley Council

Garry Hackler
 Monika Schneider

Organizational Partners

James Tessier, CF Alberta Southwest
 Clara Yagos, Trustee, LRSD
 Leah Wack, Lethbridge College
 Bill Halley, AI-TF/RINSA

Resource Staff

Cindy Cornish, CAO, Cowley
 Kathy Wiebe, Executive Assistant, MD Ranchland
 Eric Burton, Alberta Innovation and Advanced Education
 Bev Thornton, Executive Director, AlbertaSW
 Bob Dyrda, Communications Coordinator, AlbertaSW

1. Welcome , Introductions and Roundtable
2. Approval of Agenda
 Moved by Maryanne Sandberg THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried. [2015-04-431]
3. Approval of Minutes
 Moved by Tammy Rubbelke THAT the minutes of March 4, 2015 be approved as amended.
Carried. [2015-04-432]
4. Approval of Cheque register
 Moved by Barney Reeves THAT cheques #1699-#1720 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2015-04-433]
5. Broadband Standing Committee: Policy and Procedures Amendment
 Notice of Motion presented by Barney Reeves THAT Alberta SouthWest Policy and Procedures. Item 4. Standing Committees be revised to delete the current 3 committees that are not in use and add "Broadband Committee".
 This motion will be brought forward at the next meeting.
6. Waste-to-Energy Opportunity Overview
 A technology developed by a multi-national team has been very successful in Europe, and may be suitable for our region. Bev will follow up with the team and arrange for a presentation to the board and communities when they are in Canada.
7. Proposed Southern Alberta-Asia Trade Council
 Spearheaded by Economic Development Lethbridge and the Chamber, AlbertaSW REDA and Community Futures have been invited to be part of this initiative and explore possibilities.

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| 8. 13 WAYS project completion | The final information-gathering is complete and reports will be presented on May 13 at a regional event. Doug Griffiths will be the featured speaker and facilitator along with Twist Marketing. |
| 9. Montana Governor's Conference and Crown of the Continent update | Accepted as information. |
| 10. Digital Futures Symposium | Bob Dyrda reported on the event which continued to provide insights, ideas and a widening network of contacts to support the AlbertaSW broadband initiatives. |
| 11. Letter from AIAE regarding REDA funding agreement | The Department is proposing a 5 year agreement with REDAs. Details of the contract are in development. |
| 12. Communications Coordinator Report | Accepted as information. |
| 13. Executive Director Report | Accepted as information. |
| 14. Round table updates | |
| 15. Board Meetings:
May 6, 2015-Fort Macleod
June 3, 2015-AGM, Castle Mountain
July 1, 2015-no meeting
August 5, 2015-Cardston | |
| 16. Adjournment | Moved by Warren Mickels THAT the meeting be adjourned.
Carried. [2015-04-434] |

Chair

Approved May 6, 2015

Secretary/Treasurer

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Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update

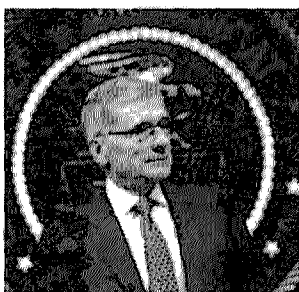
Two Project Awards for *SouthWest Invest: Bringing Investment Home* Partnership

At the 41st Annual Economic Developers Conference, this partnered project won the "Award of Excellence" for Business and Investment Attraction (population category 25,000-100,000) and also won the Alex Metcalfe Award for best project in all categories. AlbertaSW REDA, Community Futures Alberta Southwest and Community Futures Crowsnest Pass combined resources to design an investment attraction/business retention program. As part of the project, InnoVisions and Associates conducted business visitations and facilitated custom-designed workshops creating outstanding successes for the region.



L to R: Bob Dyrda, AlbertaSW; James Tessier, CFABSW; Bev Thornton, AlbertaSW; Jeff Penney, President, EDA; Lloyd Kearl, Chair, AlbertaSW and CFABSW

Broadband Communities Summit 2015



Tom Wheeler FCC Chairman

Bob Dyrda, AlbertaSW Project Lead, was among 900 attendees at this conference in Austin TX, April 14-16, 2015. The sessions were particularly relevant to our rural communities as we continue to explore opportunities, barriers and options regarding high speed, high capacity broadband. A highlight of the Summit was an address from Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which has proposed new rules to preserve the internet as an open platform for the next great era of innovation. The FCC sees enabling true competition and legislating open access to networks as essential to the benefit of businesses and communities.

Crown of the Continent Expedition

Starting mid-September 2015 an expedition will run the length of the Crown of the Continent from Missoula, Montana to Banff, Alberta, a distance of 400 miles/650 kilometres, with the goal of finishing by the end of September or early October, dependent on weather and trail conditions. The team consists of Steven Gnam (Photographer/Documenter/Runner), Mike Foote (North Face Ultra Runner Athlete), Mike Wolfe (North Face Ultra Runner Athlete), Buzz (Crew Person/Social Media).

Running much of the way along scenic ridges, the team will drop into towns and trailheads to resupply offering an opportunity to engage the public in why the Crown of the Continent matters, documenting the our mountain culture and connectivity to the unique landscapes.

This offers the opportunity for partners to assist with logistical support and promotion of expedition through various media platforms, gaining, essentially free promotion to an international audience through *The North Face*, *Outside Magazine*, *National Geographic Adventurer* and *National Geographic Traveler*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **13 WAYs-finding: Navigating Community Success - Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek**
Wednesday May 13, 2015, 4:00pm-8 :30pm Doug Griffiths will be the featured presenter and facilitator.
- ◆ **AlbertaSW Dinner and AGM, Castle Mountain Resort**
Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 5:00pm Arrival and Networking; 6:00pm Dinner and Program

To register for events, please contact bev@albertasouthwest.com

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Technology in Elementary Schools

Bringing Technology to Elementary Schools

Technology for students seems to start in Junior High and grows as students reach Senior High.

What happens to our young minds from preschool to grade 6? They are left to work with hard copy books and printed worksheets on a daily basis. Their ability to use technology is restricted based on available hardware and programs within the schools. Far too often these age groups are left out of these programs because of budget restrictions and available space within the classroom.

The school library is a place to discover new information and research the where, how, when and why the information was gathered. Young minds can rediscover the need to read by using technology to instill excitement and provide a broader range of topics for them to explore. Up to the minute reading material and variety provides both student and teacher the ability to expand their scope of learning.

This brings us to a new and exciting project for the elementary schools in our area.

Can you imagine the excitement and potential a library would have with enough I Pads or Google Chrome E readers for an entire classroom. Casual reading time, research and the ability to teach our young minds the correct approach to technology. We have approx. 500 students grades 1 to 3 within 3 elementary school in our area and given the lifespan of 4 years for these computers we could provide technology to over 2000 young minds and increase their time learning and researching school projects.

Given our current financial situation at the CNPC Landfill I ask for your support in implementing such a program with a onetime donation to the elementary schools in our area of \$10,000.00 per school for the purchase of enough I Pads or similar hardware for a complete classroom approx. 22 to 25 units. The current financial restraints on our schools through budget cuts make such a project impossible through regular channels. The Livingstone school division would implement and support these units for a period of 4 years. It has been our practice to look at ways to give back to our residents and I believe this projects merits our consideration and attention.

Is there a better way to invest in our communities future then educating young minds.

Thank You

Emile J Saindon

Landfill Manager