

AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
April 8, 2025
3:00 pm
Council Chambers

- A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- B. DELIGATIONS
- C. MINUTES/NOTES
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 - March 25, 2025
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 - March 25, 2025
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 - March 26, 2025
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- a) Parks Canada/Waterton Lakes National Park
 - Presentation from March 25, 2025
 - Followup Email
- F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS
1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Waterton Biosphere
 1. Deadstock Removal 2024
 2. Livestock Depredation Survey
 3. Grizzly Dens on Private Property
 4. March Updates
 2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 3. Councillor Dave Cox– Division 3
 4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
- G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
1. Operations
 - a) Public Works Department Report
 - Report from Public Works dated April 1, 2025
 - Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report
 - b) Policy C-PW-009 Dust Control – Schedule A
 - Report from Public Works dated April 1, 2025
 - c) Amendment to Corporate Policy C-FIN-500 Resale and Materials and Supplies
 - Report from Public Works dated April 1, 2025
 - d) Utilities & Infrastructure Report
 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated April 1, 2025
 - e) Utility Bylaw Rates Discussion - Feedback and Path Forward
 - Report from Utilities & Infrastructure dated April 2, 2025
 2. Finance
 3. Planning and Community Services
 - a) Western Mud Slingers Event July 5 2025 Mud Bog SW 7-6-28 W4M
 - Report from Development, dated April 3, 2025
 4. Municipal
 - a) CAO Report
 - Report from Administration, dated April 2, 2025

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1) For Action

- a) Let's Celebrate Nurses
 - National Nursing Week May 12 to May 18, 2025
- b) Castle Mountain Community Association
 - Request for Letter of Support
- c) Joint Funding Alternative Use of Funds
 - Request from Syncline Castle Trails Association
- d) South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association
 - Invitation to Meeting May 8, 2025

2) For Information

- a) Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
 - January 16, 2025
- b) Day on the Creek
 - Waterton Biosphere Event May 15, 2025
- c) Burmis Watercraft Inspection Station
 - Letter from Honourable Rebecca Schultz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas
- d) MD Disaster Recovery Program Denial
 - Letter from Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

- a) Road Closure Request – FOIP Sec. 24.1

K. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
 REGULAR COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
 MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
 Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 11:00 am
 Council Chambers

Present: Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, Tax Assessor Doug Jensen, Health and Safety Specialist Michelle Stuart, Financial Services Clerk Sara-Lynn McKenzie, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order, the time being 11:00 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that the agenda for the March 25, 2025, Committee Meeting be amended to include:

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| 2) Delegations | a) Doug Jensen, Assessment Services
b) Dallas Meidinger, External Relations Manager, Carmen Hancock, Field Unit Superintendent; and Christy Gustavison, Visitor Experience, Waterton Lakes National Park |
| 3) Closed | f) License of Occupation – FOIP Sec. 24.1 |

AND THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

2. Delegation

a) Assessment Services

Doug Jensen, Assessor for the MD of Pincher Creek, attended the meeting to discuss the 2025 assessment of properties.

Specific properties are assessed by the Province and are paid through Grants in Lieu of Taxes. With Alberta Transportation purchasing land to twin Highway 3, several properties in the municipality will have their designation changed.

Municipal Affairs audits the MD's assessments. In 2025, there was a 10.30% increase for residential properties, a 0.03% decrease for farmland, a 1.46% rise for non-residential properties, and a 4.48% increase for small commercial properties.

Council questioned how linear taxes work for the municipality, with depreciation for many of the wind turbines. Doug Jensen suggested inviting a linear assessor from the Province to attend an upcoming Council meeting to clarify.

Doug Jensen left the meeting at this time, the time being 11:25 pm.

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b) Waterton Lakes National Park

Dallas Meidinger, External Relations Manager; Carmen Hancock, Field Unit Superintendent; and Christy Gustavison, Visitor Experience, from Parks Canada, attended the meeting to update the Council on Waterton Lakes National Park. Last year was the highest year for park visitors since it was free in 2017. With the 2024 fires in other Jasper National Park, people were looking for areas to visit. Projections indicate that visitors will return to the area this year, including both residents and travellers. They explained the use of a visitor management framework to help the park identify the needs of its visitors. They overviewed the changes to water recreation for 2024 and the summer of 2025. The primary purpose of the changes in water recreation is to prevent the introduction of zebra mussels, which can be expensive and sometimes not feasible to eradicate once they are established.

Parks Canada will continue to prohibit outside non-motorized watercraft at the lake; however, once they are clean, dry, and certified, toys are permitted. Powerboats, on the other hand, require a 90-day quarantine. For fishing, access has been restored to Cameron Creek and Waterton River, while the Belly River remains closed. Moving forward, Parks Canada aims to expand water recreation access while maintaining the integrity of the water and mitigating risks to support a sustainable, long-term plan.

Council suggested a request to Parks Canada if they would be interested in sitting on a committee to expand the Pincher Creek airport.

Council raised the following concerns about Waterton Lakes National Park:

- Turning away boaters without inspections results in these individuals ending up at the Waterton Dam, meaning the ban is not effectively preventing invasive species from entering the watercourse; instead, it merely shifts the problem to a different location.
- The growing number of visitors to Waterton is contributing to issues with litter and trespassing. Parks Canada aims to prioritize stewardship at the forefront of the Regional Tourism initiative.
- Neighbouring residents and the MD are frustrated with the number of weeds that come from the park. MD budgets more and more money to deal with invasive weeds that leave the park. Parks Canada has a weed management program and recognizes that its current approach is only part of the solution, not the entire solution. Many of these weeds are invasive, and there are legislative requirements for landowners to eradicate them unless the land is within a National Park. Neighbouring residents are frustrated with the number of weeds that come from the park.

Members of Parks Canada left the meeting at this time, the time being 12:30 pm.

3. Closed Session

Councillor Dave Cox

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 12:35 pm.

- a) Public Works Call Log – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Review of Policy C-FIN-500, Resale of Materials and Supplies – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- c) Draft Policy C-CO-006 Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award – FOIP Sec. 24.1

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- d) Tax Discussion – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- e) Road Use Concern Update – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- f) License of Occupation – FOIP Sec. 24.1

Councillor John MacGarva

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 2:26 pm.

Carried

4. Health and Safety Review

Due to time constraints, Health and Safety Review was moved to April 8, 2025 Committee meeting.

5. Round Table

6. Adjournment

Jim Welsch

Moved that the committee meeting adjourn at 2:27 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2025

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The Regular Meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 3:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal District Administration Building, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

PRESENT Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch.

STAFF CAO Roland Milligan, Public Works Manager Alan McRae, Director of Corporate Services Meghan Dobie, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Rick Lemire called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/136

Moved that the agenda for March 25, 2025, be amended to include:

Municipal

d) Draft Policy C-CO-006 Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award

Closed Session

c) Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission Reserves – FOIP Sec. 16.1

d) Firehall Renovations – FOIP Sec. 16.1

e) Council Relationships – FOIP Sec. 21.1

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW 1356-25 (ROAD CLOSURE)

Reeve Rick Lemire opened the Public Hearing at 3:00 pm.

1. Public Hearing Called to Order

2. A Public Hearing is Council's opportunity to hear from anyone who is affected by the proposed bylaw.

3. Advertising Requirement

This Public Hearing has been advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act. This Public Hearing was advertised in Shootin the Breeze on March 12 and 19, 2025, as well as the MD website and MD Social Media pages.

4. Purpose of the Hearing

The purpose of Bylaw No. 1356-25 for the purpose of closing to Public Travel and creating title to and disposing of the following described highways, subject to rights of access granted by other legislation:

PLAN 5510 AL

ALL THAT PORTION OF NANTON STREET FORMING PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK C,
 PLAN _____

CONTAINING 0.381 HECTARES (0.94 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

5. Presentations:

Reeve Rick Lemire asked if there were any presentations, written or verbal, there were none.

6. Closing Comments

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7. Adjournment from Public Hearing

Councillor Dave Cox 25/137

Moved that Council adjourn the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1356-25.

Carried

C. MINUTES

1) Council Committee Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2025

Councillor John MacGarva 25/138

Moved that the minutes of the Council Committee Meeting of March 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

2) Council Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2025

Councillor Dave Cox 25/139

Moved that the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Maycroft Road Delegations

Councillor John MacGarva 25/140

Moved that a letter be sent directly to Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding dust control and increased usage of the Maycroft Road;

AND THAT a letter be sent to the delegations for Maycroft Road stating that the MD has, and will continue, to speak to Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding usage and dust on Maycroft Road;

AND THAT the delegations be informed that should they choose to pay for dust control in front of their residence, the MD would be willing to put that amount of dust control along Maycroft Road;

AND FINALLY THAT the residents' letter include contact information for the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, as well as the Minister of Tourism.

Carried

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS / DIVISIONAL CONCERNS

1. Councillor Tony Bruder – Division 1
 - Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill Association
 - ALUS – Possible workshop hosted by ASB for local producers
2. Reeve Rick Lemire – Division 2
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
3. Councillor Dave Cox – Division 3
 - Pincher Creek & District Chamber AGM
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission
 - Pincher Creek Foundation

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4. Councillor Jim Welsch - Division 4
 - Pincher Creek Foundation
 - Police Advisory Committee
 - Family and Community Support Services
5. Councillor John MacGarva – Division 5
 - Pincher Creek & District Chamber AGM
 - Rural Municipality Association Spring Convention

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/141

Moved to accept the Committee Reports as information.

Carried

G. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Operations

a) Public Works Operations Report

Councillor Dave Cox 25/142

Moved that Council receive the Public Works Operations Report, including Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report, for the period March 2, 2025, to March 15, 2025, as information.

Carried

b) Utilities & Infrastructure Report

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/143

Moved that the Utilities & Infrastructure report for March 6, 2025, through March 12, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

c) Regional Wastewater System Assessments - Final Reports

Councillor John MacGarva 25/144

Moved that the Wastewater System Assessments for Lundbreck, Cowley and Regional Wastewater be received as information.

Carried

d) Community Events Board – Procurement

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/145

Moved that the Community Events Board be received as information.

Carried

2. Finance

3. Development and Community Services

4. Municipal

a) CAO Report

Councillor Dave Cox 25/146

Moved that Council receive for information, the CAO Report for the period March 10, 2025 to March 20, 2025.

Carried

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b) Corporate Policy C-CO-005 Municipal Boards, Committees and Appointments

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/147

Moved that Corporate Policy C-CO-005 Municipal Boards, Committees and Appointments, be approved as presented.

Carried

c) Corporate Policy C-CO-007 Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award Committee

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/148

Moved that Corporate Policy C-CO-007 Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award Committee, be approved as presented;

AND THAT Michelle Spencer be appointed as the MD Community Member at Large to the Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award Committee.

Carried

d) Corporate Policy C-CO-006 Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award

Councillor Dave Cox 25/149

Moved that Corporate Policy C-CO-006 Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award, be approved as amended;

And that the \$ 1,500 from Grants to Groups and Organizations be included in the 2025 budget for the Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award, with future funds to be allocated accordingly.

Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Action

a) FCM Registration - Conference May 28 to June 1, 2025

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/150

Moved to FCM Registration - Conference May 28 to June 1, 2025, be received as information.

Carried

b) Pincher Creek Dolphins Swim Club - Request for Support

Councillor John MacGarva 25/151

Moved that the MD support the Pincher Creek Dolphin Swim Club with a Bronze Sponsorship for \$300;

AND THAT the amount come from Grants to Groups and Organizations;

AND FINALLY THAT the Pincher Creek Dolphins be suggested to apply to the Joint Council Grant Committee.

Carried

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c) Invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Councillor Dave Cox 25/152

Moved that Council attend, and assist with the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 30, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Carried

B. For Information

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/153

Moved that the following be received as information:

- a) 2024 Annual Audit of MD of Pincher Creek No. 9
 - Audit performed by Avail
- b) Pincher Creek and District Municipal Library
 - Annual Report 2024 Infographic
- c) Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
 - Minutes February 5, 2025
- d) Bulletin March 2025
 - Summary of Questions from Alberta Policing Legislation Information Sessions
- e) Recap from RCMP Virtual Sessions in December 2024
- f) 2025 Wildfire Reporting Tool
 - Letter from Alberta Forestry and Parks

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/154

Moved that Council move into closed session to discuss the following, the time being 4:43 pm.

- a) Cowley Water Facilities – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- b) Road Closure and Realignment Request – FOIP Sec. 24.1
- c) Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission Reserves – FOIP Sec. 16.1
- d) Firehall Renovations – FOIP Sec. 16.1
- e) Council Relationships – FOIP Sec. 21.1

Councillor Jim Welsch 25/155

Moved that Council move out of closed session, the time being 5:50 pm.

Carried

a) Cowley Water Facilities

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/156

Moved that the proposed letter be sent to the Village of Cowley with regards to their Water Facilities.

Carried

b) Road Closure and Realignment Request

Councillor Tony Bruder 25/157

Moved that administration proceed with the closure and consolidation of Road Plan 2151 AZ and the registration of a new road plan within SW 27-04-30 W4M.

Carried

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c) Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission Reserves

Councillor Dave Cox 25/158

Moved that a letter be sent to the Town of Pincher Creek to confirm the MD's understanding that contributions to Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commissions capital reserves shall be split 50/50.

Carried

Councillor Dave Cox 25/159

Moved that a letter be sent to the Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission to request they amend their Bylaws to reflect the 50/50 funding for capital reserves.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Dave Cox 25/160

Moved that Council adjourn the meeting, the time being 5:52 pm.

Carried

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MD of Pincher Creek
Utility Open House
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Lundbreck Hall

Approximately 19 residents from Hamlets, Village of Cowley and MD. Village of Cowley Mayor and CAO.

MD: Reeve Rick Lemire, Deputy Reeve Tony Bruder, and Councillors Dave Cox, John MacGarva and Jim Welsch. Staff: CAO Roland Milligan, Utilities & Infrastructure Manager David Desabrais, Development Officer Laura McKinnon, and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Reeve Lemire welcomed everyone and introduced the Council and staff.

- Update on the water crisis and drought conditions as of 2024 -
 - Disaster recovery funding has been applied for from the MD to cover the cost of water hauling during the crisis but was denied. MD has appealed the decision.
 - MD Council has met and continues to meet with Ministers to assist with funding options.
 - Communication has improved between the Agriculture & Irrigation departments and the MD.
 - Irrigation has allocated more acres, not more water, and irrigation districts volunteered to lower their usage during the water crisis.
 - MD continues to monitor, as we are aware that we could have another dry year; however, it shouldn't be nearly as drastic as last year.
- Water Act -
 - Per Cowley Mayor, The Province has amended the Water Management Act to prioritize domestic water use.
 - A discussion over water licensing in the MD took place.
- Increase in fees concern -
 - The increase in utility rates has nothing to do with the water crisis; it is intended to cover the operational costs of service.
 - Concern was raised over how Lundbreck was previously billed, used to be a flat rate, now is on a metered rate.
 - Concern was raised, stating that 33% of Lundbreck is on a fixed income.
 - Utility costs only cover 40% of the cost to the MD.
 - If the MD raises rates over the next 4 years, Hamlet residents would only be covering 70% of the cost to the MD.
 - Currently, all residents pay for services they do not receive, as the shortfall in operational costs is paid through taxes. Other residents, not on municipal services, have costs associated with water and sewer.
 - Concern over the lack of budgeting years ago to cover the costs.
 - If residents provide their own water, they shouldn't be paying for others to have water.
- Firehall having free water/septic dump -
 - Pincher Creek Emergency Services pays for that water through a meter. Annual costs are less than 0.25% of Lundbreck usage..
 - Not cost-effective to install a coin machine; it would take more than 10 years for the installation costs to be covered.
 - MD may look into removing the water hose and septic dump station.
- Why would Castle Mountains increase only by 25%, but the other areas are much higher?

- Castle Mountain's growth is capped at 225 homes; they are almost at capacity.
 - Castle owns and repairs their water distribution infrastructure, not the MD's.
 - Castle is billed on consumption and base rate.
 - Castle's base rate is currently \$30,000/yr., compared with \$12,000 for Beaver Mines (at full buildout). It makes sense for these to be closer together, although the MD is open to feedback
 - Comment was made that Castle Mountain shouldn't increase and should stay a static \$5k.
- Garbage –
 - Rates are increasing \$2.50 per 2 months.
 - Can residents opt out of getting garbage pickup, its not worth the increase.
 - There isn't an option for this.
 - Is it possible to set up a community bin instead of individual pickup?
 - Is it possible to get pickup every second week instead of weekly?
 - Concern about the small bin at the Community Hall being used by other people, the suggestion was made to put a lock on the bin.
 - Lundbreck Falls residents told by someone they can dump at Community hall
- Beaver Mines
 - Would the use of solar panels help offset the costs for electricity?
 - MD will look into options.
- Home water conservation items should be available through the MD (for example, rain barrels, low-flow showerheads)
 - MD could provide a list of where to purchase but isn't going to provide the items.
 - Education is key in water conservation.
- Patton Park –
 - MD shouldn't be watering it. No one uses it.
 - School kids use the park quite often.
 - A separate water license is in place for the park, which uses raw water until the aquifer dries up (typically August).
 - Experienced a break in, fixed now, and should be operational this season
 - Gophers are an issue.
- Why are we entertaining a coal mine when we have water issues?
 - The MD isn't entertaining a coal mine and has stood up to voice concerns over water quality and availability.



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Waterton Lakes at a glance, 2025

Parks Canada Agency



2025 update

- Overview
- Visitation
- Visitor use management
- Water recreation updates
- Future engagement



Our Mandate



On behalf of the people of Canada, we protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage, and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure the ecological and commemorative integrity of these places for present and future generations.





Waterton Lakes / Bar U facts



1 national park
3 national historic sites



over **500 thousand**
visitors/year



153 full-time equivalents
and **51** students
in peak season (2024)



\$467.4 million
asset portfolio



1932: Int'l peace park
1979: Biosphere reserve
1995: World Heritage Site
2021: Int'l Dark Sky Park



9 first nations and
1 métis organisation



200 leases
or licenses

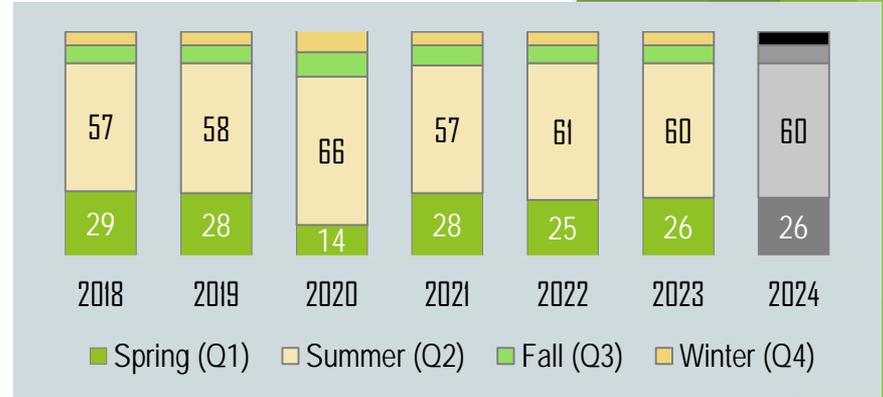
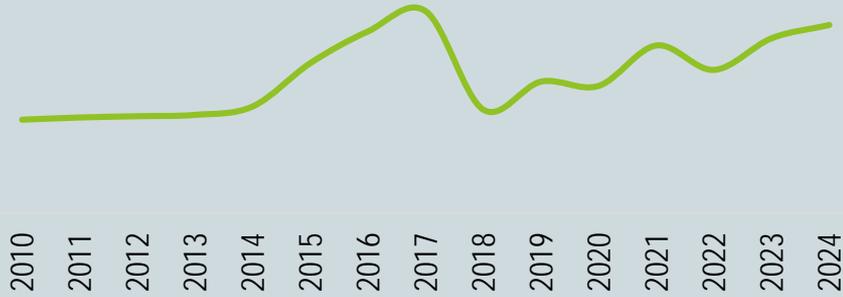


479 heritage and
contemporary assets



Visitation – trends and seasonality

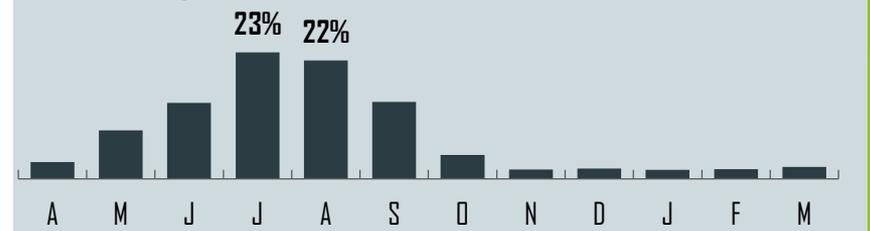
Visitation Trend



Visitors (thousand)

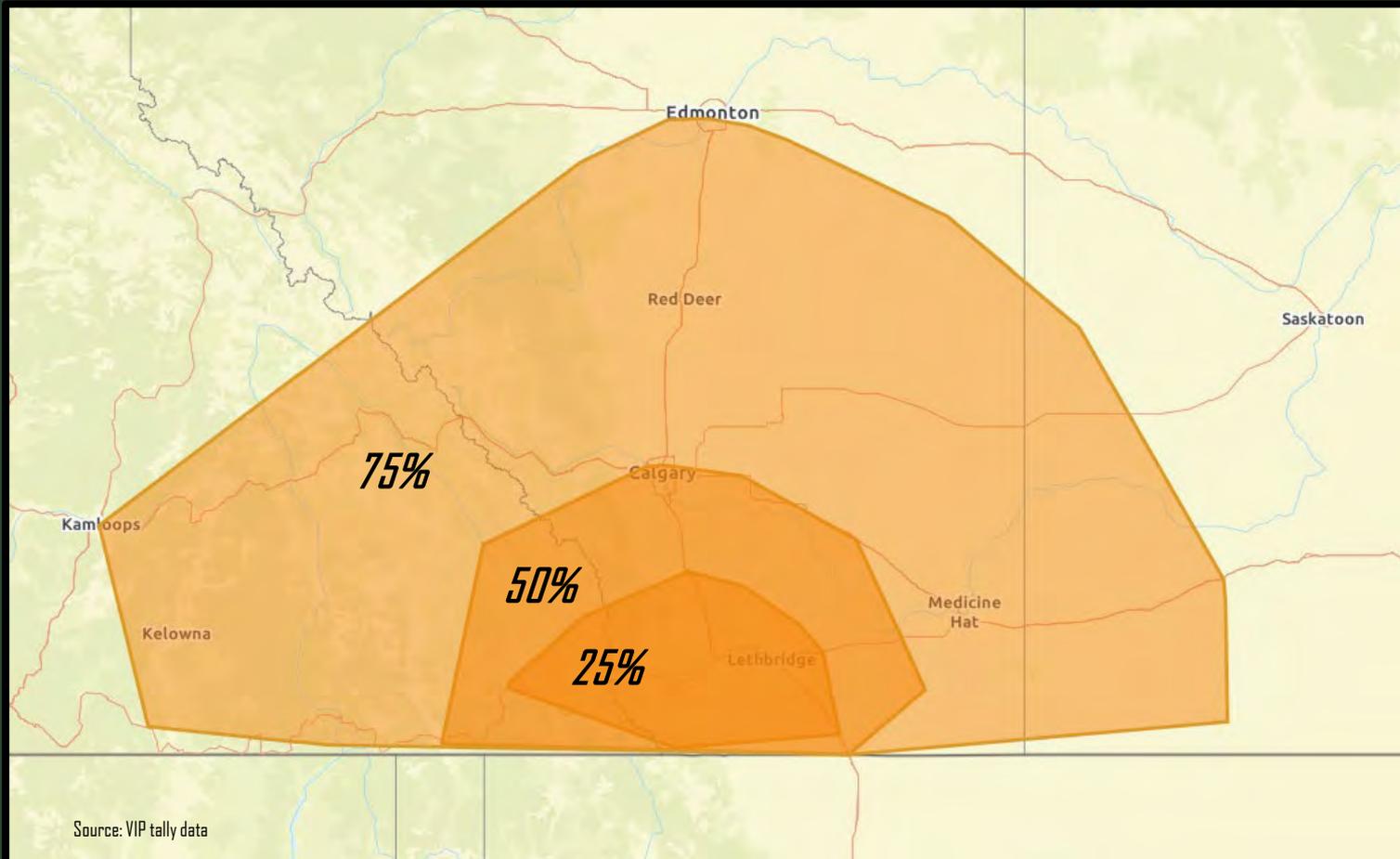


Seasonality





Market draw





Annual visitation

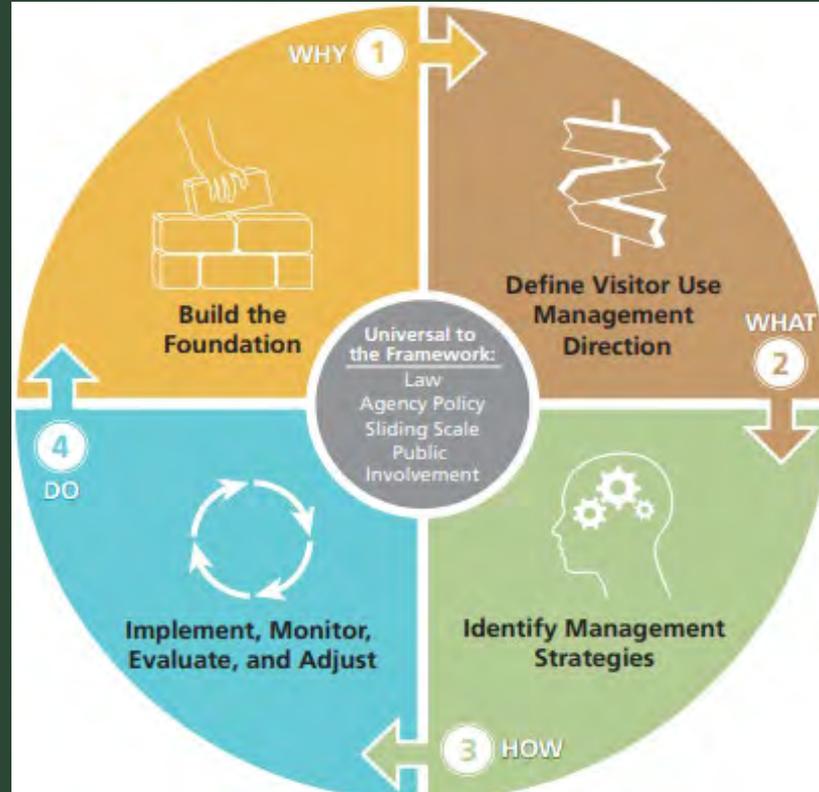
Year	Visitation
2024	547,585
2023	522,057
2022	481,563
2021	525,749
2020	453,465 (pandemic)
2017	578,137 (free entry)





Visitor Use Management Framework

A Guide to Providing Sustainable Outdoor Recreation



Water recreation updates for 2025

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the right side of the page, creating a modern, layered effect.

Aquatics program: 2024 in review



Positives

- ▶ 139% increase in self-inspection participation
- ▶ Compliance up ~20% year over year
- ▶ No new AIS detections

Negatives

- ▶ Whirling disease found nearly all wild fish samples in the Belly River
- ▶ Decrease in water recreation activities – 65% less boats on the lake

Compliance/enforcement

- ▶ Compliance estimated at 77%
- ▶ 5 charges, 58 warnings and 12 instances where education prevented an offence



“Parks Canada staff found hundreds of live juvenile zebra mussels attached to docks and infrastructure near the east end of Clear Lake. This indicated that zebra mussels are not isolated to the Boat Cove area of the lake. Parks Canada has determined that eradicating zebra mussels from Clear Lake in Riding Mountain National Park is not feasible.”





Table 1: Annual Cost of Invasive Mussel Species to Alberta

Impact category	Annual cost
Power generation	\$5,938,487
Drinking water systems	\$20,839,921
Boat maintenance	\$390,600
Recreational fishing	\$21,830,892
Water management structures	\$8,841,373
Water diversion intakes	\$3,910,000
Property value	\$13,789,500
Non-use	No quantified at this time
Total	\$75,540,773



2025 regulation updates

- **Nonmotorized watercraft:** No changes. Outside boats prohibited from launching.
- **Gear/water toys:** No changes. Clean, drain, dry, certify.
- **Powerboating:** No changes. 90-day quarantine in effect.
- **Angling:** Access restored to Cameron Creek, Waterton River. Belly River remains closed
- AIS Ambassador volunteering, seasonal permit program, will continue in 2025



Moving forward

- Continued compliance monitoring and visitor education
- Exploring common solutions with other NPs
- Seeking ideas from partners, stakeholders and public on how to proceed in future years.
 - Mitigates risk, sustainable long-term
- Identifying parameters to aid in development of potential options to meet Parks Canada's requirements.

Engagement opportunities

- Currently exploring annual cycle of engagement with stakeholders, interested parties etc.
- Open houses, park forum, etc.

How would you like to stay
in touch going forward?



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Thank you.

Questions?



Re: Thank You & Upcoming Engagement on Water Recreation in Waterton Lakes

From Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Date Fri 2025-03-28 8:17 AM

To DirecteurWaterton-WatertonSuperintendent (PC) <directeurwaterton-watertonsuperintendent@pc.gc.ca>; Rick Lemire <CouncilDiv2@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Thank you Carmen,

I will include this update in the next Council package, making it publicly available. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there's anything you'd like shared on social media.

Jessica McClelland

Executive Assistant

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From: DirecteurWaterton-WatertonSuperintendent (PC) <directeurwaterton-watertonsuperintendent@pc.gc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:01 PM

To: Rick Lemire <CouncilDiv2@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Cc: Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpinchercreek.ab.ca>

Subject: Thank You & Upcoming Engagement on Water Recreation in Waterton Lakes

Hello Reeve Lemire,

I would like to once again thank you for hosting us at your council meeting this week. The insights you shared during our time together are invaluable and will be important in my considerations moving forward. Above all, building and maintaining a strong relationship with your municipality remains a priority for me, and I'm committed to ensuring our work continues to reflect the broader regional landscape.

As part of that commitment, I will ensure that we provide annual updates in a similar manner and offer additional opportunities for connection throughout the year. I'm also exploring options for other forums that will allow us to share information, raise awareness, and—most importantly—build trust and strengthen relationships.

A key takeaway from our meeting was the feedback regarding water recreation in Waterton Lakes. I want to acknowledge how deeply important this issue is to the local community, as well as to our neighbors and friends. While we had limited time to discuss the topic this week, I want to remind you of the upcoming engagement sessions specifically focused on this matter. These sessions will provide a more detailed platform for questions, concerns, and a productive discussion about the direction we are taking in the coming months.

We will be hosting two opportunities to connect on this topic. Each meeting will begin with a presentation from Parks Canada (similar to the information shared this week) followed by a question-and-answer session with park management. The details are as follows:

- **Monday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m.**

Both meetings will follow the same agenda; we're providing two opportunities to accommodate varying schedules. If you or any members of your community are interested in attending, please contact us at watertoncommunications@pc.gc.ca for the meeting details and to be added to a distribution list for future meetings and additional program information.

Details on restrictions can be found here: [Information Bulletin – Water recreation access updates for 2025](#)

Lastly, I would like to confirm our primary point of contact with your organization for future communications. We will continue to send all council correspondence to Jessica McClelland, but please let us know if you would prefer it to be directed to someone else or if you would like additional contacts copied.

Thank you again for your time and collaboration. I look forward to continuing our partnership and working together toward positive outcomes for the community.

Warm regards,

Carmen Hancock
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WBRA CARNIVORES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM DEADSTOCK REMOVAL 2024

LOCATION	DATES	\$ SPENT in 2024 on Deadstock	# HEAD	\$/HEAD	\$ Bin Maintenance WBRA	\$ Spent in 2024 Total	# PRODUCERS	\$ Jan/01/24	\$ GRANTED 2024	\$ LEFT Dec/31/24	In Kind Hours by Municipalities
Cardston County	Jan/01/2024 - Dec/31/2024	\$17,897.60	155	\$115.47	\$0.00	\$17,897.60	20	\$4,099.40	\$25,000.00	\$11,201.80	25
M.D. of Pincher Creek	Jan/01/2024 - Dec/31/2024	\$29,529.25	260	\$113.57		\$29,529.25	62	-\$3,701.81	\$40,000.00	\$6,768.94	50
M.D. of Willow Creek	Jan/01/2024 - Dec/31/2024	\$1,891.00	12	\$157.58		\$1,891.00	6	\$3,808.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,917.00	10
M.D. of Ranchland	Jan/01/2024 - Dec/31/2024	\$3,121.20	17	\$183.60		\$3,121.20	6	\$852.40	\$6,000.00	\$3,731.20	10
Total	Jan/01/2024 - Dec/31/2024	\$52,439.05	444	\$118.11	\$0.00	\$52,439.05	94	\$5,057.99	\$76,000.00	\$28,618.94	95

*These figures only represent WBRA contribution, each municipality also contributed through administration etc., partly indicated in In Kind Hours.

*Overall, this year saw a dramatic decrease in the number of head picked up (216 less than last year), and total deadstock program cost (\$29,539.05 less than last year's all time high). This was the 2nd lowest year for number of head picked up (2014 was the highest at 868) and was the 5th lowest cost year. Producer participation fell by 11 from last year and is at the lower end of the long term range of between 87 and 111 producers. Yearly fluctuation in costs and the number of carcasses picked up has been normal, but this year seems to be somewhat of an anomaly. It may be that death loss was less than usual in 2024. Some producers have also been pursuing on farm composting. Whether this is a trend, or just a lower use year remains to be seen. We will continue to promote deadstock management as a way to decrease large carnivore conflict. Spending less on deadstock management is not necessarily a bad thing, so long as large carnivore conflicts do not increase, particularly in association with deadstock on farms and ranches.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM

YOU!



LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION IS A SERIOUS CONCERN AMONG ALBERTA PRODUCERS

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR SURVEY



SURVEY INFORMATION:

The survey will establish baseline data on livestock

- ✓ owner perceptions of and satisfaction with Alberta's predator compensation program.
- Your response will help understand which program
- ✓ components are working well and which need improvement.
- If you raise (or have raised in the last 10 years)
- ✓ cattle, sheep, swine, goats and / or bison in southwestern Alberta, we want to hear from you.
- ✓ Scan the QR code or visit the website below to access the survey.



@WatertonBiosphereReserve



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONTACT US AT:

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www.watertonbiosphere.com/compensationsurvey

Project Announcement

Grizzly Dens on Private Property

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Landowners are asked to share their observations with WBR. Staff will arrange follow-up visits during summer months to assess sites, and with permission install remote cameras on the location.

Information gathered will be kept in strictest confidence.

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Re: WBRA March Update

From Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Date Fri 2025-03-28 10:00 AM

To Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Will do.

Jessica McClelland

Executive Assistant

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From: Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:56 AM

To: Jessica McClelland <AdminExecAsst@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Subject: Fw: WBRA March Update

Please add to next agenda for information

Thank you

Tony

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From: Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association <info@watertonbiosphere.com>

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:04 AM

To: Tony Bruder <CouncilDiv1@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>

Subject: WBRA March Update

Friday, March 28, 2025



What's new with WBRA



LONGER DAYS - On a sunny evening, elk travel on a ridgetop south of Pincher Creek. (Photo: A. Morehouse, WBR)

Predator Compensation Survey



A grizzly bear and cubs feed on a livestock carcass (Photo: Todd Shaw trail camera)

Are you a livestock owner that has experienced carnivore predation of your livestock? **If yes, we want to hear from you!**

We are launching a survey about large carnivore predation of livestock. The purpose of the survey is to establish baseline data on livestock owner perceptions of, and satisfaction with, [Alberta's Wildlife Predator Compensation Program](#). Your response will help make an important contribution to understanding which components of the program are working well and which components would benefit from improvement. The more responses we collect, the greater our understanding will be. If changes to the predator compensation program were to occur in the future, we would like to repeat this survey to evaluate if / how responses change.

This survey is for individuals that raise (or have raised within the last 10 years) any livestock species eligible for compensation under Alberta's Wildlife Predator Compensation Program (cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and / or bison).

Complete the survey by clicking [HERE](#).

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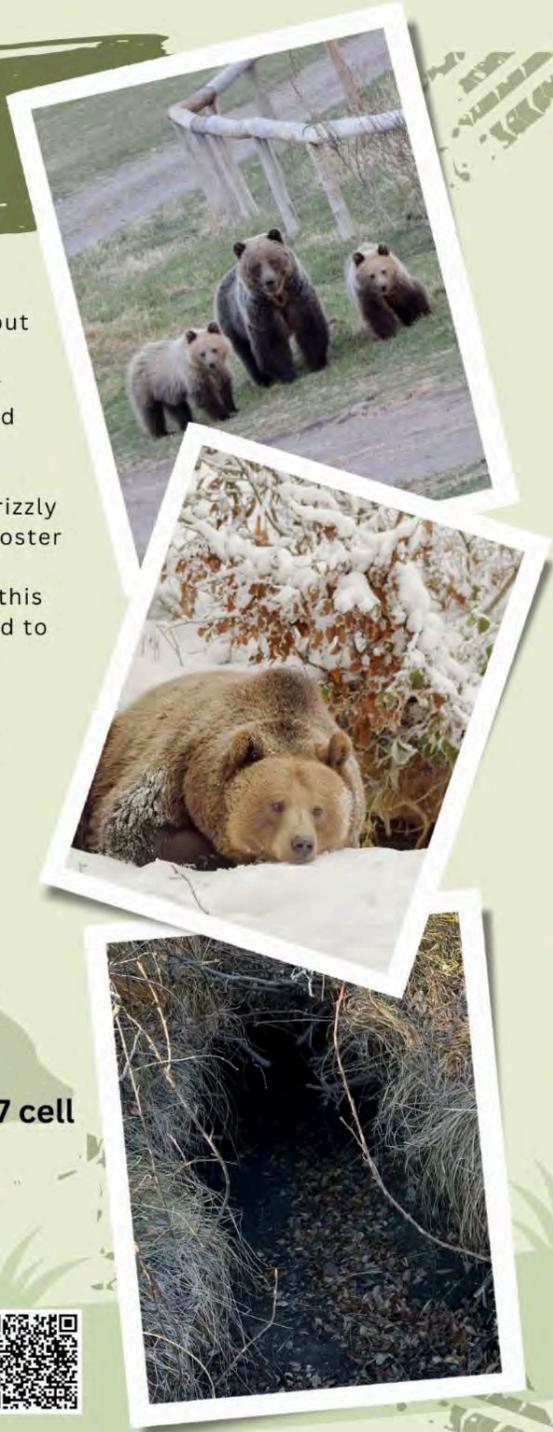
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The Waterton Biosphere Region's Carnivores And Communities Program (CACP) is undertaking an interesting project this year related to grizzly bear den sites on private land.

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If you suspect you have a bear den on your property, please email Jeff Bectell at jbectell@watertonbiosphere.com or Andrea Morehouse at

PINCHER CREEK
DAY *on the*
CREEK

May 15, 2025

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Join
Our
Team!

Help us deliver a unique outdoor learning experience for students and the public!

Contact Nora by April 15th at 403-627-1473 or nmanners@watertonbiosphere.com

INFO: <https://www.watertonbiosphere.com/projects/day-on-the-creek/>

Organization and planning for Day on the Creek 2025 is well under way. The Day on the Creek planning team is currently looking for volunteers to support this valuable experiential learning opportunity. Volunteers may be working directly with students and their teachers or supporting presenters and site coordinators throughout the day.

To volunteer, contact Nora at nmanners@watertonbiosphere.com or 403-627-1473, **by April 15th**.

To find out more about the event, click [HERE](#).

Still Time to Join Our WBR WilderBlitz Spring 2025



A pair of trumpeter swans make a pit-stop on this small pond near Lundbreck to rest and refuel before they continue on their spring migration. (Photo: Stephen B. Brown)

The WBR WilderBlitz Spring 2025 is in full swing, but there's still time to get outside this weekend and explore the wild-er world around you!

Now through March 31, snap photos or record audio of any wildlife you encounter and upload it to our iNaturalist project—whether it's an animal, plant, fungi, or even a sign of life like tracks or scat.

Observations can come from anywhere in Waterton Biosphere Region—along a road, in a park or protected area, or even in your own backyard. No sighting is too small to matter.

By participating, you'll contribute to local biodiversity science and get a chance to win WBR prizes.

Find out how to join the fun on our bioblitz webpage [HERE](#).

So far, participants have recorded 74 unique species — who (or what) will you discover next?



Bears are beginning to emerge from hibernation. Males will emerge first, while females with cubs are the last to exit their dens. The Waterton Biosphere Region would like to remind area residents to exercise appropriate bear safety practices such as carrying bear spray (check the expiration date!), making noise, and travelling in groups.

Now is also the time to start thinking about attractant management projects such as electric fencing, bear-resistant grain bins, and deadstock management.

For more information about the Carnivores and Communities Program, click [HERE](#)

(Photo: Getty Images)

Recommendation to Council

G1a

TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT	
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PREPARED BY: Alan McRae	DATE: April 1, 2025
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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Schedule A – Shop/Fleet Report
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APPROVALS:

 PW MANAGER	<i>April 1, 2025</i> DATE	 CAO	<i>2025/04/03</i> DATE
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RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council accept the Public Works Department Report for the period of March 16th to March 30th as information.
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Divisional maintenance- Snow removal and grading Permanent fence repair, replacement in Div. 1 Temporary snow fence removal Brushing/Hand slashing in Div. 1 T-rail cage manufacturing Haul water to AES buildings Road tour-culvert issues to be looked at in 2025/26 Sign maintenance- divisional and hamlet of Lundbreck
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<u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</u> None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT SCHEDULE "A"

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONAL REPORT



PREPARED BY: ALAN MCRAE

DATE: April 1, 2025

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

SHOP/FLEET OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

Graders

- Unit #57- Blower motor trouble shoot and repair
- Unit #59- T/S electrical issue (injector codes), R/R transmission oil line
- Unit #61- Maintenance list fixes
- Unit #62- Remove dozer blade, remove MRF module
- Unit #63- Remove dozer blade, fix hose, remove MRF module

Heavy Trucks/Trailers/Equipment

- Unit #9 (Wobbly)- Preseason inspection, re-bearing packer wheels and repair broken wheel hun
- Unit #16 (Grid roller)- air leak fix
- Unit #41 (Tractor)-Boost
- Unit #420 (Tandem tractor)- R&R windshield, exhaust flex pipe repair
- Unit #421 (Plow)- Beacon light install, service
- Unit #431 (Water truck)- T/S engine light

Light Duty and Light Trailers

- Unit #510 (1/2 ton)- Service and replaced rear brake pads and wear sensors
- Unit # 669 (AES ¾ Ton)- Seasonal inspection and service, exhaust leak fix

EVENTS

- None

Recommendation to Council

G1b

TITLE: POLICY C-PW-009 DUST CONTROL- SCHEDULE "A"		
PREPARED BY: Alan McRae	DATE: April 1, 2025	
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS		
ATTACHMENTS: 1. Schedule A (2024) 2. Schedule A (2025) 3. Policy C-PW-009 Dust Control.		
APPROVALS:		
 PW MANAGER	<i>April 1, 2025</i> DATE	 CAO
		<i>2025/04/03</i> DATE

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council review and approve Policy C-PW-009 and Schedule "A" 2025 as presented.

BACKGROUND:

Annually, Council reviews and updates Policy C-PW-009-Dust Control and Schedule "A" to guide the Public Works department for the upcoming dust control season. Schedule "A" outlines Councils requests for dust control applications on roads deemed necessary by Council. These locations are approved annually by Council for various reasons including; high traffic areas, locations that are prone to washboard, re-gravel truck routes, and for other considerations. Revisions from 2024 Schedule "A" are highlighted in red writing.

The RFP for the supply of product was posted to APC on April 1 and closes on April 21st, it's not known at this time which product will be used. It will be a Calcium product with or without Magnesium Hydroxide derivatives. This report is coming to council early this year as I have a plan to start the dust control program earlier than previous years to allow residents additional benefit from the dust control.

Recommendation to Council

Placement of product will be completed by the supplier applying the product with the assistance of our divisional grader operators, water truck and compaction equipment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The 2025 budget for Schedule "A" is \$300,000.

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-PW-009

TITLE: DUST CONTROL

Approved by Council

Date: February 22, 2011

Revised by Council

Date: June 26, 2018

Revised by Council

Date: May 14, 2019

Revised by Council

Date: May 26, 2020

Revised by Council

Date: November 24, 2020

Revised by Council

Date: February 27, 2024

PURPOSE OF POLICY

To identify areas in which approved dust control suppressants be applied on Municipal District (MD) controlled roadways in ongoing efforts to ensure public safety, quality of life, and to realize road maintenance cost reductions.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The intent of this policy is to ensure appropriate usage and maintenance of MD roadways. The dust control program is an applied surface treatment for roadway sections that have been requested by ratepayers. Application will be during the spring or summer months, weather permitting and scheduled in accordance with local gravelling to maximize the effectiveness of the dust control agent.
2. The MD does not guarantee that the dust control product will be effective in eliminating dust but only to control it. Dust control locations will be maintained at the MD's sole discretion. The drivability and the safety of the road is the MD's top priority, and the MD reserves the right to grade any sections of dust control product applied during normal grading operations. The maintenance will be deemed necessary for road conditions that may present a risk to general traffic using said roadway.
3. Residents requesting dust control services shall be charged a fee, as per MD policy C-FIN-529, Fees and Charges, each time the dust control product is applied on the road. Cost adjustments to the subsidized dust control rate shall be estimated by the Public Works Manager or designate yearly in March and amended through Council resolution in the MD policy C-FIN-529, Fees and Charges.
4. The minimum treatment area length will be 100m adjacent to the residents/applicants property. Approximate typical spray width will match the existing road width to a maximum width of 8 metres.
5. Refunds will not be issued in the event that the dust control application is deferred due to road construction, delay in delivery of product, weather conditions, equipment breakdowns or any other circumstance that may postpone application. On MD road construction projects where the road surface has been disturbed and surface gravel has been placed, adjacent landowners will receive a one-time application in the year of construction.
6. The MD hires contractors to spray chloride base products at their respective rate (litres/sq. m.). When Lignosulfonate is the dust control product requested, the MD will apply the product with MD staff and equipment.

7. No person shall apply any product, whether it be for dust control purposes or other purposes, to roads in the MD without the approval of the Public Works Manager or designate.

APPLICATION PROCESS

8. An advertisement shall appear in the local newspaper, posted to the MD website and social media each year, prior to the onset of the dust control program, advising ratepayers of application deadlines and program costs. The deadline for applications shall be set to the 1st of May of each calendar year or the first Monday thereafter.
9. The MD shall enter into an agreement with the Applicant prior to any application of dust control. Payment of full amount shall be required by the Applicant(s) prior to commencement of work.

CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE

10. The MD will not apply dust suppression product to private property and will only apply dust suppression product for corporate entities with Council approval.
11. Companies having a road use agreement will be required to control dust with water as and when required. The Public Works Superintendent will monitor their activities and dust levels.
12. Dust suppression on roads using water only is at the discretion of the Public Works Manager.
13. The primary dust control suppressants of the MD will be Lignosulfonate, MG 30 (magnesium), and Calcium Chloride. All dust abatement products will meet the approved requirements of the Alberta Transportations highway maintenance specifications.
14. Testing of new dust suppressant and/or aggregate stabilization products will be conducted annually to determine if they provide a more durable surface, or are more cost effective.
15. Public Works will apply dust control to the roads as outlined in Schedule "A" to Policy C-PW-009 as approved by Council annually prior to doing the MD's roads.
16. Prior to residential dust control being applied, the resident must fill out and sign an agreement to purchase materials or services form.



Dave Cox
Reeve



Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer



2025 - Schedule A

W.O.#	Description/Road Name	Location	Km's	Div
CA01	Burmis Mountain Hill	7-7-2-W5	0.50	5
CA02	Castle River Rodeo Grounds	27-6-2-W5	1.40	3
CA03	Catonio Road Hill	24-7-2-W5	0.30	5
CA04	Christy Mines Road	5513 RR 1-1 South to the bridge at Pincher Creek Ranches Twp Rd 6-4	2.50	3
CA05	Crook Road on hill (to prevent washboards)	East from Hwy 6	0.50	2
CA06	Gerald Lewis	NW 32-7-29-W4	0.10	4
CA07	Glen Road	Entire Road	2.10	5
CA08	Hochstein Hill	26-5-29-W4	1.00	2
CA09	South Landfill Road	SW 5-7-1-W5 - Intersection & Elizabeth Evans	0.50	3
CA10	South Landfill Road	SW 3-7-1-W5 - Residents	0.50	3
CA11	South Landfill Road	SW 8-7-1-W5 - Gun Club	0.50	3
CA12	Sanderman (Subdivision traffic)	SW 6-8-29-W4 north of Hwy 510	1.50	4
CA13	Kerr Road Hass	West of Hwy6	0.20	1
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CA26	Twp Rd 8-2 West of Hwy 785	NE12-8-29-4	0.20	4
CA27	RR 29-1 North of Hwy 785	SW25-7-29-4	0.30	4
CA28	Snake Trail North Hwy 510	SW2-8-1-5	0.20	4
CA29	Lank Bridge Hill	SW16-9-1-5	1.50	4
CA30	Old Airport Road west of Hwy 510	SW4-8-1-5	0.20	4
CA31	Ashvale Hill North of Hwy 510	NE36-7-30-4	0.90	4
CA33	Chapel Rock west of Hwy 22	NE34-8-2-5	0.20	5
CA34	Welsch Rd north of Hwy 510	NW33-7-29-4	0.20	4
CA35	Connelly Rd west of Hwy 22	SE3-8-2-5	0.20	5
CA36	Parker Rd East of Hwy 22	NE10-8-2-5	0.20	5
CA37	Lundbreck East Street	SE26-7-2-W5	0.40	5
CA38	Bruder Hill North and South	W14-4-29-4	1.50	1
CA39	Twin Butte Rd east of Hwy 6	SW4-4-29-4	0.20	1
CA40	Alberta Ranch Rd west of Hwy 6	NE23-5-30-4	0.20	2
CA41	Jenkins Rd south of Hwy 507	NW35-5-28-4	0.20	2
CA42	Wood Avenue South of 3A to Reservoir	Lundbreck water tower	0.45	5
CA43	Canyon Bridge to crest of hill on West to top of hill on East Side	SE24-6-2-W5	0.80	3
CA44	Hucik Hill	SW28-8-1-W5	0.30	4
CA45	McRae Pit - Texas Gate to pit entrance	SW21-6-1-W5	0.70	3
CA46	McCulloch Pit - Hwy 22 to pit entrance	SE34-7-2-W5	0.60	5
CA47	Gladstone - TR6-2 down to Mill Creek Church	NE1-6-2-W5	0.70	3
CA48	Gladstone - Cold mix to top of hill Pass Gladstone creek Bridge	SW23-5-2-W5	0.80	3
CA49	Gladstone - Hagglund Road Hill off Cold Mix	SE22-5-2-W5	0.45	3
CA50	Spread Eagle Road - West Hwy 6	SE29-3-29-W4	0.2	1
CA52	Myers Corner (TWR 4-0)	NW26-3-29-W4M	0.3	1
CA53	Maycroft Road	Public Works - Discretionary	5.0	5
CA54	Town of Pincher Creek (Cost Shared 50%)	Eco Centre (Transfer Station)	0.2	2
CA55	Town of Pincher Creek (Cost Shared 50%)	500m S on East Avenue and 500m SW on Christie Mines	1.0	2
CA56	Fisher Creek Bridge	NW26-7-2-W5	0.4	5
CA57	Zoratti Hill	SE15-6-1-W5	0.5	3
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CA27	RR 29-1 North of Hwy 785	SW25-7-29-4	0.30	4
CA28	Snake Trail North Hwy 510	SW2-8-1-5	0.20	4
CA29	Lank Bridge Hill	SW16-9-1-5	1.50	4
CA30	Old Airport Road west of Hwy 510	SW4-8-1-5	0.20	4
CA31	Ashvale Hill North of Hwy 510	NE36-7-30-4	0.90	4
CA33	Chapel Rock west of Hwy 22	NE34-8-2-5	0.20	5
CA34	Welsch Rd north of Hwy 510	NW33-7-29-4	0.20	4
CA35	Connelly Rd west of Hwy 22	SE3-8-2-5	0.20	5
CA36	Parker Rd East of Hwy 22	NE10-8-2-5	0.20	5
CA37	Lundbreck East Street	SE26-7-2-W5	0.40	5
CA38	Bruder Hill North and South	W14-4-29-4	1.50	1
CA39	Twin Butte Rd east of Hwy 6	SW4-4-29-4	0.20	1
CA40	Alberta Ranch Rd west of Hwy 6	NE23-5-30-4	0.20	2
CA41	Jenkins Rd south of Hwy 507	NW35-5-28-4	0.20	2
CA42	Wood Avenue South of 3A to Reservoir	Lundbreck water tower	0.45	5
CA43	Canyon Bridge to crest of hill on West to top of hill on East Side	SE24-6-2-W5	0.80	3
CA44	Hucik Hill	SW28-8-1-W5	0.30	4
CA45	McRae Pit - Texas Gate to pit entrance	SW21-6-1-W5	0.70	3
CA46	McCulloch Pit - Hwy 22 to pit entrance	SE34-7-2-W5	0.60	5
CA47	Gladstone - TR6-2 down to Mill Creek Church	NE1-6-2-W5	0.70	3
CA48	Gladstone - Cold mix to top of hill Pass Gladstone creek Bridge	SW23-5-2-W5	0.80	3
CA49	Gladstone - Hagglund Road Hill off Cold Mix	SE22-5-2-W5	0.45	3
CA50	Spread Eagle Road - West Hwy 6	SE29-3-29-W4	0.2	1
CA52	Myers Corner (TWR 4-0)	NW26-3-29-W4M	0.2	1
CA53	Maycroft Road	Public Work Discretionary	5.0	5
CA54	Town of Pincher Creek (Cost Shared 50%)	Eco Centre (Transfer Station)	0.2	2
CA55	Town of Pincher Creek (Cost Shared 50%)	outh on East Avenue and 500m Southwest on Christie	1.0	2
CA56	Fisher Creek Bridge	NW26-7-2-W5	0.4	5
CA57	Zoratti Hill	SE15-6-1-W5	0.5	3
CA58	Daigle Lake Community	SW24-5-1-W5	0.5	3

Total	38.00
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Recommendation to Council

TITLE: Amendment to Corporate Policy C-FIN-500 Resale and Materials and Supplies	
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PREPARED BY: Alan McRae	DATE: April 2, 2025
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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Corporate Policy- C-FIN-500 Resale of Materials and Supplies

APPROVALS:

 PW MANAGER	<i>April 2, 2025</i> DATE	 CAO	<i>2025/04/03</i> DATE
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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the amendments to Corporate Policy C-FIN-500 Resale of Materials and Supplies

BACKGROUND:

At the March 25th council meeting Policy C-FIN-500 was discussed. Council agreed that the resale of culverts could be removed from this policy, but that the sale of gravel and pit run would remain for the 2025 season and be at the discretion of the PW Manager or his designate.

Policy C-FIN-500 is being presented with revisions for review and approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
None

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
CORPORATE POLICY

C-FIN-500

TITLE: RESALE OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Approved by Council:

Date: November 9, 2004

Revised by Council:

Date:

CULVERTS

~~Because suppliers in Pincher Creek do not stock culvert, the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 will make available culvert, with the following surcharges:~~

- ~~-1) 25% surcharge for all sales that fit the “M.D. *assisted* qualifications”.~~
- ~~-2) 50% surcharge for all other sales (*retail price*) i.e. private roads, well casings and subcontractors.~~

Assisted Price

~~This price is for culvert through an approach off a M.D. road only, not a private road or drive, and only covers the M.D.’s costs in time and equipment to load and unload the culvert.~~

Retail Price

~~This price is for any other use i.e. the reselling of pipe to a contractor, customer using pipe for well casing, private roads etc. and allows the M.D. to make a small profit for the inconvenience of stocking culvert for resale.~~

GRAVEL SALES TO PRIVATE PARTIES

Since the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 (the M.D.) as a service to its ratepayers, allows individuals to purchase small volumes of gravel; and,
Since the Municipality is receiving an increasing number of requests for gravel; and,
Since, the volume of gravel being provided by the M.D. is significantly reducing its gravel stocks and impacting on the commercial activity of local gravel businesses,
The M.D. Council, therefore, establishes the following policy concerning the sale of municipally owned gravel:

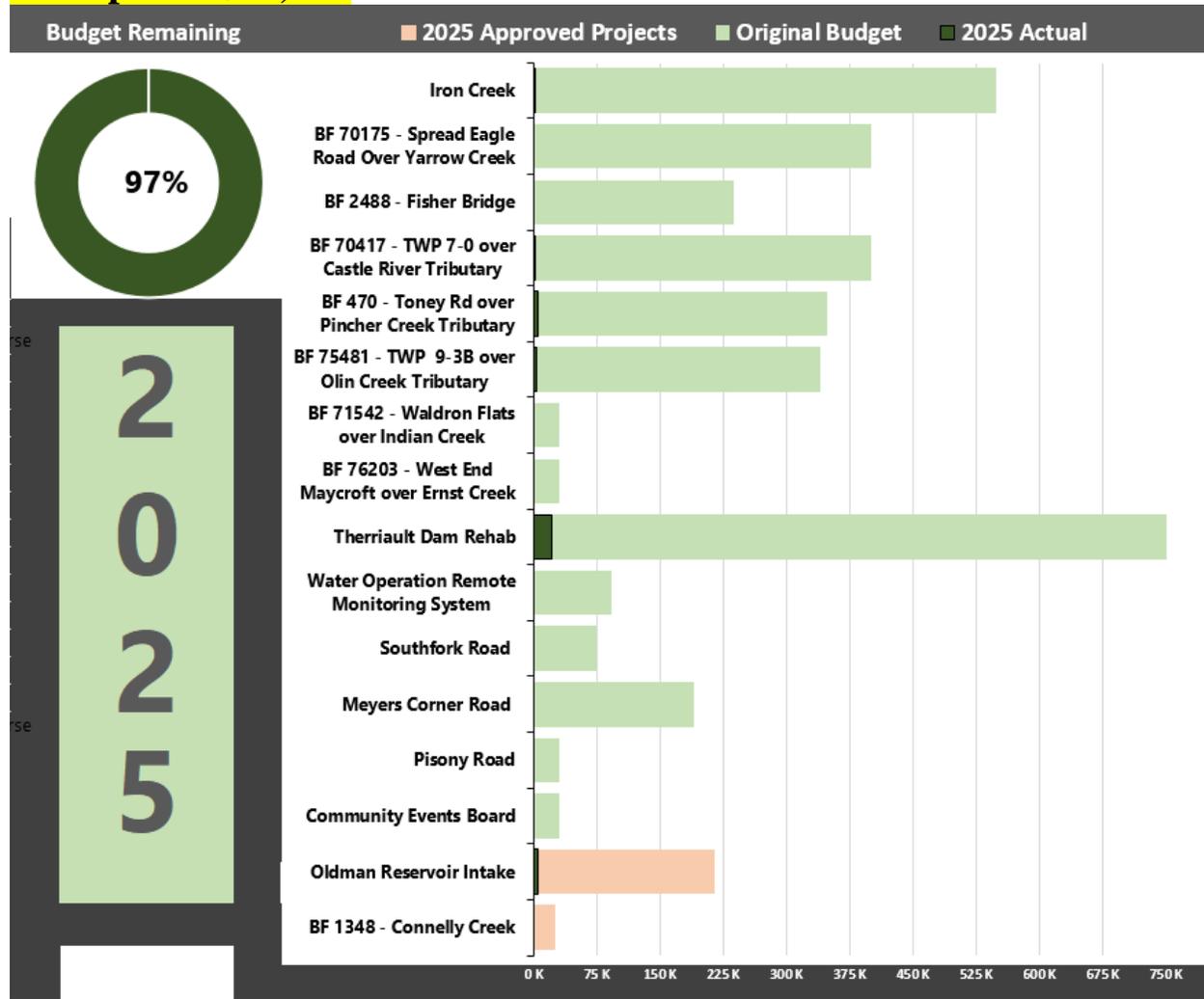
1. Removal of gravel owned by the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 must be authorized by the Public Works Superintendent or his designate, prior to removal. Self removal of gravel owned by the M.D. is strictly prohibited. Loading out of aggregate will only be completed by the Public Works department or contractor approved by the Public Works Superintendent, or his designate.
2. Gravel or pit run may only be purchased by M.D. ratepayers. Gravel or pit run shall be sold at the cost set forth in Corporate Policy C-FIN-529- Fees and Charges. Gravel or pit run shall be sold at M.D. cost, which shall include costs for material, crushing, striping and reclamation, plus 20%.
3. The M.D. shall not sell to commercial or industrial businesses except by Council resolution.
4. Gravel purchased from the M.D. shall be solely for the personal use of a ratepayer and shall only be used upon their land.
5. Gravel purchased from the M.D. shall not be resold, bartered, or in any way used as a form of payment to third parties.
6. For gravel purchases of more than sixty (60) cubic yards, the Public Works Superintendent, or his designate, may insure that a gravel checker is on site to record the removal of gravel.
7. Any costs incurred by the Municipality for the loading of gravel, hauling of gravel, or administrative costs associated with recording the removal of gravel, shall be charged to the ratepayer. on a cost plus 20% basis of which these costs shall be over and above the price paid for the gravel.
8. Costs incurred subject to Point 5 and Point 6 above shall be invoiced directly to the ratepayer.
9. The Public Works Superintendent, or his designate, is authorized to limit quantities, sell from another pit, or refuse the sale of gravel if in his/her opinion the gravel quantities are inadequate to meet municipal needs, present or anticipated.
10. The Public Works Superintendent, or his designate, is authorized to impose such conditions as may be required to insure the proper management of municipally owned crushed gravel or municipally acquired gravel reserves on private lands.
11. The Public Works Superintendent, or his designate, is authorized to impose such conditions as may be required to insure the proper administration of this policy.
12. Any person removing M.D. owned gravel without authorization from the Public Works Superintendent or his designate may be prosecuted.



M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

General Projects Budget Update

2025 Approved Budget: \$3,847,000. Mar. 31st Spend: \$38,232 Mar. 18th Spend: \$17,290



Large Ongoing Projects (Pre-2025 Construction Start)

- **Beaver Mines Water Distribution, Collection System**
 - Construction complete. Awaiting rainstopper installation in a few manholes (warranty)
- **Beaver Mines Waste Facility/System**
 - Final turnover package received, GIS information received Jan 20th
- **Beaver Mines Forcemain & Lift Station**
 - Awaiting minor changes to Record drawings
- **Oldman Reservoir Water Intake Low Level Project**
 - \$1.68M grant application finalized Jan 30th, 2024

- Approval received for \$1.8M project, covering up to 75% of costs
 - DFPP (Drought and Flood Protection Program) grant application approval received Aug. 6th to assist with topping up Capital Project and cover 70% of costs for a Drought Projects Assessment
 - One of two (2) new VFD installs went well. Manufacturer issue with the other
 - Manufacturer (Spartan Controls) tech site visit occurred Jan 16th
 - Additional site visit with manufacturer complete Feb 5th, anticipate install near end of April based on manufacturer correspondence
- **Bridge File 2488 – Fisher Bridge, NW-26-07-02-W5M**
 - Scour identified under existing abutment. Costed plan included for 2025 budget
 - DFO, Historical Resources, Public Lands Disposition submitted
 - DFO response received Sep 3rd with additional questions on work. Additional response received Nov. 29th indicating DFO is experiencing delays and directing MD to begin work on SARA permit
 - SARA permit submitted Dec. 19th. SARA permit formally requested Jan 9th, previous submission reiterated. DFO confirmed receipt Feb 7th, indicating response by May 7th
 - Public Lands Disposition received Oct 3rd
 - **Wind-blow hazard signs to be repaired under warranty**
- **Watercourse Crossing Inspection & Remediation Project – 100% Grant funded**
 - Funding agreement signed Mar. 28th, 2023 for \$1.55M
 - **Extension received to March 31st, 2027**
 - Discussion had with funder regarding alternate uses for remaining \$600,000 in funds already awarded under the program
 - Funder confirmed awarding preliminary engineering is acceptable on BF 1348 Connelly Creek
- **WCR #2: S. Todd Creek Trib. under Chapel Rock Road, SE-23-009-03 W5M**
 - 100% grant funded
 - Work complete
 - Reassessment of road leveling required in Spring once thawed

Large Projects Planned for 2025 Implementation

Water Operations Remote Monitoring System Migration – 2025

SCADA System Migration to VTScada. Includes replacement of main desktop at WTP, full migration programming and HMIs (Human Machine Interfaces), and licensing software

- Awarded Jan 22nd. Desktop computer arrived. Updated and delivered to MPE
- Kickoff meeting complete Feb 5th, anticipate on-site commissioning in June

Meyers Corner Road Culvert Replacement

Replace failed 900mm culvert via boring method

- Sizing and aquatic assessment complete by Roseke in 2024. Design complete for a bored 1.37m x 35m Smooth Walled Welded Pipe
 - Geotechnical work complete, confirmed mostly clay (suitable for drilling)
 - Survey and conceptual design drawing complete
 - Contractor has confirmed unit pricing still stands. However, design length is 10m longer than original quote, increasing boring cost about \$35,000
- Proceeding with ROW acquisition. Revised direction underway based on legal advice for land acquisitions. Will require:
 - Public Works ROW (outside bed + banks), + Provincial Roadway Reservation/Road Plan (bed and banks portion)
 - IOP Reviewed, with land agents for next steps

Community Events Board, Admin Building

Single sided electric community events board on Admin building to advertise current events and upcoming meetings.

- Project contingent on receiving required permits
 - Quotes & comparison models reviewed by Council Mar. 25th
 - Finalizing costing for angled install prior to award
- **Bridge File 70175 – Yarrow Creek Bridge Rehabilitation, NW-22-003-030 W4M**

Perform a pile splice repair on two piles in the west abutment, replace the east pile cap, place fill and riprap at the west headslope, minor wheel guard repairs & repairs to timber span, channel realignment, and west abutment riprap work

 - Preliminary Engineering & Design complete
 - Sensitive stream habitat, SARA permit required. Construction window of August
 - DFO SARA permit approval received Jan 15th
 - Water Survey of Canada notified regarding measurement which needs to be moved
 - Land signoff taking longer than anticipated due to environmental easement questions. Information provided regarding environmental easement
 - SALTS approval received Oct 3rd
 - Direction given to closeout land acquisition with RDS for bed/banks portion. Refer to Meyers Corner for details
 - **WCR #1: Iron Creek under Tapay (Carbondale) Road, LSD SE-15-006-03 W5M**

Install new 4.7m x 2m x 15m L corrugated steel box culvert to remediate fish passage concerns on Iron Creek under the WCR program (100% funded)

 - Tender for install awarded to TA Excavating alongside South Todd Creek Tributary
 - Completion: September 30th, 2025
 - Permit submissions have begun. DFO has indicated review period for Species At Risk Act (SARA) permit will be 90 days despite delays in processing to date
 - DFO SARA approval received July 16th, 2024
 - Revised application required due to work not occurring in 2024 per DFO request Jan. 2, 2025. Submitted Jan. 6th
 - Revised SARA permit received Mar. 11th

- Land signoff complete
- **Bridge File 70417 – TWN RD 70 over Castle River Trib., SE-05-007-01 W5M**

6.1m clear span bridge with extensive rot and voids in piles and pile caps. Replace with two (2) 2m x 27m L CSPs

 - Prelim. engineering complete Oct. 8th
 - Design and tender to include staged construction cost (optional), extended detour may be feasible
 - Design work kicked off Oct. 31st, 2025. STIP application submitted Nov. 26th
 - Design complete, under MD review
- **Bridge File 00470 – Toney Rd over Pincher Creek Trib., SE-02-006-01 W5M**

1.6m x 43m L culvert with significant perforations and minor deflections. Install Steel Wall Pipe Liner (SWPL)

 - Prelim. eng. complete Oct. 7th. Recommendation is installation of a steel wall pipe liner. Level 2 barrel inspection confirmed 1.4m liner is feasible
 - Design work kicked off November 5th, 2024. STIP application submitted Nov. 26th
 - Design complete and reviewed
 - Proceeding with land acquisition and permitting
- **Bridge File 75481 – TWN RD 93B over Olin Creek Trib., SW-23-009-01 W5M**

1.5m x 24m L culvert with high deflection and corrosion. Replace with two (2) 1.2m x 36m L CSPs

 - Preliminary engineering complete Oct. 11th. STIP application submitted Nov. 26th
 - Design complete, pending MD review
- **Therriault Dam – Rehabilitation Work**

Geotechnical and Hydrogeology study complete in 2023. 2024 preliminary engineering determined most economically viable solution to address undersized spillway/overtop potential. 2025 work includes detailed design work, regulatory submissions, and (pending regulatory approval and grant funding), tender/construction

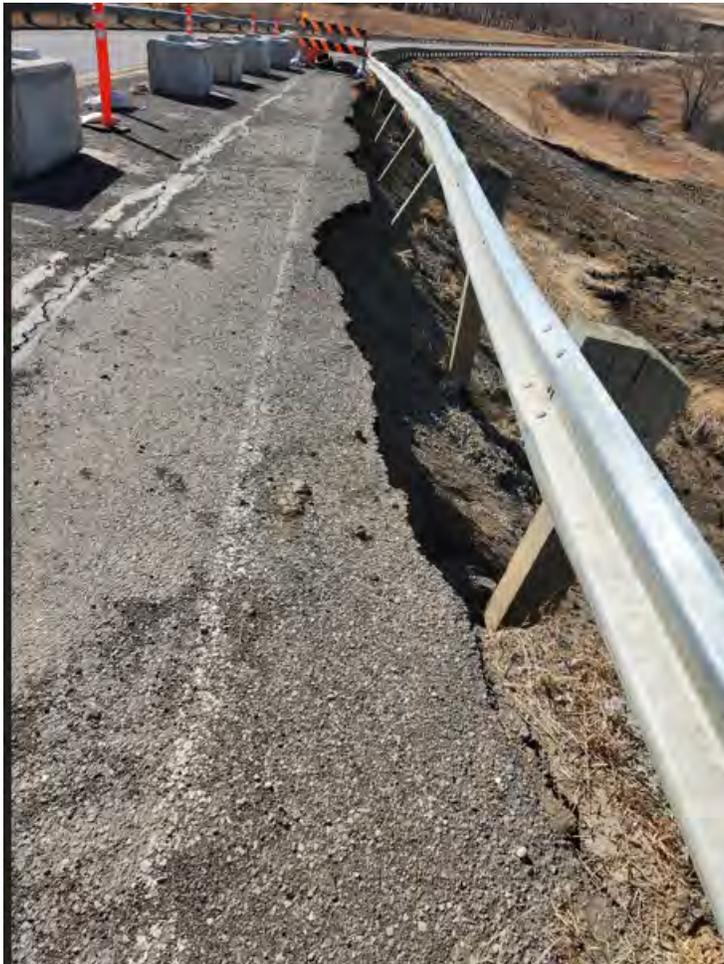
 - RFP released on ACP Nov. 14th. Due back Dec. 6th for detailed design, regulatory work, tendering, and construction administration
 - High evaluation: MPE Engineering (80% weighted)
 - Design kicked off Jan 8th. Anticipated schedule:
 - Begin regulatory submissions mid March, 2025
 - Design completion mid April – June 2025
 - Timing of further works dependant on grant release timing (anticipated Spring/Summer 2025) as well as regulatory approval timing
 - Design work underway, anticipate preliminary cost options by Mar. 25th followed by preliminary drawings

Large Projects Planned for 2026 Implementation

- **Southfork Hill Road**

Emergent investigatory and repair work for the Southfork Hill slide issues

- Geotechnical scope awarded and complete. Final geotech. report received Dec 9th
- STIP application submitted Nov. 28th, 2024 with letters of support from Campground and nearby farming operation. Revision submitted Dec. 19th with additional letter of support from MLA and final geotech. report
 - Awaiting funding decision
- Propose assessing need to begin work on detailed design, tender, and regulatory approvals after assessing Spring 2025 runoff effect on road conditions. Any work done prior to a grant decision would not be eligible for external funding
 - Condition similar to last year as of Mar. 31st, 2025



- **WCR #3: Connelly Creek under Connelly Road, LSD SW-03-008-02 W5M**

Preliminary engineering to replace or remediate the 3m x 49m L (5.6m cover) structural plate corrugated steel pipe (SPCSP) and remediate fish passage under the WCR Program. Structure is #8 on 10 year capital plan.

- Received funder guidance/approval to proceed with preliminary engineering under WCR program
 - Council approval received Mar. 11th, 2025
 - Preliminary engineering to be kicked off shortly (awaiting estimate revision)
- **Pisony Road over Cow Creek Tributary Culvert, LSD NE-01-009-03 W5M**

Non-bridge sized culvert failing on dead end road. 2024 funds to assess appropriate replacement sizing and design. Stream flows all year and culvert is likely undersized

 - Preliminary engineering and basic aquatic assessment kicked off Jan. 31st, 2025 with Roseke. Reduced prelim. engine. scope compared to Bridge Files
 - Surveyed, pending QAES review
 - Anticipated construction 2026
- **Bridge File 71542 – Waldron Flats over Indian Creek, SE-07-010-01 W5M**

2m x 2.2m x 32m L culvert with isolated perforations in the roof of 3 rings and 1 ring on the foot. Minor roof and sidewall deflection

 - Preliminary engineering and aquatic assessment kicked off Jan. 31st, 2025 with Roseke to determine appropriate replacement design or maintenance (liner). Currently, it is anticipated replacement will be required
 - Survey complete
 - Anticipate construction 2026
- **Bridge File 76203 – West End Maycroft over Ernst Creek, NW-26-010-03 W5M**

2.5m x 1.8m x 20m L culvert with 3 cracked rings in sidewall with 85mm remaining. Deflection and corrosion also present

 - Preliminary engineering and aquatic assessment kicked off Jan. 31st, 2025 with Roseke to determine if maintenance of cracked seams is feasible via weld, shotcrete beam, etc. or if replacement has a better lifecycle value
 - Anticipate construction 2026
 - Surveyor site visit complete

Studies and Planning Work

Lundbreck Lagoon Resiliency Analysis & Regionalization – Engineering 2023/24

Review Lagoons ability to take on more flow (both regular and high strength). Review Cowley Lagoons ability to do the same, and options for regionalization

- Notice of successful grant received Mar. 21st, 2023
- Lundbreck, Cowley, and regional report drafts received and reviewed. Once actual flow data is measured in 2024 the three (3) studies can be finalized
 - Final reports received Mar. 12th. Presented to Council for Information Mar. 25th

Regional Drought Strategic Implementation Strategy & Raw Water Storage Project

- Grant application for a Drought Projects Assessment under DFPP
 - Approval received to cover up to 70% of costs
- Grant application for 3 month (25-year) forecasted volumes
 - Approval received for \$3.4M project, up to 75% of costs. Signed and sent to ATEC
 - ATEC has confirmed stacking of AMMWP Raw Water Storage grant funds acceptable for the Drought Projects Assessment (Phase 2)
- Notice of Award posted to Alberta Purchasing Connection Mar. 14th, closed Mar. 26th
 - No dissenting responses received regarding proposed path
- Awarded to MPE for an upset engineering fee of \$139,500 Mar. 27th. Engineering Service agreement signed Mar. 28th
- Data gathering underway

Transportation Master Plan

\$200,000 grant received from ACP to complete a Transportation Master Plan, consisting of a paved, gravel road condition assessment, culvert (non Bridge File) condition assessment, gravel pit analysis, airport runway assessment

- Gravel pit surveying complete, data was received and reviewed late December
 - Draft report received Mar. 7th, comments sent back for MPE review Mar. 12th. Revised copy received Mar. 26th
- Maycroft Road assessment pending information from our team
 - Cold mix areas and depth reviewed in detail internally to better inform prelim. assessment, sent to MPE along with cadastral/land acquisition details
- Gravel road, and culvert assessment methodology reviewed with MPE for Spring 2025 start along with paved road assessment. Anticipate completion Fall 2025
 - Ready pending acceptable weather
- Airport load assessment work complete, data imports issue resolved. Draft report underway
- Sapeta pit plan cost estimates received, reviewed

Cridland Dam

Geotechnical work as recommended in 2021 Dam Safety Review due to observed seepage and unknown soil properties

- Site visit complete Apr. 1st

Miscellaneous

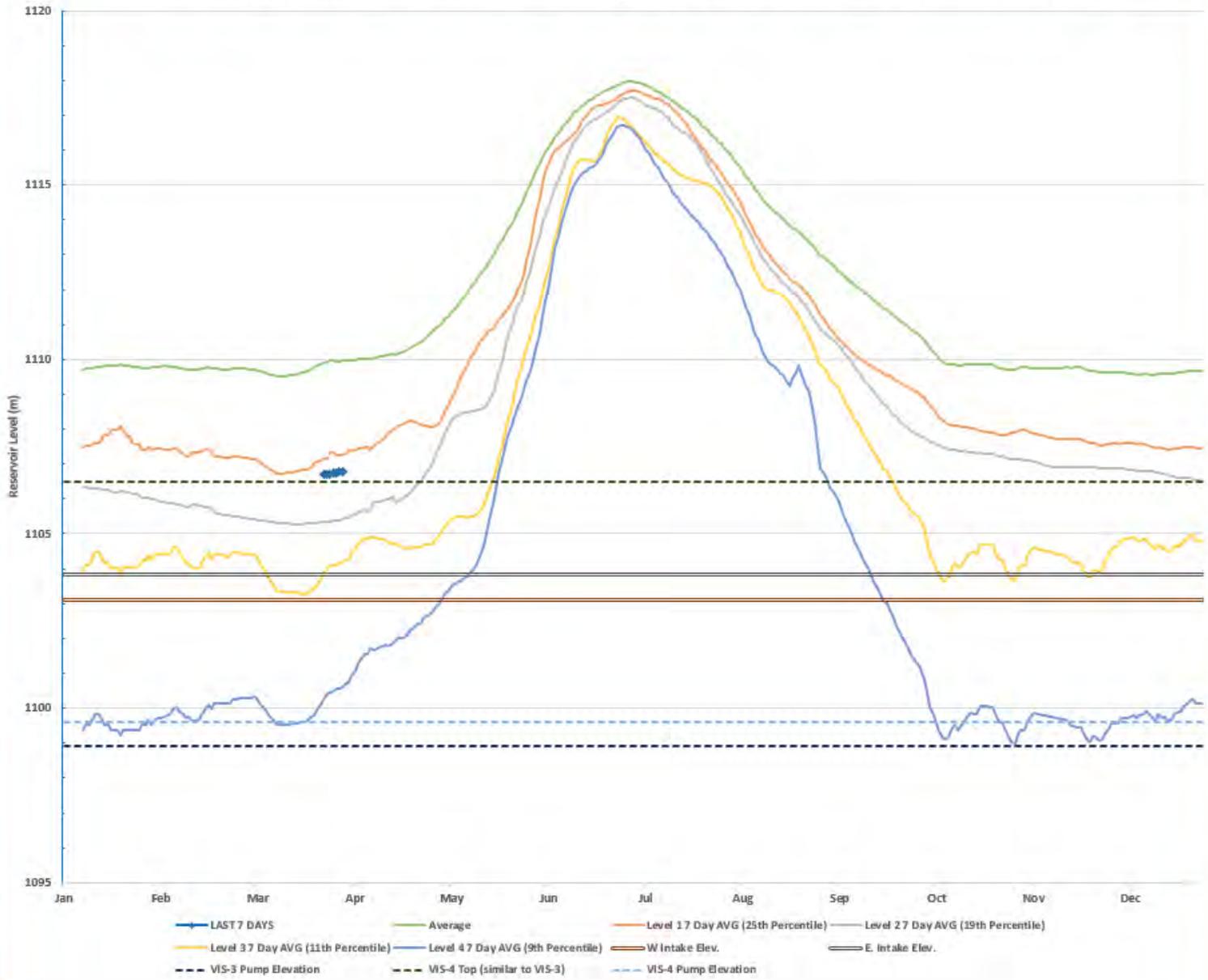
- 10 yr. bridge study interim update kicked off Jan. 27th, 2025 with Roseke

Operations Updates

Reservoir & Snowpack Tracking

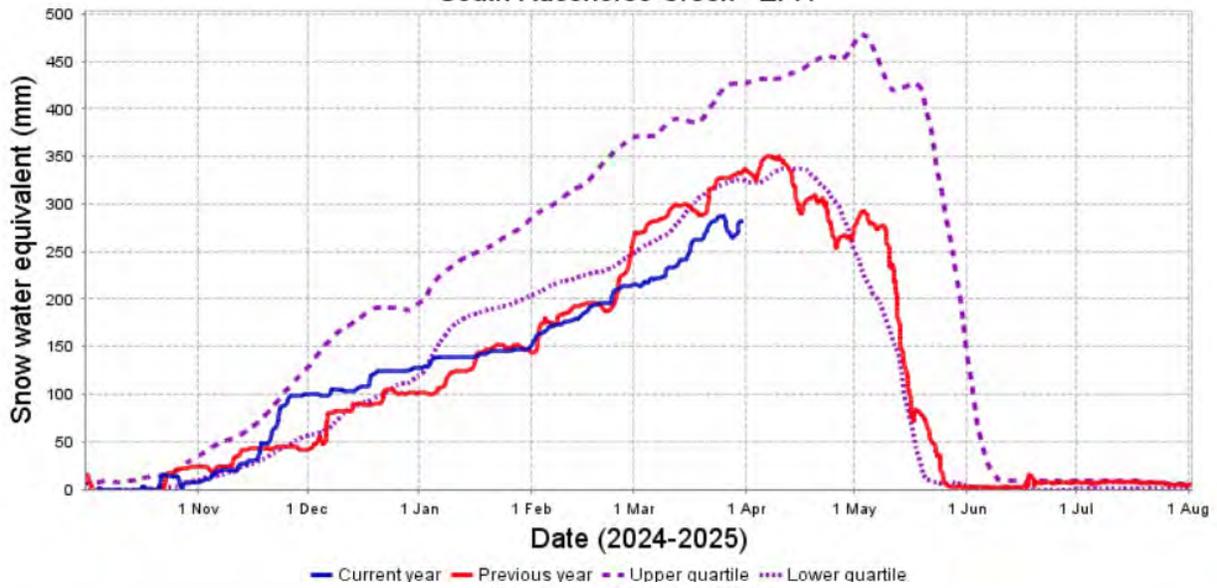
- Reservoir Volume Mar. 31st 2025: 55.01%

Oldman Reservoir Historic Level Records (99-24) Averages, & Percentiles - With Intake & Current Level Data

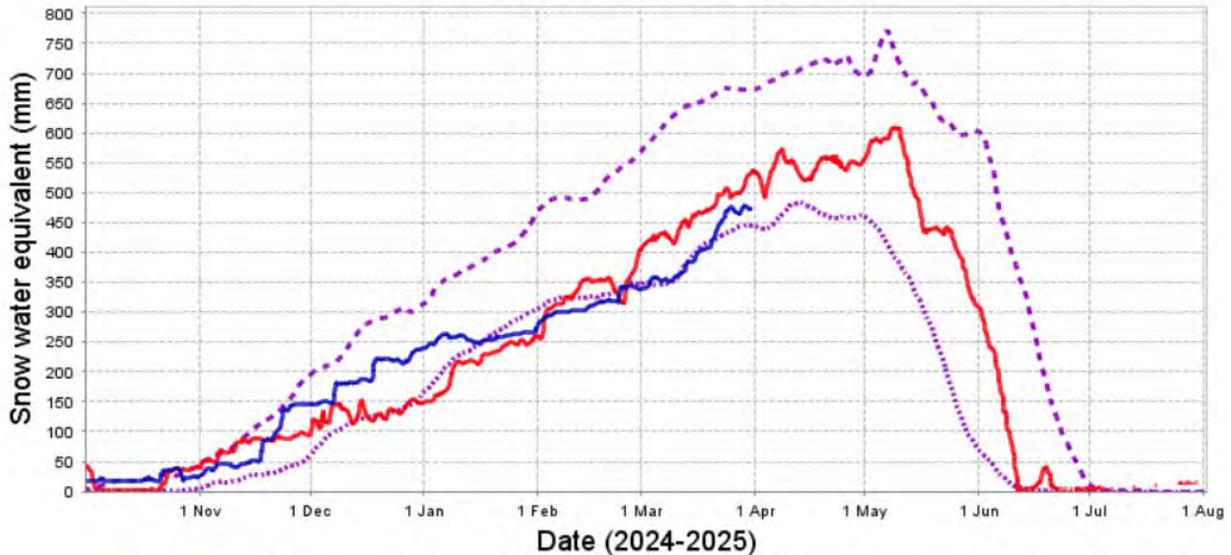


- AB Environment Water Supply (Snow Accumulation) March Update:
 - Runoff forecast: Much below average for the Mar. to Sep. 2025 period
 - Snowpack: much below average to below average, ranging from 59% at South Racehorse Creek to 77% at Gardiner Creek (snow station)

Snow water equivalent for the current year (blue),
the previous year (red), and the normal range (purple)
for station 05AA817
South Racehorse Creek - EPA

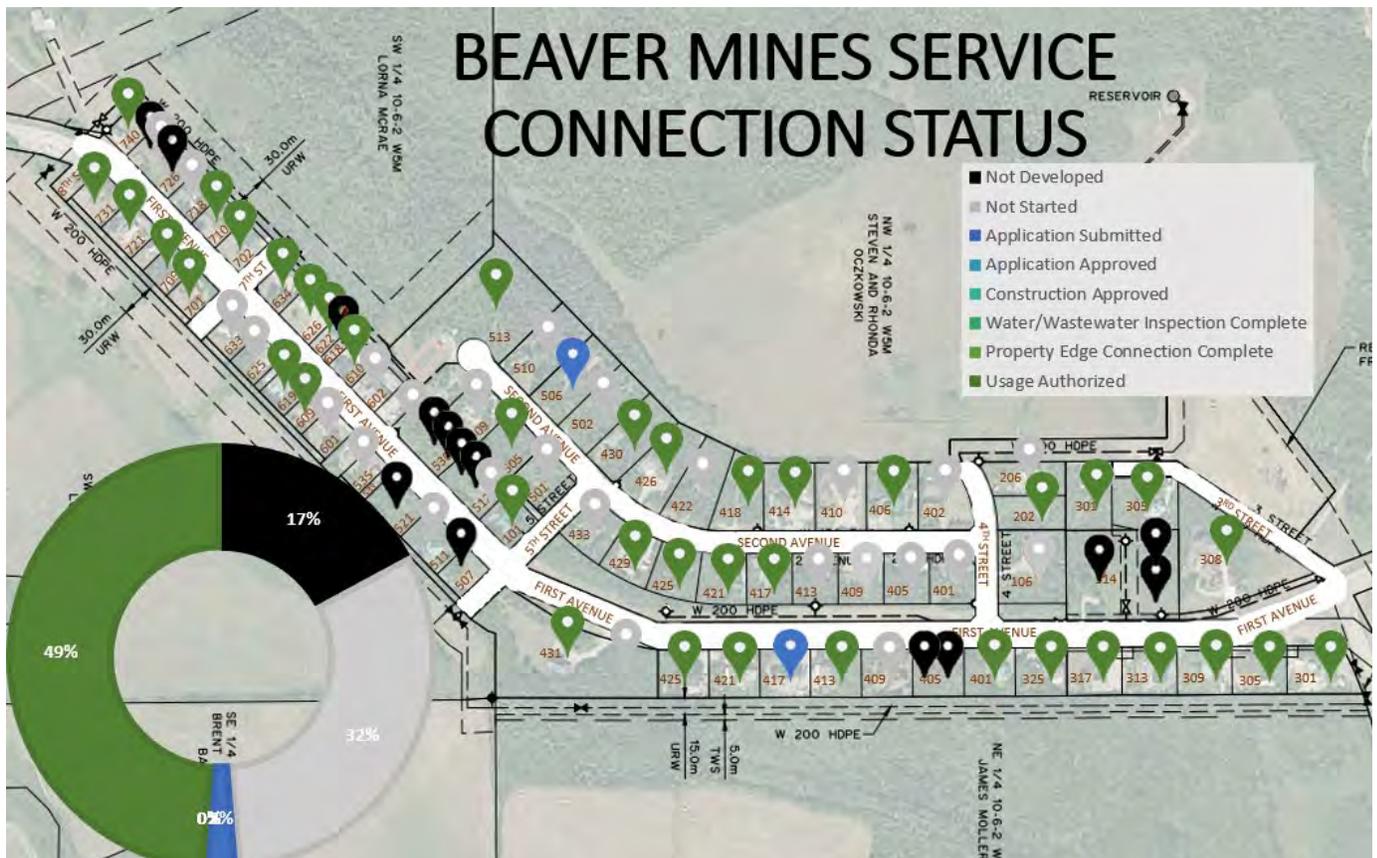


Gardiner Creek - EPA



Beaver Mines Lot Servicing

- 42/68 developed applications received, 40 approved, 40 connected (59 %)
 - Fifteen (15) undeveloped fully serviced locations
- Hydrant flow testing in BM was completed by PCES and passed for fire flow. Fire Underwriters Survey requested more info Mar. 3rd, sent system details Mar. 12th



Standpipes

- Last known issue: Jan 10th, 2025 (global software cellular outage)

General Water Operations Updates Mar. 31st, 2025:

- Lundbreck Service Connection approved for new development on Patton Place
 - Two (2) additional application packages sent for new developments
- Rural Transmission Line application received along Cowley-> Lundbreck line, processing
- Utility Services Guidelines Update for Lundbreck and Rural Users drafted, awaiting backdraft of typical drawings and review by MPE
- Obtaining pricing/options for Lundbreck/Cowley reservoir inspections & cleaning
- Letter sent to Cowley Mar 28th detailing various requests and proposed path forward for water assets, licenses, and amended operations contract
- Shelving upgrades ordered for WTP
- Amended contract signed with Castle River Industrial for operations assistance/on-call support Mar. 30th
- Backflow preventer inspections awarded, to be complete in April
- Investigating source of meter read discrepancy between Beaver Mines and CMR, investigating with improving weather
- Smoke detector in Raw Water Station causing false alarms, replacement required and underway
- WWTP GW quarterly samples complete
- Lundbreck Lagoon sludge survey scheduled Apr. 1st, pending weather
 - Followed by aerator reinstallation prior to Council

- WWTP Generator having issues with level switch, servicing complete. Collicut will be replacing switch on warranty (anticipate by end of April)
- Water crisis report + related overhaul of Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) drafted
 - Submitted to AEPA for review
 - Received email approval for an additional 1 yr. extension on WTP approval license, pending changes from Drought Projects Assessment
 Plant header upgrades awarded to DMT, anticipate install in April
- Pricing out Cowley reservoir hatch modifications to reduce safety hazard of opening fridge sized hatch on top of reservoir
- Investigating cause of small amounts of CO in Lift Station generator room and dry well
- Significant operations related work planned for 2025:
 - Plant health check for main treatment trains, obsolete instrumentation replacement, WWTP protection system for cows/vehicles, sewer flushing in select BM areas
- Private water line inspection complete South of Lundbreck. Initiating transfer of ownership for UROWS to MD
 - Discussion had with landowner Mar. 27th, site review planned prior to Council

General Energy Related Updates March 31st, 2025:

- QUEST net zero accelerator
 - Second consultation on implementation strategy planned for end of May 2025
- Clean Energy Improvement Program
 - 21 pre-qualifications received (6 MD, 15 Town). Six (6) applications fully submitted, three (3) for MD, three (3) for Town
 - 1 project completed
 - Social media advertisement to be sent out end of Mar. 2025
 - 3 deposit payments sent out
 - Transition training held for new ABMunis online system

Recommendation:

That the Utilities & Infrastructure report for March 20th – April 1st is received as information.

Prepared by: David Desabrais

Date: April 1st, 2025

Council Meeting

Date: April 8th, 2025

Administration Guidance Request

TITLE: Utility Bylaw Rate – Feedback and Path Forward		
PREPARED BY: David Desabrais		DATE: April 1st, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Utilities & Infrastructure		
David Desabrais	25/04/03	ATTACHMENTS: 1. Survey Results 2. Additional Customer Feedback
Department Supervisor	Date	
APPROVALS:		
	25/04/03	
David Desabrais	Date	Roland Milligan
Department Director	Date	CAO
		2025/04/03 Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council review resident feedback and comment on proposed paths forward or any other concerns prior to 1st bylaw reading.

BACKGROUND:

TIMELINE

- Nov 12th 2024: Initial dedicated discussion on bylaw rates and proposed changes with Council
- Nov. 26th 2024: Rates and options revised with Council feedback, discussion on public consultation
- Dec. 10th 2024: Public information packages reviewed by Council
- Jan. 15th 2025: Public information packages sent out with utility bills, survey released, newspaper ads begin
- Jan. 28th 2025: Open house date set for Feb 20th, 2025
- Feb. 20th 2025: Open house cancelled
- Feb. 26th 2025: Revised open house date Mar. 26th released
- Mar. 26th 2025: Open house complete
- Mar. 31st 2025: Survey closed

FEEDBACK

Survey & Emails

- Survey results alongside summaries of open question feedback are included in *Attachment #1*
- *Attachment #2* includes additional feedback received from residents, with personal info. redacted

Administration Guidance Request

SUMMARY OF COMMON CONCERNS & PROPOSED PATHS FORWARD

Below is a summary of common concerns brought up concerning the proposed rate changes, further background information, and proposed paths forward for Council consideration

GARBAGE FEES/PICKUPS

- Multiple concerns/suggestions brought forth regarding ability to opt out of Garbage services, or utilize alternate pickup schedules

FURTHER BACKGROUND

- Giving residents the ability to opt out of waste services can introduce complexities, such as:
 - Perceptions of unfairness
 - Administrative time and cost burden - additional communications required between MD and landfill, especially if opt-out can be done seasonally or per billing cycle
 - Less revenue per user, increasing cost to “opt-in” users as Hamlet base cost will remain similar for dumping (i.e. skipping a few bins doesn’t save much cost)
- Changing garbage pickup to bi-weekly (seasonal or full time)
 - What are other municipalities doing?
 - Lethbridge has a 3 bin system (recycle, organics, garbage). Garbage, recycling, & organics are picked up every 2 weeks. Organics are weekly May-Oct.
 - Pincher Creek has weekly garbage pickup
 - Cowley has weekly garbage pickup
 - Crowsnest Pass has weekly garbage pickup
 - Fort Macleod has weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling pickup
 - Bin rentals and tipping fees would be the same with bi-weekly pickups. The pickup rate would be the only change (anticipated savings of \$3-4/bill/resident - or \$18-\$24/yr if seasonal)
 - *There may be other concerns our pickup contractor would have regarding decreasing available service (such as staffing consistency)*

PATH FORWARD

- Strongly recommend against allowing opt-out of garbage services
- Recommend against bi-weekly pickups
 - *If desired, Administration could discuss this with the landfill in more detail, and present information to Council*

LOW/FIXED INCOME CONCERNS

- Residents have brought forth concerns regarding citizens in Lundbreck being on fixed/low income, unable to afford increases

FURTHER BACKGROUND

- Crowsnest offers seniors whom annually provide a Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (T40AS) - \$13.06 discount off their utility bill (\$197.90 vs. \$210.96)
- No other surrounding municipalities appear to offer such a program (Town of Pincher Creek, Fort Macleod, Cardston, Willow Creek, Hill Spring, Cowley)
- By 2028, an equivalent savings could be achieved by using about 5,500 liters less water
- Administrative time to deal with and process applications may exceed savings

PATH FORWARD

- Recommend against a separate fixed/low income rate

Administration Guidance Request

CMR INCREASE FAIRNESS VS. OTHER CUSTOMER GROUPS

- Concerns were brought up related to the minimal base rate increases proposed for CMR compared to other user groups

FURTHER BACKGROUND

- CMR currently has a bi-monthly base rate of \$5,000 and pays \$1.50/m³ for water. No increase was proposed to 2028 to the base rate, the consumption rate is proposed to increase to \$2.30/m³
- Currently, total combined water bases rates for Beaver Mines (at full buildout) and Lundbreck generate less revenue than the CMR base rate. CMR maintains their own distribution system, but there is a dedicated pipeline and two (2) dedicated booster stations servicing CMR (along with Castle Parks, Rural Users)
- Base rates for water are proposed to increase from \$20 to \$60 in Beaver Mines and Lundbreck
- There are two (2) user groups whom do not pay MD taxes (and therefore do not subsidize rates)
 - Castle Parks currently has a bi-monthly base rate of \$400. Proposed to increase to \$1,200
 - Cowley currently has a bi-monthly base rate of \$400. Proposed to increase to \$1,800

PATH FORWARD

- Recommend increasing CMR water base rate to \$7,000 by 2028 (40%)
 - *Total Beaver Mines – Roughly \$4,000 by 2028*
 - *Total Lundbreck – Roughly \$8,500 by 2028*

BEAVER MINES SEWER CONSUMPTION OPTIONS & FAIRNESS

- Concerns brought up regarding proposed method of sewer consumption charges in Beaver Mines and differing rates for Commercial and Residential

FURTHER BACKGROUND

- Currently, no users in Beaver Mines or Lundbreck are charged consumptive fees for sewer usage
- Unlike Lundbreck, the amount of sewer use by Beaver Mines users has a direct effect on wastewater collection and treatment costs (more pump and system run time)
- There is no economical way to measure sewer consumption, so (if charged) it is typically done as a function of water usage
- A \$0.10 and \$0.25/m³ charge (by 2028) is currently proposed for Commercial and Residential respectively (\$7.50/bill for a typical full time resident)
- Other proposed methods could be:
 - Further increases in Beaver Mines to base rate to make up difference as opposed to consumptive charge
 - Calculating consumptive charge differently in an attempt to account for higher summer usage for watering (Lethbridge uses Winter volumes to calculate this)

PATH FORWARD

- Recommend against calculating sewer consumptive charges based on Winter usage, as many Beaver Mines property owners use their property as a 2nd residence, skewing consumptive charges
- Recommend equalizing Commercial consumption charge with Residential (\$0.25/m³ or 25% of usage), but no further changes

Other Customer Considerations

Below is a listing of other Customer considerations brought forth and proposed paths forward

- Tiered payment system: some municipalities charge less or more per m³ after a certain usage threshold

Administration Guidance Request

- *Recommend against implementing tiered pricing at this time. Consumptive charges (vs. base rate) are already going to see a significant increase. Also at higher risk of making administrative billing errors*
- RV Sani Dump: user complaints regarding “free system”. PCES is paying for water (under \$150/yr.) and payment system uneconomical to install
 - *Council decision as to operation of this site. We could recommend PCES place a donation bin/drop slot at site*
- Bylaw change timing: 2 years increase with evaluation prior to further changes (instead of 4 years)
 - *Recommend keeping increase 4 years minimum. Can review earlier if there are issues with revenue*
- Solar at Wastewater Sites
 - *No recommended course of action*
- Water Conservation Incentives/Bylaw Changes: Some municipalities mandate low flow fixtures, rain barrels, etc. Some also incentivize or provide residents with rain barrels
 - *Recommend against low flow fixture mandates via bylaw due to enforcement issues*
 - *Grants can be monitored by groups such as ALUS for all residents, not just Hamlets (for rain Barrel programs)*

OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES

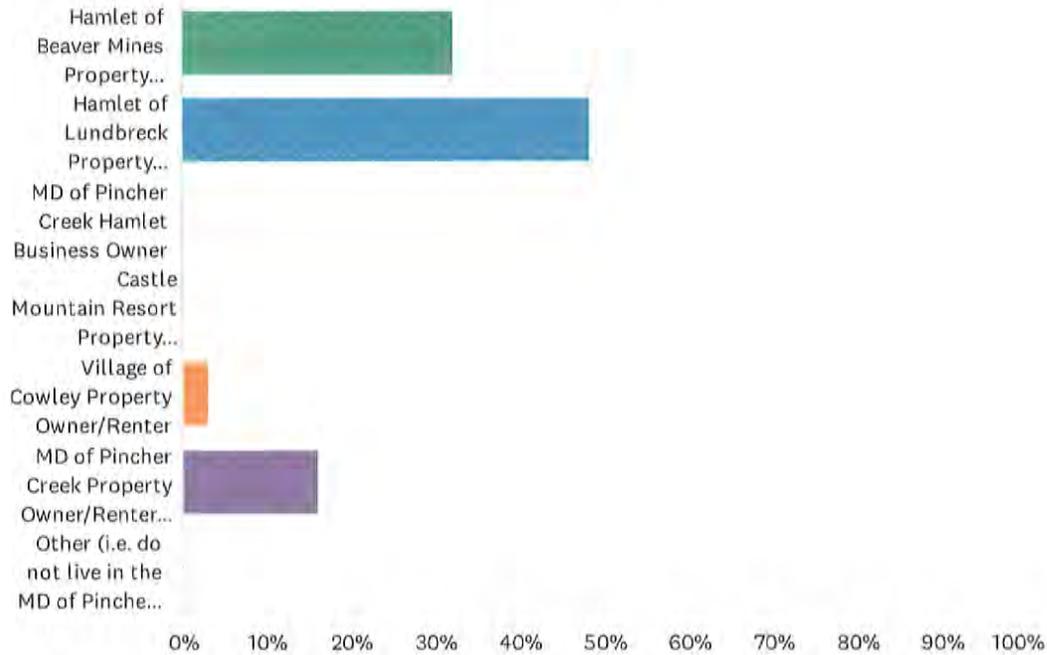
- **Standpipe (Bulk Fill) Rates**: Original proposed increases create odd prices for a coin payment system accepting quarters, loonies, and toonies
 - *Propose increasing rates in 2026 to \$1.25/100 gallon (\$3.31/m³) and in 2028 to \$1.50/100 gallon (\$3.97/m³), no increases in 2025 & 2027*
 - *Previously proposed increases would have resulted in a price of \$1.13/100 gallon in 2025 and \$1.38/100 gallon in 2027*
- **Mobile Home Park Base Rates**: The Mobile Home Park is a significant user of water (10% of overall Summer usage in 2024 – equivalent to Beaver Mines). They maintain their own piping on-property, but are served by 3 service connections
 - *27 dwellings are served by these services*
 - *Currently the Mobile Home Park is charged a \$50 base rate, proposed to increase to \$150 by 2028*
 - *Propose further increasing base rate to \$270 by 2028 (\$10 per dwelling)*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

Q1 Please describe your type of property/resident status within the MD of Pincher Creek.

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

Hamlet of Beaver Mines Property Owner/Renter

Hamlet of Lundbreck Property Owner/Renter

MD of Pincher Creek Hamlet Business Owner

Castle Mountain Resort Property Owner/Renter

Village of Cowley Property Owner/Renter

MD of Pincher Creek Property Owner/Renter (i.e. do not live in one of the above locations, but do reside in the MD of Pincher Creek)

Other (i.e. do not live in the MD of Pincher Creek)

TOTAL

RESPONSES

32.26% 10

48.39% 15

0.00% 0

0.00% 0

3.23% 1

16.13% 5

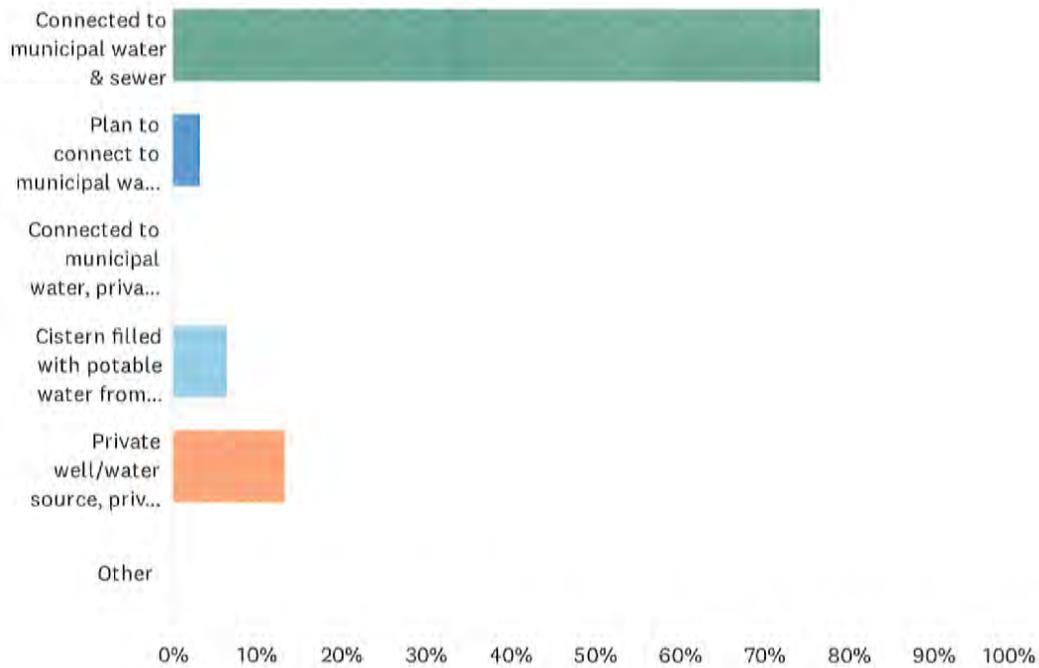
0.00% 0

31

80%
Hamlets

Q2 Please describe how you get your water and wastewater services.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

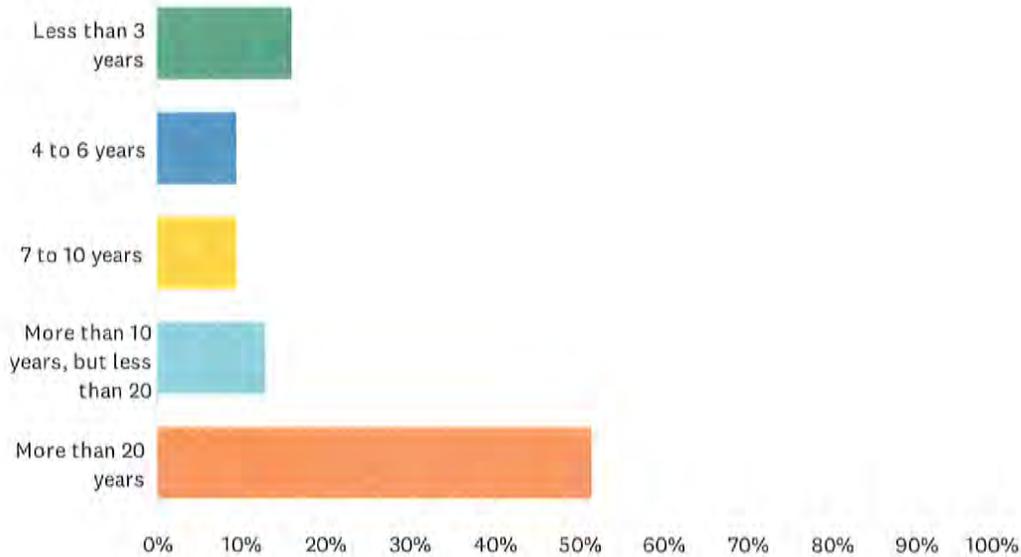
RESPONSES

Connected to municipal water & sewer	76.67%	23
Plan to connect to municipal water & sewer within next 3 years	3.33%	1
Connected to municipal water, private sewer (septic system, holding tank)	0.00%	0
Cistern filled with potable water from standpipes, private sewer (septic system, holding tank)	6.67%	2
Private well/water source, private sewer (septic system, holding tank)	13.33%	4
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		30

Kept private well to water plants garden & town hall

Q3 If you are a resident or business, how long have you lived or owned a business in the MD of Pincher Creek?

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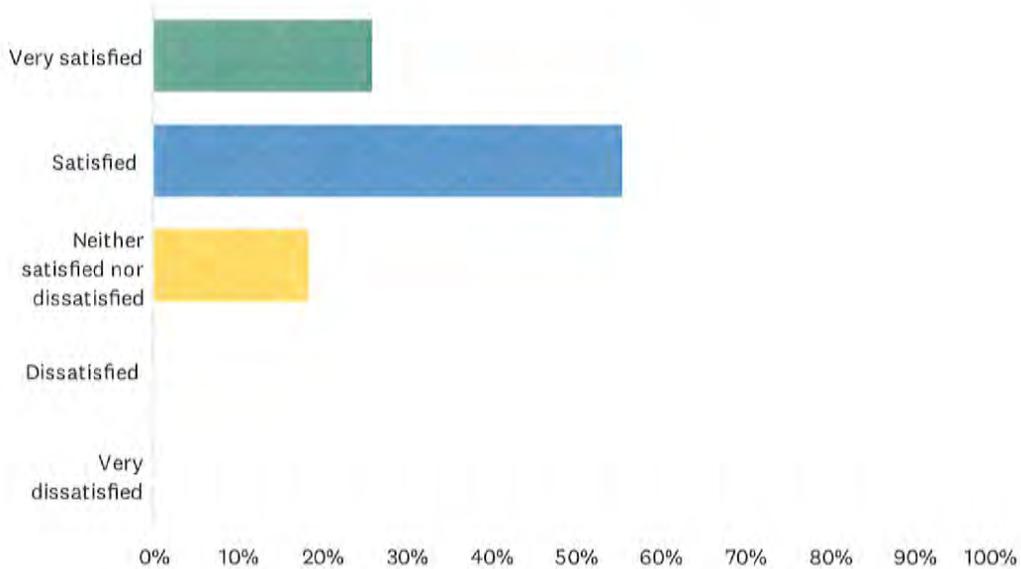
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Less than 3 years	16.13%	5
4 to 6 years	9.68%	3
7 to 10 years	9.68%	3
More than 10 years, but less than 20	12.90%	4
More than 20 years	51.61%	16
TOTAL		31

Q4 If connected to municipal water and sewer (or planning to connect), how satisfied are you overall with the quality of these services?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Very satisfied	80% Satisfied	25.93%	7
Satisfied		55.56%	15
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		18.52%	5
Dissatisfied		0.00%	0
Very dissatisfied		0.00%	0
TOTAL			27

4. If dissatisfied, please explain why

Garbage pick up is iffy at times, it has been left undumped several times. Seems if the guys don't like what's inside they leave it.

other than the 2024 irrigation district screw up, service is fine. CAN, or WILL, the irrigation district, or province assume or share lead rolls in establishing rules and regulations that will never allow that kind of screw up to ever occur again, and will those same players that were the root cause of that issue also build the MD a lagoon large enough to give MD users enough reserve cushion so this again will never happen again.

Sewer lagoons near Lundbreck smell more days than not Also watering restrictions dissatisfied with

Q5 If connected to municipal water and sewer (or planning to connect), what do you like best about these services?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 16

- living in Lundbreck I see "regular / seasonal" maintenance of the sewer lines within town, the fire department "used" to flush a different hydrant every practice to again keep any sediments or contaminants reduced as low as practical, but during the Old Man dam Fiasco that didn't happen, so maybe a dedicated effort by MD workers and or Fire Dept can resume those efforts. Now that they haven't been flushed, there may be some sediment built up in the lines. hint hint! Last point I would like to make is the sewer aeration project, it works well when in service, so now that we are fast approaching spring "ice-out" a close eye will need to be kept so that this system is turned on when appropriate as it has been smelly on warmer days already.

I like being connected to sewer. It was time to upgrade my system.

I like not relying on a well

Convenient

Reasonable rates

That these services do what is intended.

Proximity and reliability.

N/A

They are good for right now

Good water

Not having to use well water for drinking water

Don't need septic tank pumped out

Water running in my taps without having to get water hauled.

Quality water that is always available at a reasonable price.

Convenience of having water and sewer services

Convenience

Q6 What do you dislike related to these services?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 19

Did not like the fact that water had to be hauled. This should never had to happen.

there needs to be a long range plan put in place ASAP to prevent any future water outages like those caused by the irrigation users. I feel they should pay to upgrade our capacity (using THEIR PROVINCIAL GRANTS ETC), especially since the general population payed for the dam construction costs, they didn't fund that project, so there is a level of responsibility for that group to make good on the damages caused by their direct actions! Isn't that what law suits are made of??? Last point,.... when Wretched Rachelle took away our ability to withdraw water for use, as had been in place since early in the previous century, she also eliminated our old license and the priority it once had. I feel there should be an emergency back up using existing facilities by Patton Park available for use in just such a case as the irrigation debacle!

I would have preferred to stay with my well system for water. The chlorinated water is very noticeable. (preferred less)

Paying money that I didn't have to pay when I used a well and septic system (which did cost a lot to install). I also pay a LOT of property tax.

Water still needs to be filtered. Sewer good.

No pressure

I don't think we should be paying more when somebody else drained the damn down

We were forced to hook up even tho had a good well and modern septic system, and then it cost 3 times what we were expecting based on what MD told us, plus were to have it amortized over 20+ years & that was taken away.

The water quality in Cowley seems to have deteriorated in the last year.

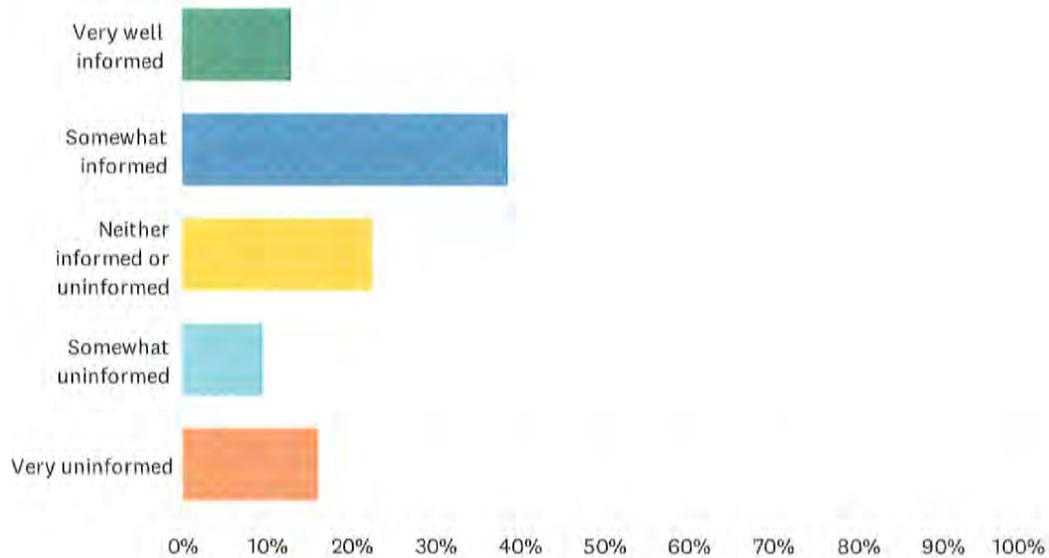
When sewer line backs up in my garage We monitor & keep our sewer line well flushed

Not mentioned as a service but the solid waste service is of no value. They do not pick up from 7th St. Hauling waste container over 100 feet to a site where the wind blows it over is not worth it.

Liquidity of the water

Q7 The MD of Pincher Creek (MD) is proposing amendments to Utility Bylaw rates for all municipal water and sewer customers. Overall, how well informed do you feel about the proposed changes?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

- Very well informed
- Somewhat informed
- Neither informed or uninformed
- Somewhat uninformed
- Very uninformed

RESPONSES

Very well informed	12.90%	4
Somewhat informed	38.71%	12
Neither informed or uninformed	22.58%	7
Somewhat uninformed	9.68%	3
Very uninformed	16.13%	5

TOTAL

31

50%
Informed

25%
Uninformed

Letters of proposed changes should have been left on resident doors

I did get the pamphlet in with my monthly bill, so I have read it and I can see that costs continue to rise, and then with the irrigation system screwing us,.. that consumed a lot of reserve moneys. We all want services, the workers want to get paid a fair wage, taxpayers expect now more than ever that the MD runs a tight efficient ship. Seeing MD trucks at the Beaver Mines store, or at the "blue House" in Lundbreck isnt a comforting sight when you think how far apart these guys must be when actually working, and how long it takes them to leave job site o arrive at restaurant, then travel back to job site all on the MD dime. just sayin... and to the question below (has no comment tab) I have heard enough about people complaining about recession, global warming, taxes, and how much the wind blows around here.. I have said to these folks, you be the first to shut in your water and sewer, be the first to reject fire dept and ambulance services, haul your own garbage,. then you wont have any of those bills. Im personally am surprised that the utilities haven't crept up already.

Will my property tax go down if I'm paying more for utilities?

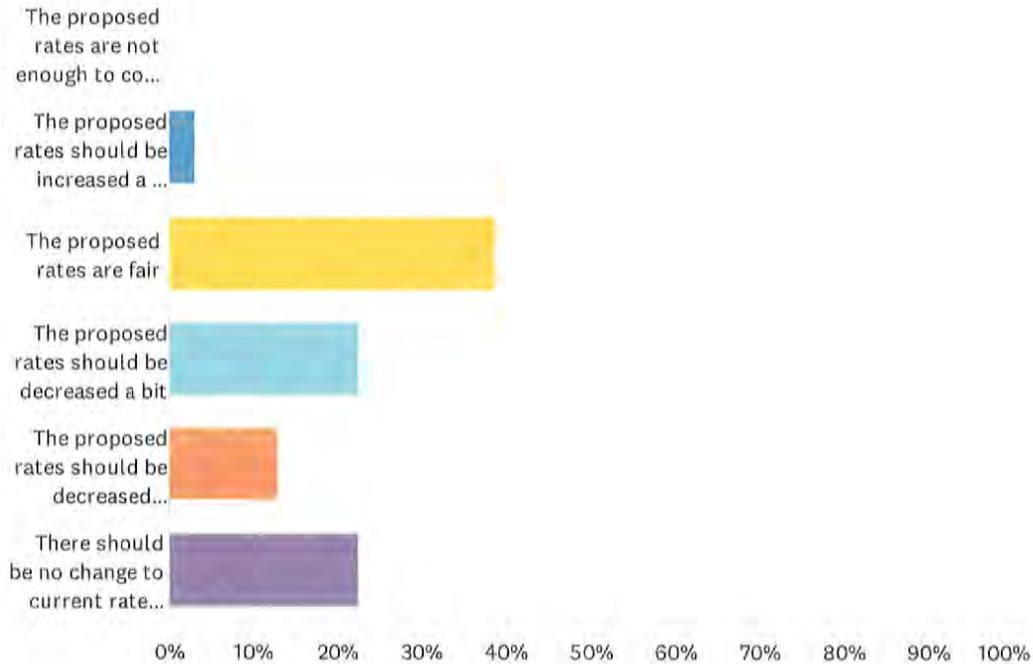
Not a full time resident, so difficult at time to understand what the MD is planning.

I plan to attend meeting

Did not receive notification about this by email or mail.

Q8 The MD is proposing increases in utility rates out to 2028, with average utility bills anticipated to stay below what property owners would pay if living in another municipality. How do you feel about the proposed increases?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



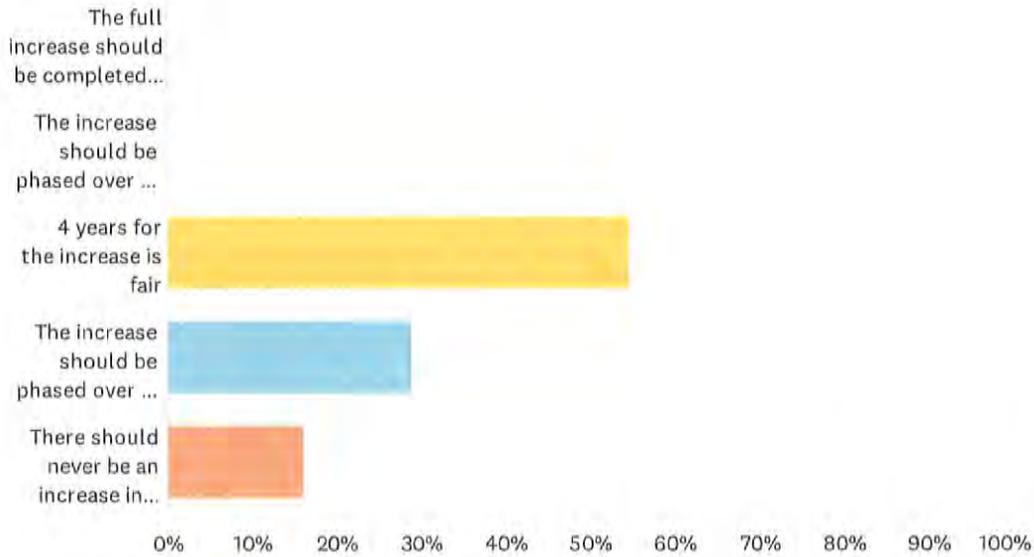
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

The proposed rates are not enough to cover operating costs and should be increased significantly	0.00%	0
The proposed rates should be increased a bit more	3.23%	1
The proposed rates are fair	38.71%	12
The proposed rates should be decreased a bit	22.58%	7
The proposed rates should be decreased significantly	12.90%	4
There should be no change to current rates, or a decrease (if anything)	22.58%	7
TOTAL		31

Q9 The increase in rates is proposed to occur over 4 years (with different rate increases proposed for different rate classes). How do you feel about the pace of increase?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

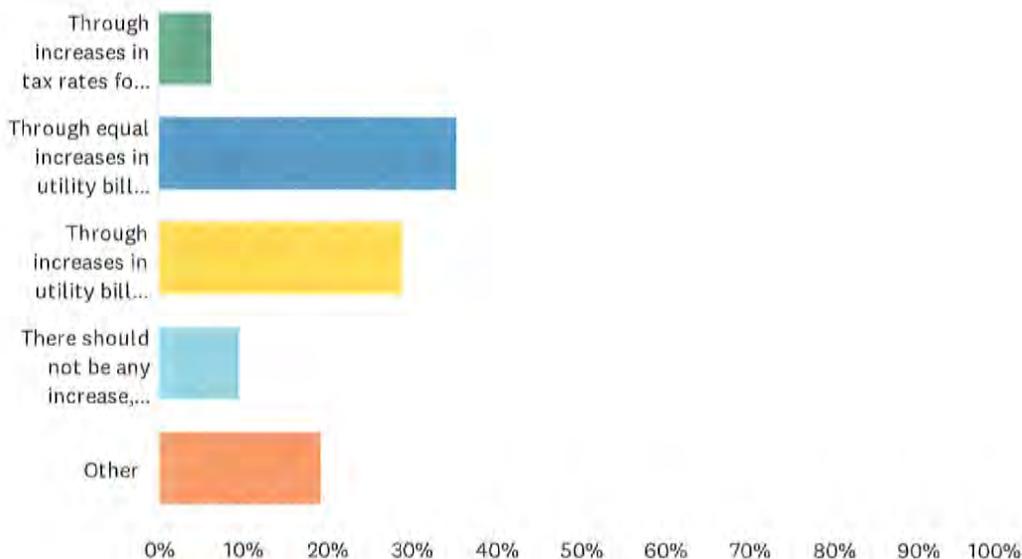
RESPONSES

The full increase should be completed immediately to better cover operating costs	0.00%	0
The increase should be phased over 2-3 years instead	0.00%	0
4 years for the increase is fair	54.84%	17
The increase should be phased over 5-7 years	29.03%	9
There should never be an increase in utility billing rates	16.13%	5
TOTAL		31

Majority believe 4 years is fair

Q10 The MD's primary reason for increasing rates is the increasing gap between utility billing revenue and operational costs to run the water and sewer systems. There has been minimal change in overall utility bill costs to the average resident for 25+ years. How do you propose the MD cover the increasing gap between utility billing revenue and operation costs?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Through increases in tax rates for all MD residents & businesses, whether or not they receive water and sewer services	6.45%	2
Through equal increases in utility bills across all utility customers connected to water and sewer systems (i.e. Hamlet residents, rural residents, Castle Mountain, etc.)	35.48%	11
Through increases in utility bills weighted heavier towards customers with higher localized operational costs for water/sewer and larger, longer water sewer services with higher replacement costs	29.03%	9
There should not be any increase, service levels should be cut to make up the gap	9.68%	3
Other	19.35%	6
TOTAL		31

I am torn between option #1, and option #3. option #1 was the preferred route when I "chipped in" on the second cleaning plant, I had no say.. it "was for the good of everyone", but when Lundbreck sewer lagoon updates happened, it was de-benched against only Lundbreck addresses (a direct contradiction there) Option #3 is also a valid point,.. why shouldn't the end users up at Westcastle pay their appropriate amount for services provided to that district- - USER PAY - - especially when all the future water co-op moneys were redirected into paying for that white elephant. I HAVE CONVINCED MYSELF,.. USER PAY SYSTEM! IF YOUR PUMPING DISTANCE IS 2 MILES OR 22 MILES, YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL THE LIFTING AND PUMPING, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS INCLUDED IN YOUR PARTICULAR SERVICE PROVIDED

Increase standpipe fees as well. Beaver Mines residents already pay so much more in property tax than ranchers/farmers/large landowners, so their taxes should go up and ours should go down.

Not through taxes we pay enough

Free potable water at the rv pumpout should not be allowed

5x increase in billing because of md mismanagement and planning is not acceptable

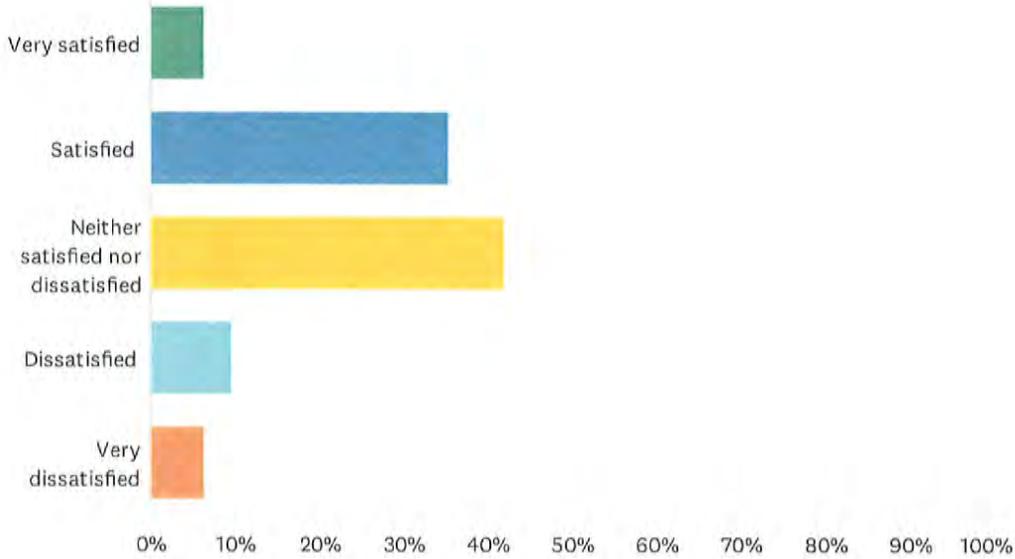
Systems monitoring in the past appears to have been inadequate given the revenue gap existing today. Now, with the utilities being properly managed, the operational vs. revenue costs given proper attention, the gap can be reviewed annually. Utility charges can be adjusted bi-annually based on actual data. The increase now, to cover 2025 to 2028 is not based on true cost factors.

The increase in billing is not acceptable. The revenue gap is not covered by the increase in billing. The revenue gap is not covered by the increase in billing.

The mismanagement of the utility system has led to a revenue gap that is not covered by the increase in billing. The revenue gap is not covered by the increase in billing.

Q11 Overall, how satisfied are you with the MD's handling of the 2023/2024 water supply issues and ongoing efforts related to this?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

RESPONSES

6.45%

35.48%

41.94%

9.68%

6.45%

2

11

13

3

2

TOTAL

If dissatisfied, please explain why:

31

LET GOVT USE IT'S OWN PAY FOR HAULING WATER DUE TO MISMANAGEMENT OF ALPINE FRESH TANK

The lack of water should have never happened The pump should have stayed where it was in the Crowsnest River, water is much cleaner and consistent flow

Most of it was out of your control, you kept the taps on (there have always been water restrictions at time of low river flows.. and the situation at the reservoir while it should have been caught earlier, was dealt with) the only "negatives" I heard was (unsubstantiated as I am not in trucking business) about only a select few getting contract to do the long term hauling. But I do know you cant just use any old tank truck to haul potable water,.. I do believe in using local resources first if available,.. but again I cannot substantiate any water hauling / favoritism comments. My tap never went dry, so I consider it a success

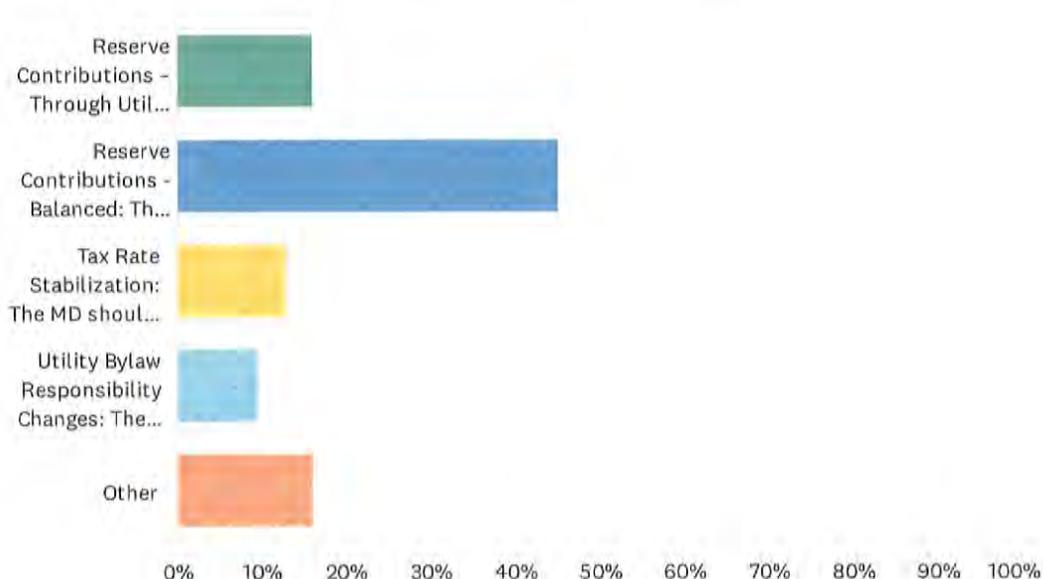
Not enough factual cost information has been provided to the general public.

N/A

I don't believe the MD should be paying the extra \$\$ for water supply issues. The Province caused the problem with releasing too much water. They should be paying for it.

Q12 The MD was forced to deplete the water and wastewater reserve during the 2023/2024 water supply crisis to cover \$1.5M of increased operating costs. Reserve contributions are partially funded by utility bill revenues and assist with costs related to minor and major disruptions such as water supply issues, along with long term maintenance planning. Select a method of financial planning for future infrastructure replacement or emergent events you'd prefer the MD to use:

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Reserve Contributions – Through Utility Bills: The MD should strive to fund all of water and wastewater reserve contributions through utility billing revenue	16.13%	5
Reserve Contributions - Balanced: The MD should continue to strive to fund a portion of water and wastewater reserve contributions through utility bill revenue, with a portion also funded through general tax revenue	45.16%	14
Tax Rate Stabilization: The MD should not fund a dedicated water and wastewater reserve through utility bill revenue, and should instead deal with failures or emergent issues as they come through general tax revenue reserves	12.90%	4
Utility Bylaw Responsibility Changes: The MD should fund major infrastructure replacements or emergent events through one time charges for affected customers only (i.e. a water main failure on a Lundbreck street should only be funded by residents of that street immediately after completion)	9.68%	3
Other	16.13%	5
TOTAL		31

The province left dam gates open & drained reservoir. The province should pay for their error & lack of judgement

* 13. Do you have any additional matters or concerns related to water/sewer services?

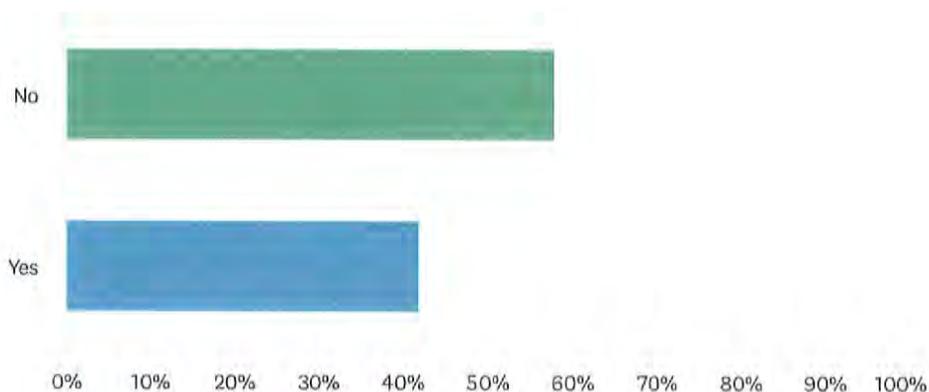
should not have to pay for someone else's mistakes

province left dam gates open & drained reservoir. The province should pay for their error & lack of judgement
ance, existing reserve, utility revenue, general tax revenue. Is there a dedicated reserve for water/sewer alone? What about flood, road maintenance (summer and winter). What about future system expansion to cover Pincher Station - Air
general tax revenue cover dedicated services

#2 is common sense, as in the case of the seed treating plant, all contributed "some", but the actual users contribute on a user pay / per load cleaned. As in the 4 communities serviced, it is not only "just the people" that live in a particular community that use the service, rural folks use stand pipes, rural kids go to school and use the fountain and washroom, community residence pay per volume used, as I would assume businesses do as well. No-one can do it all by themselves, but all fit from in-place infrastructure. So all pay a portion of costs derived from general (taxation) revenues, and a portion of direct / continuous users pay for services used (in this case m3 of water consumed). BUUT I do see an opportunity to recapture / sewer usage that has been delivered for free!! The water tap / sewer dump at the Lundbreck fire-hall. I'm sure our illustrious Councillor has seen the (haha John...put you on the spot!) backup of holiday trailers that sometimes actually restricts into / out of Obies gas pumps and general store! We RV quite a bit, and quite frankly, there isn't too many places that still give out free water and sewer dumps! If there was a meter on the water tap, or sewer outflow, I would suspect for 4 or 5 hrs a yet it would be substantial... right thru water restriction times too. When it was shut for the dam event, I even had people stop in front of the house and offer money to top up their water tanks,.. most weren't happy when I told them we were in the midst of a water crisis and under severe water restrictions, and that my consumption was metered just like theirs was in the city. So I'm quite sure that a metered system just like what any car wash uses could be instituted very easily. Include a portion of the per meter charge to cover sewer handling costs. Easy peasy! Last note.. these outfits that are running a business of running around topping up campers in place at established camping sites are commonly using this service (I personally have seen the same players many times come in the evening, and dump the black tank while filling the potable tank, the one dude has quite large tanks too. But they indeed do charge their customers for both potable water delivery and black water removal. So in times of constraint (the whole idea behind this upcoming rate change and this survey) I feel we don't owe these honey truck companies any free lunches, while you (the MD) are grappling with continually rising costs. There is no one charging Farmer Joe / or acreage owner Tom for a load of water to be used for their needs,.. They are at least rate payers, campers from Idaho, Medicine Hat, Tim-Buck-too arent, and so should fall into the user pay category.

Q13 Do you have any additional matters or concerns related to water and sewer services and proposed utility rate increases that you would like to provide to the MD of Pincher Creek?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

No	58.06%	18
Yes	41.94%	13
TOTAL		31

Open House Sticky Notes

Garbage
pickup
every two
weeks.

West Castle
base rate
doesn't increase
It should
stay at
\$5000/year.

I would be against
any of us who
have been providing
our own water via
wells being lumped
in with those impacted
by utility rates rising.
Those impacted should
pay the cost.

Consider
making 55 gallon
water barrels
available or
1000L totes

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE RESIDENT #1

Feedback to Jan. 9/25 letter

Considerable work has gone into the presentation of changes but the background information is missing .What are current operating costs and revenue from utilities.?

Operating costs are influenced heavily by unplanned repairs that are not capital related. Conservatively, our operating costs for water and wastewater services are between \$450,000-\$500,000 annually. Revenues are more consistent and have ranged from \$205,000 to \$215,000. These are since the new utility bylaw took effect.

What are projected costs for operations/revenue for the next four increases? Can these numbers be provided? Again, actuals are very dependent on large unplanned work. The 2025 budget was approved with a 5% annual increase projected for water operations as more users connect to the system. Wastewater was projected as relatively flat with new operating costs from Beaver Mines coming off while maintenance items start up. However, the true operating costs are still being determined as the system starts operating.

The "average Bill" increases are confusing given there are different rates proposed for different users .For Beaver Mines the rate increase proposed from current rates to 2025 rate is \$32.00 (86.50 to \$118.50) not the \$27 stated.

In 2028 the bill for Beaver Mines would be \$214.50, not \$195 which is for Lundbreck . Separate costs for each Hamlet would make more sense.

Thanks for pointing this out. We will ensure the average bill is presented separately for both Hamlets at the open house for clarity sake

Are separate utility by-laws an option?

Separate utility bylaws would be an option. However, the goal has been to provide consistency across municipalities for requirements related to utility services. We are proposing keeping a single bylaw with different rates for different customer groups in the Rates Schedule, which is typically what other municipalities do as well

"Average" residential household using 15 m3 is also misleading. Are there actual averages from Lundbreck, or is it a "typical" household that uses 15m3/month? Beaver Mines has not been operating long enough nor is it fully subscribed to generate averages. The system design was based on a typical usage of 500 liters /day

No these are not actual averages. Calculating actual averages could also be perceived as misleading, as there are users whom have zero/low occupancy or seasonal usage on their residence, which skews the numbers. Reasons for low/high usage anomalies in the data are not directly known by the municipality, so typical household usage is provided instead. My anecdotal thoughts on this from the data and usage I have seen is that 15 m3 usage is actually quite high for the average 2-4 person household over the

course of the year, and if one could eliminate the anomalies accurately, actual average usage would be lower.

If you are further curious about usage, here is some information on our annual treated water usage from 2024:

· Lundbreck: 44,000 m³

Beaver Mines & Area (Standpipe included): 4,620 m³

Castle Mountain Resort: 27,532 m³

Major cost increases for the items projected for 4 years may deter some residents from hooking up to the system.

It remains mandatory to hookup to the water and wastewater systems by Jan 1, 2028. A continued delay in increases past this date may also be perceived as unfair as this may require the need for a sharper increase after all are hooked up if Council still wishes to recover operating costs via utility revenue.

Comments to the " Frequently Asked Questions which are numbered 1 to 9 for reference.

1 -What are operating vs. revenue costs for the 4 increases shown, broken down by year ? (as mentioned above).

Refer to answers above regarding operating costs (this does not include reserve contributions). Revenue is highly dependant on actual usage for different user groups, which varies year to year and consumption charges could go down with increased related costs. Revenue is expected to increase 20-30% a year out to 2028

Metered billing dropped revenue 25% from 2020 to 2024 indicates reference to Lundbreck again and also suggests the previous by-law was poorly drafted.

Current Administration & Council cannot comment on the reasoning in regard to the 2020 changes

Is revenue required to cover cost overruns, build up reserves, or match operating costs?.

Revenue goes to operating costs and reserve buildups. However, operating costs + reserve contributions are expected to remain higher then total revenue come 2028

2- 1997 to 2025

Does this suggest that over the past 28 years the M.D. failed to cover utility expenses and only now have figured it out?

From a cost tracking and budget perspective, water operations and wastewater operations were not budgeted and tracked separately until 2014 and 2020 respectively. Previous to that it is not feasible to check operational costs vs. revenue as they were all under the larger Public Works budget. Significant changes to budgeting and operations

planning related to water began in 2021, hence the timing of this increase (it took time for confidence related to costs/revenues to stabilize after 2021 changes)

The 7 major upgrades in the past 15 years should have been a clue especially if regulatory requirements changed.

I don't have the full history of funding information for all the projects easily accessible. I am however aware that the MD was successful in covering a significant portion of capital project costs from 2013 onwards with grants. However, all assets of course have an operational life.

3- Gap . Gaps in previous years -2023-2024 .

These were understandable, but the statement that "both gaps are expected to increase" needs an explanation.

The MD anticipates additional connections will be made throughout the water/wastewater system. If operating and revenue costs were broken down to a typical individual residence, that individual residence would currently not be covering their operating cost via their billing. Adding an additional connection would only exacerbate the overall issue as that individual residence would have the same gap. We also anticipate power and maintenance costs to start increasing a bit more. The majority of infrastructure was in very good shape over the last 10 years as it is new. Maintenance requirements are now starting to increase as the water plant has reached 10 years old now

4 - Increase Now - "Operation costs have started to stabilize to the point that we are confident revenue increases are required to deal with operational cost increases"
Provide the actual figures to clarify this statement.

Refer to previous answers

5- Avoiding emergent situations ,spending on planning and preventative maintenance are all good notions but what are the actual costs associated with each of these items
Provide details to justify utility cost increases for items such as " avoiding" , "planning". .

Refer to forecasted operational expenditures. Details above are relevant as well. Here is an abbreviated list of bigger ticket items we plan to tackle over the next year which are not annually done:

- *Water Treatment Plant Health Check (detailed review and reporting on PALL membrane skid trains which are the heart of our treatment process. The PALL skids are proprietary and has internal controls beyond what we have for the rest of WTP operations)*
- o *Header and membrane replacement work*
- *Beaver Mines Sewer Flushing for limited identified areas requiring it*
- *Reservoir Inspections & cleaning (requires divers) for Cowley (serves entire system) and Lundbreck*

- *Lundbreck Lagoon Sludge Survey*
- *WTP intake flocculation/valving upgrade*
- *SCADA System Migration to more reliable program with lower lifecycle cost*

We are also in the process of drafting long term asset management plans related to water and wastewater infrastructure.

We also have a "Drought Projects Assessment" scheduled to kickoff this year to re-assess 25-year system demands with the new intakes during drought conditions and future plans as it relates to planning for serious multi-year droughts 25 years from now. The MD was successful in covering a large majority of these planning costs via grants. The scope of projects/plans out of this next phase is unknown at this time

6 -By-Law amendment . Has any consideration been given to updating the by- law with only the 2025 and 2026 increases then re assessing the cost/ revenue flow and revisiting the need for the further increases .For Beaver Mines the costs will go up by \$32 , \$63.40 , \$96.00 and \$128.00 yearly from a current \$86.50 to \$214.50. This represents an overall increase of 250% which is unjustified and excessive..

Thanks for the feedback, will forward to Council for their consideration. Note it is anticipated that the total increase out to 2028 will not to cover operating costs + reserve contributions come 2028. Due to this, Council had also considered doing the increase over a shorter time period, such as immediate or over 2 years. However, 4 years was ultimately proposed.

7 Comparisons to other jurisdictions is of little value and does not justify cost increases .Other towns, villages and Hamlets have different operating systems,and topography.

Understood and agreed that different municipalities have different water and wastewater treatment requirements. The comparison is not a justification. We believed residents may find it important to have this data available as it would be a commonly brought up concern. Residents may draw their own conclusions considering the differing complexities of each system

8-Cost to Operate - 8 Major components are listed as part of the infrastructure . Are costs related to each facility and end user calculated into the rates . Sewer rates for Lundbreck and Beaver Mines have been differentiated but what about CMR for water . There is more transmission line, river crossings , pumps and meter stations to supply CMR and Parks but the base rate for CMR water stays flat every year and consumption rates only increase 53% to 2028 whereas Beaver Mines has an increase of 200%

An attempt has been made to balance costs for different Customers at differing locations. Castle's total annual revenue for 2024 was roughly \$70,000. Lundbrecks is similar. So roughly 1/3 of utility costs are being covered by CMR currently for the transmission line and booster stations alone. CMR covers operational costs for their

own distribution, collection, and wastewater system. I didn't calculate Beaver Mines Revenue exactly. I would expect the cost to operate/m³ water used would be much higher than both Lundbreck and CMR out to 2028, although skewed right now due to low number of hookups. Note that unlike Lundbreck, that Beaver Mines has additional transmission line, a major river crossing, and an additional booster pump station. Calculating exact costs and revenues for each user group would be a full time job or require large study in itself which would have diminishing returns. Myself and Council are open to feedback from all user groups if we got the balance right or not.

9 Rate Differentials . Explain why Beaver Mines has a sewer consumption rate and Lundbreck does not . Both systems have operating costs , Beavers system is just under use and known costs to date ,, yearly operating costs yet to be determined . Lundbreck has had rehabilitation, aeration , smell issues , rodents and ongoing maintenance. plus possible future expansion.

The Sewer Consumption rate was calculated as a percentage of water usage. The cost to operate the Beaver Mines system is much higher than the Lundbreck system. Lundbrecks system consists of aeration. No lift stations, no other requirements. The Beaver Mines system has a major lift station to transfer waste, a longer forcemain, and a treatment system which has higher operational costs for a variety of reasons. It is typically visited 2-3 times a week, sampling events occur at least once a week, the site has increased aeration, and dosing pumps operate daily. Lundbreck has none of these things and they come at a cost. Per point 8 above, if the intent was to fully cover operational costs for each end user, Beaver Mines' rate would be much more significant. Consumption costs were only charged for Beaver Mines as usage has minimal effect on the overall operational costs for Lundbreck. Usage has a very direct effect on costs to operate the waste system for Beaver Mines however. More usage means more lift station and dosing system run time. I.e. more power costs and wear/tear

If it is justified at all, it should be for both . Also , commercial rates in Beaver Mines are lower. Why ? Summer water use outdoors appears to still be subject to sewer rates.

Residential target was 25%/m³ of consumption by 2028, Commercial was 15%/m³. Typically residential users have a higher percentage of water use that ends up in the sewer than commercial hence why some municipalities charge a higher percentage for residential consumption. However, Beaver Mines obviously has few commercial businesses. I will pass the feedback along to Council for consideration

Would it not be fair to project daily winter water use rates (Nov. to March) as the basis for summer sewer consumption ? Is the idea to deter outdoor water use?

Most municipalities whom charge sewer consumption fees do it as a percentage of water usage. Some users don't use any (or very low water) Nov to Mar as they are season. Open to other basis that would be easy to administrate

10-" Rates have been set up so that users whom use less save more on their bills..... Explain this. . When it comes to utilities there are no savings. It is simply using less to spend less .

Figure 3 for Lundbrek is meaningless.

Compared to other municipalities in the area, the MD has a relatively lower base rate, but a higher consumptive rate. I.e. My Town bill charges \$85.44 in base rate fees between water and sewer currently, but the consumption rate is only \$1.12/m3. So for a typical 15 m3/month user, 28% of their bill would be consumption charges, and 72% base rate. A typical Beaver Mines resident in 2028 would see about 42% of their bill being consumptive charges. I.e. that resident could save up to 42% of their bill by conserving water. Water conservation is more highly rewarded via savings (and conversely, penalized for over usage) than in other municipalities.

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Unless proven by actual numbers relating to current and future revenue plus current and future operating costs these rate changes appear exorbitant

Residents of Beaver Mines are being subjected to major cost increases for utilities that are just barely in use and not to full operating capacity.

With only 40 residences connected , 19 others not started and a potential of 14 - 15 for future development , how can costs be anything but speculative.

As stated , a by-law covering 2025 and 2026 is more reasonable given that there will be more data to input to determine if further and to what extent increases are justified in 2027 -2028

Appreciate your feedback. It will be provided to Council for consideration

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE RESIDENT #1 FEEDBACK #2

Thanks With the 130 vs. 200 ; the \$30,000 base for CMR ; the numbers make more sense.

On Fri., Mar. 21, 2025, 3:39 p.m. David Desabrais,
<AdminInfra@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

There are 130-135 utility accounts in Lundbreck (going off old data as it is easier to parse pre-Beaver Mines). I was also only accounting for the water side of things on the \$70,000 rough estimate, hence our discrepancy.

Regarding CMR, the calculation is $27532 \times 1.50 + 2,500 \times 12$. So at today's rates for water services alone, CMR annual base rate (\$30,000/yr.) exceeds Lundbreck and Beaver Mines (at full buildout) combined.

Hope this helps address your concerns.

*Thanks,
David Desabrais, P. Eng.
Cell: 403 632 5184*

From: XXXX
Sent: March 21, 2025 2:57 PM
To: David Desabrais <AdminInfra@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: Proposed Utility Rates;

Lundbrek estimate was based on 200 users, X 20x6 = 24,000 base . 44,000 at 1.15 = 50,600 for consumption. Sewer, 200 X 6 X 12 = 14,400. Total, based on 200 users = \$89,000. Was my user estimate too high? CMR - 27532 X1.50 +5,000 (not 2500),= \$46,298 . ? Beaver Mines rates will probably never cover operating costs . The increases projected will discourage connecting as well as new construction. There are 4 places for sale now and others may follow. Still do not understand why CMR base rate stays at the current 5,000 according to the information provided.

On Fri., Mar. 21, 2025, 8:48 a.m. David Desabrais,
<AdminInfra@mdpincercreek.ab.ca> wrote:

Hey XXX

Thanks for your additional comments & questions. I've attempted responses where possible and will again provide this feedback to our Council upon conclusion of the open house.

*Regards,
David Desabrais, P. Eng.
Cell: 403 632 5184*

Hi David;;

Following are comments, questions and general information for you to peruse prior to the open house.

Beaver Mines has 69 residences, of which, around 31 are full time. As of last update there are a total of 40 connected to the systems.

19 of the 31 full timers are connected and 21 of the 38 part timers are connected. This leaves 29 existing residences to be connected along with an additional 10 or more potential future sites being developed. I believe the original design was for 100 users in a 25 year horizon .

If the M.D. were to compile usage from billing periods representing summer and winter usage, future estimated revenue could be projected. A similar data collection from Lundbrek could provide the same base for projected revenue.

If, as stated usage was 44,000m³, revenue at current rates was just under \$90,000.? However, CMR using 27,532m³ should produce \$46,298. Where does the \$70,000 come from?

I'm a little unclear regarding your \$90,000 Lundbrek calculation. Lundbrek has a mix of residential and commercial businesses along with a few exempt sites (such as Patton Park watering), so the rates posted in the bylaw can't be used to calculate total revenue. Regarding CMR, they pay a flat \$2,500/month base rate + \$1.50/m³ usage currently, which works out to about \$70,000.

Our last 3 bills averaged 2 m³ of water usage at a cost of \$22.30. Or, as a basis = \$11.15/m³. If a neighbor used, say 10 m³ they would be billed \$31.50, or a basic \$3.15/m³. Where is the incentive to use less water? At the first rate increase the cost differences become \$31.44 /m³ to \$4.44/m³. This ratio increases with each projected increase.

Great to see how much water you are conserving! The comparison is vs. what other municipalities are doing. Most municipalities have higher base rates, but lower consumptive costs (for a similar typical bill). For example, if you lived in Cowley or the Crowsnest Pass, they have no consumptive meter charges! So you would already be paying \$56 every 2 months regardless if you watered all day or used 2 m³ of water (CNP also has a \$93 base rate for sewer).

The 42% consumptive charges for water is confusing. If by 2028, 30m³ of water at 2.30 costs \$69 plus \$60 base rate = 69/129 or 53%.

Apologies, I was also including sewer rates in the 42% calculation.

If conservation by lower usage is to be rewarded why not use a 2 tiered system where higher users pay more?

I will pass along this for consideration.

Lethbridge charges a base rate for water of \$0.50/day and metered cost of \$1.354/m³. Sewer is .32/day plus \$1.097/m³ based on full metered volume in winter and an average of winter volume for summer when water is used outdoors. This is a more fair and equitable system and should be looked into..

I will pass along this for consideration. Essentially you're looking to further incentivize less usage by adding more to consumptive charges (seasonally) vs. base rate on the sewer end of things.

In summary ;

2 rate increases as shown for 2025 and 2026 are a more reasonable change to the by-law , with future fact based increases that can be justified beyond that.

We will certainly be reviewing how revenues increase over time prior to 2028 to ensure revenue forecasts are not being over/undershot, but I will pass this along for consideration.

Sewer rates up to 25% higher in Beaver Mines are unreasonable and not justified by actual operating costs as the system is new and not to capacity.

For 2024, about 40-50% (conservatively) of our wastewater budget is for Beaver Mines related systems, which will serve less population now as well as at full buildout. Operations cost will stabilize over time, I would expect the Beaver Mines systems to make up 55-65% (or more) of wastewater operations cost for a typical year once operations have stabilized. Asset values of the Beaver Mines wastewater system – and therefore replacement/maintenance costs (and reserve contributions) will also be higher.

If a 2 tier system is proposed for sewer , why not apply it to water to incentivise lower usage?

Will pass along for consideration

CMR base rate is shown as unchanged and consumption increases average 10% compared to increases of 50 to 100% in Hamlets. Why the preferential treatment?

Intent is to equalize consumptive charges throughout the system for the majority of users (exceptions = rural non cistern and bulk fill stations), and modify base rates for different areas that have different base operational and infrastructure replacement costs. CMR's base rate revenue is already fairly significant compared to the combined base rate revenue of the other major areas (Lundbreck, Cowley, Beaver Mines). I will pass this along for consideration.

Thank you for the information provided in response to my previous email and good luck with the open house.

Thanks XXX hope you are doing well, and nice to see how much water you're conserving!!

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE RESIDENT #2

David,

Sorry for not getting back to you sooner. Some unexpected events piled up and I couldn't figure out when I'd be free.

I'd like to discuss 3 things: who should pay for getting a curbstop to our new lot (I think you and I have talked about this before, but the more I think about it I think there are reasonable arguments to say the MD should pay);

The portion of Service Connections from mains to property edge (Water and Wastewater Service Line) are to be provided and installed by the MD, but are Customer cost responsibility, per Schedule A Section (6) of Utility Bylaw 1344-22 & Schedule E. Cost is actual contracted cost + 5%. This is typical in municipalities. Sometimes for large expansion projects, such as done in Beaver Mines, the capital cost will also be recovered from the end Customer via Connection Fee's or Local Improvement Taxes. Sylvan Lake (for example) recently underwent a communal sewage upgrade. Cost charged were actual contracted costs + 25% for each service connection. Also note, the MD cost + 5% applies to all new Service Connections. I.e. if a Rural user or someone in Lundbreck needed a Main or Service Connection extended, it would be their responsibility to bear that cost as opposed to the rest of the taxpayer base. Similar to power lines.

in light of the current and likely continuing drought isn't it reasonable to allow BM residents who currently have their own, private water and waste water systems to get a waiver or a delay on the Jan. 1, 2028, deadline to tie into the municipal system;

Per Schedule (B)&(C), Section (2) of Bylaw 1344-22, "all developed properties adjacent to a Distribution System Main (& equivalent for Wastewater) must connect to the Water System (Wastewater System) on or before a date set by Council or the CAO". Section (3) allows Council or CAO to grant exemption. Customers (such as yourself) are welcome to state their case for exception to Council. No exceptions have been granted to date. Regarding the continuing drought, we are confident our new intakes will be sufficient in meeting full Hamlet buildout volumes in the event that we need to fully rely on them for the coming years.

and lastly, we understand that there are landowners outside of the communities served that don't have to meet the Jan. 1, 2028 deadline. If this is true why don't they have the same rules applying as, say, hamlet property owners?

Notice was given pursuant to Schedule (B)&(C) Sections (2)(2) on October 4th, 2023 that "connection within the Hamlet of Beaver Mines for all developed properties adjacent to a Distribution System Water Main and Wastewater Main will be mandatory by January 1st, 2028." Distribution Systems only exist in the Hamlets (Lundbreck and Beaver Mines). I'm not aware of any residents whom are adjacent to Distribution

System Mains/Sewer Mains within Lundbreck whom are not on the systems. Transmission Systems (Rural Mains) have differing requirements and Service Connections do not exist for all these sites. Transmission System Service Connections are also typically serving Agricultural (or similar) land, and those residents would not be able to use the water for Agricultural specific means per the terms of our water licenses. I'm not sure if this fully addresses what you were asking, let me know if I missed something.

David, I'm planning on being at the Utilities Bylaw public hearing on Wednesday and maybe some of these questions can be answered there; otherwise, let me know who's the best person to discuss them with.

Sounds good, see you there! Feel free to provide feedback in writing via the survey on our website as well (<https://mdpinchercreek.ab.ca/content.php?n=997>)

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE COUNCILLOR – RESIDENT FEEDBACK

Spoke after meeting to a few folks and a few calls came in this morning. I expect more. I'm encouraging people to email into MD office and hoping they will. But one "low hanging fruit" came up so thought I'd give Dave/Roland a chance to explore. 1) I believe Lundbreck has WEEKLY garbage pickup. Not sure on BMines. Lots of comments about how little garbage people generate. Could they opt out? I think that will be problematic. How about cutting our costs by only contracting garbage pick up EVERY 2nd week and passing that savings on? At least we are listening and I can't see a downside.

If we could give a "comment time" of a few weeks. The Lundbeck Citizens council meets April 7th and I know there will be comments there. Remember these folks don't even know yet about increased TAX assessments in Lundbreck 9% + additional 5%. Education Taxes rising. So their tax bills are coming up. You heard the fixed income comments. Number of Seniors- 1/3?. Bad timing. Etc

Just saying. We are a well managed MD. Good Reserves. Often under budget at the end of the year. Good windmill / industrial tax base.

John MacGarva
Councillor Division 5
MD Of Pincher Creek
Phone: 403-627-3130

Sent from my mobile device. Privacy limitations apply.

know you are busy no response is . I
had planned on attending the meeting
this evening, I

had planned on going to represent the

We appreciate the
many years that we have not had to
pay for the MD utilities. We totally
understand that cost s make that
arrangement no longer feasible.

Again, on behalf of

please pass on our thanks &
appreciation for all the MD does for
our community.

Now, as a citizen, I also appreciate
that even with the proposed increases
our water rates are still within the
range of reasonable. No one likes to
pay more but I totally get the
necessity of it. My only concern is the
free Water to RV's. There needs to be
a way for the RV's to pay for the water
they get. If the tap on the firehall
remains free the MD will have a very
difficult time with the locals. Haha.
If you would like all this in an email to
pass on to the MD council. Let me
know where to send it. Keep up the
good work.

* 33% of this town is either on
old age Pension or disability $\frac{1}{3}$!!

* Water is increasing from 1.15 m^3 to 2.50
in 4 years
Why are we using treated water to
(Good drinking water) to water the
trees @ the entrance into Lundbreck
and Patten Park (that no one uses)
and have an increase to the Already
33% of the town pay for wastewater
water as to the Above (?)

Garbage should be on Ciptian Not
a bylaw only now should be having a
low Profit tax!
And Special Bumps are Needed
on Railway St East + West of
Main St

Thank you



Recommendation to Council

TITLE: Western Mud Slingers Event July 5 2025 Mud Bog SW 7-6-28 W4M			
PREPARED BY: Laura McKinnon		DATE: April 3, 2025	
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development			
Department Supervisor	Date	ATTACHMENTS: 1. Letter from Western Mud Slingers Dated March 19, 2025 2. GIS Map 3. Event Layout	
APPROVALS:			
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Department Director	Date	CAO	Date

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, acting in their capacity as the Licensing Officer pursuant to Bylaw No. 918A, grant the applicant a license for the mud racing event planned for July 5, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

On March 19, 2025, the MD received the attached letter from Jesse Hall on behalf of the Western Mud Slingers (the Applicant) regarding the eighth annual mud bog event they are proposing on July 5, 2025, within the SW 7-6-28 W4M (*Attachment No. 1*).

The Western Mud Slingers are a member of Chinook Mud Racing.

To help license and regulate entertainment events the MD adopted Bylaw No. 918A in March of 1993. For the bylaw to come into effect, a threshold number of people attending an event is 500. The applicant has indicated they are estimating between 450-600 spectators.

As such, the applicant was advised that the bylaw would come into effect and that they should apply to the Licensing Officer (Council or such person or persons as Council may designate).

The event is scheduled for 6 hours, commencing at 11:00 am and concluding at 5:00 pm.

The Pincher Creeks Elks are providing concession and beer gardens and will have the required security members as per the AGLC license requirements.

The RCMP, health inspector, and the fire department, are to be notified. Additionally, EMS is on site and RCMP frequently attend.

Recommendation to Council

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

WESTERN MUD SLINGERS

Re: By-Law 918A Entertainment events

March 19th, 2025

The Western Mud Slingers are a part of an Albertan mud racing association that hosts events all over Alberta from Cardston to Cereal on July 5th, The Western Mud Slingers are planning a mud bog on Lloyd Sproule's land in the sw7-6-28-w4. The event will start at 11:00am and run till about 5:00pm in years past we have had between 450-600 spectators and 50-75 drivers attend.

Mustangs High school Football team is volunteering their time, in return we are donating a portion of the proceeds back to the team.

Pincher Creek Elks also attend the event, a portion of their earnings goes to various Pincher Creek charities, Angels among us, high school football, to name a couple.

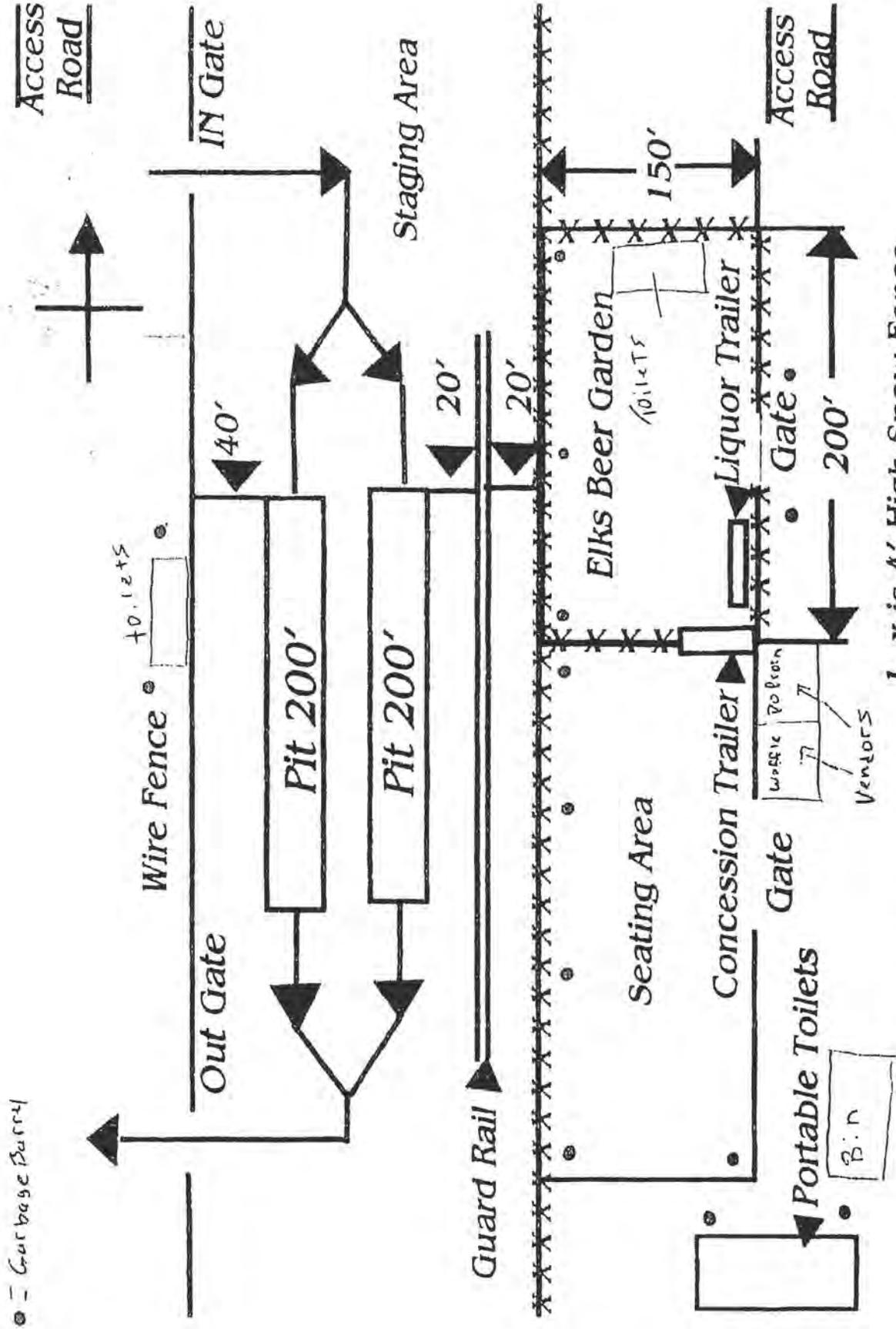
So far, we have most of the tasks completed to make this a successful event.

- Insurance for the event will be provided through the Pincher Creek Co-Operators
- Special event organizer notification has been sent to AHS
- There will be security personal onsite
- On duty police make appearances throughout the day
- There will be Alberta registered EMS onsite
- Two qualified firemen with a fire suppression unit onsite
- Additional water tanker with 56000L of water onsite
- 15 porta potties with appropriate sanitizing stations
- Garbage bins, cans, ashtrays, are provided
- Adequate parking is provided with volunteers parking the vehicles

Any questions please don't hesitate to call.

President, Greg Chartier - 1-403-627-6668

Vice president, Jesse Hall - 1-403-339-1297



1. x is 4' High Snow Fence

2. July 15th. Start 11:00 AM

Parking



RR290

RR230

UNKNOWN

Event Location

SW 7-6-28 W4

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

March 24, 2025 to April 4, 2025

Discussion:

Mar 25	Council Committee and Council Meeting
Mar 26	Utility Rates Open House - Lundbreck
Mar 27	Monthly Admin Staff and Safety Meetings
Mar 31	Senior Management Team Meeting
Mar 31	2025 Municipal Election Organizational Meeting
Apr 1	Planning Session, Municipal Planning Commission
Apr 2	PW Safety Meeting
Apr 3	Meeting with PCREMO DEM for update
Apr 4	ARMAA Zone 1 Spring Mtg., County of Newell Admin Bldg.

Upcoming

Apr 8	Council Committee and Council Meeting
Apr 10	Safety Inspection at Airport

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive for information, the Chief Administrative Officer’s report for the period March 24, 2025, to April 4, 2025.

Prepared by: CAO, Roland Milligan

Date: April 2, 2025

Respectfully presented to: Council

Date: April 8, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITY

March 20, 2025 to April 2, 2025

Correspondence from the Last Council:

- Maycroft Road Residents
- Letter to Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors
- Dolphin Donation

Advertising/Social:

- South Canadian Rockies Information Night
- Utility Open House/Survey
- Dust Control – Deadline May 1, 2025
- Council Package/Public Hearing March 25, 2025

Other Activities:

- Spring 2025 Newsletter
- Utility Open House/Survey Results
- Coordinated with Public Works to find more streamlined way for dust control
- Election meeting to discuss advertising
- Pincher Creek & District Hometown Award – Information to Schools and Community

Invites to Council:

- Rural Crime Watch – has not responded
- Community Foundation – April 8, 2025

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

- Regular Committee, Council – April 8, 2025
- Coffee with Council Summerview – April 15, 2025
- Regular Committee, Council – April 22, 2025
- Pincher Creek & District Trade Show – April 25 and 26, 2025
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – April 30, 2025



Let's Celebrate Nurses!

From Terri Shaul <Terri.Shaul@albertanursing.ca>

Date Tue 2025-04-01 9:22 AM

 1 attachment (307 KB)

Nursing Week 2025 Declaration.pdf;

Good day – I hope this email finds you well. As we approach National Nurses Week, which will be celebrated from May 12 to May 18, 2025, I am writing to encourage Alberta communities to recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of nurses in our province.

Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system, providing compassionate care, support, and expertise to patients and their families. Their dedication and hard work often go unrecognized, yet they continue to serve with unwavering commitment, especially during challenging times.

National Nurses Week is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude and appreciation for the nurses who work tirelessly to ensure our well-being. I urge you to join me in celebrating their efforts by:

1. Organizing a community event such as an appreciation lunch, award ceremonies, or public acknowledgments to honor the nurses in your area.
2. Sharing stories and messages by encouraging community members to share their positive experiences with nurses on social media or through local media outlets.
3. Provide support by offering resources and support to local nursing staff, things like wellness programs, professional development opportunities, or simply a heartfelt thank-you.

By coming together to recognize the vital role of nurses, we show our appreciation for their dedication and inspire others to pursue this noble profession. Let us make National Nurses Week a memorable and meaningful celebration for all the nurses in our communities.

Thank you for your time and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Terri Shaul (she/hers)

Operations Director

403-998-7229

Web: albertanursing.ca





DECLARATION

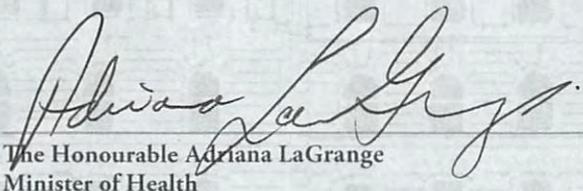
WHEREAS: Nurses play an integral role in the delivery of high quality care to Albertans;

AND WHEREAS: The annual Nursing Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the numerous contributions that nurses make, and will continue to make, to the health care system;

AND WHEREAS: The Government of Alberta recognizes the Alberta Association of Nurses' important mission to enhance, promote and advocate on behalf of nurses and the nursing profession;

AND WHEREAS: Alberta's government commends the important work of nurses in the province.

THEREFORE: THE HONOURABLE ADRIANA LAGRANGE IS PROUD TO DECLARE MAY 12 TO 18, 2025 AS NURSING WEEK IN ALBERTA.



The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Health



Castle Mountain Community Association
Box 2953
Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

March 28 2025

The Reeve and Council
Municipal District of Pincher Creek
Box 279
1037 Herron Ave.
Pincher Creek, AB.
T0K 1W0

The Castle Mountain Community Association (CMCA) is planning to deliver the attached letter and map asking the Alberta Department of Forestry and Parks to upgrade and maintain an existing unmaintained trail in the Castle Wildland Park between Castle Mountain Resort and the Syncline X-Country Ski Trail system (shown in .

Restoring and maintaining this trail will connect many of the existing trail networks in the Castle Wildland and Provincial parks into an extensive and cohesive system and will significantly improve public safety by removing much of the non-motorized traffic from Highway 774 between the South Castle Bridge and Castle Mountain Resort.

CMCA is seeking the MD of Pincher Creek's support for this project. Should the MD of Pincher Creek agree, A draft LETTER OF SUPPORT is attached. Please feel free to use this letter or prepare your own to fully reflect the views of the MD of Pincher Creek.

Please also provide a copy of your letter for our files to the attention of:

Karen Harker, Castle Mountain Community Association, kgharker@gmail.com

Respectfully

Kevin Finn, Volunteer



Castle Mountain Community Association
Box 2953
Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

March 23, 2025

Honourable Todd Loewen
Minister of Forestry and Parks
Members of Executive Council
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Minister Loewen

We are requesting an upgrade to, and regular maintenance of, an existing unmaintained trail in the Castle Wildland Park in Southern Alberta (see attached map). This trail improvement project aligns with the 2024 Government of Alberta Tourism Strategy by increasing tourism opportunities in the Southern Alberta region in all seasons. Upgrading and maintaining this trail will increase opportunities for tracked x-country skiing, fat biking and snowshoeing in the winter and for mountain biking, hiking and trekking in the summer.

This trail, unofficially called the Syncline Connector Trail, is approximately 7 kms long and connects Castle Mountain Resort to the Syncline Barnaby Staging area in the Castle Provincial Park (5.5kms) and to

the Syncline X-Country ski area in the Castle Wildland Park, following the east side of the West Castle River and the east boundary of the Westcastle Wetlands Ecological Reserve.

This unmaintained trail was developed in the 1970's but maintenance ceased in the late 1990's. It has been used ever since for hiking, x-country mountain biking, x-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Over time the trail has fallen into disrepair making it hazardous to use in some areas. One section runs close to the river so is subject to high water and needs relocation; another section of trail crosses a watercourse and requires a bridge or culvert, while other parts of the trail are overgrown and indistinct.

The most significant improvements requested include a section of approximately 500 M. that needs relocation. The section in question has been assessed on a preliminary basis and flagged with the assistance of local representatives. Attached Map 2 identifies the location of the requested improvement area.

Benefits of upgrading and maintaining this trail:

- Connects the existing trail networks in Castle Wildland and Provincial Parks, including the Great Divide Trail, the Syncline Valley Trail, the Barnaby Ridge Trail, the Syncline X-Country Ski Trail Network, the Carbondale Trail Network and the South Castle Trail System into an extensive and cohesive, provincially significant trail system.
- Provides a more desirable route from Castle Mountain Resort to the numerous trail systems to the north of the Resort. For example, Great Divide Trail hikers, upon reaching Castle Mountain Resort, are directed to follow Hwy 774 for several kilometers to the Barnaby Staging area. This route, along a minimally shouldered section of highway through an environmental reserve is, in our opinion, dangerous and does not accomplish the objective of connecting all the trails in the area into a cohesive system.
- Functions as a modest firebreak along the base of Barnaby Mountain.
- Allows for winter grooming for x-country skiing and fat biking from the Syncline cross country area to Castle Mountain Resort
- Relocates a short portion of the trail that may reside in the environmental reserve upslope to a preferred elevation in the Castle Wildland Park and thereby resolve restrictions on use within the reserve.
- Supports and is consistent with the published Castle Tourism Strategy.

If you require further information, please contact us at the following email addresses. We look forward to your attention to this request.

Tim Luke

Tim Luke, President
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Karen Harker

Karen Harker, Volunteer and Member
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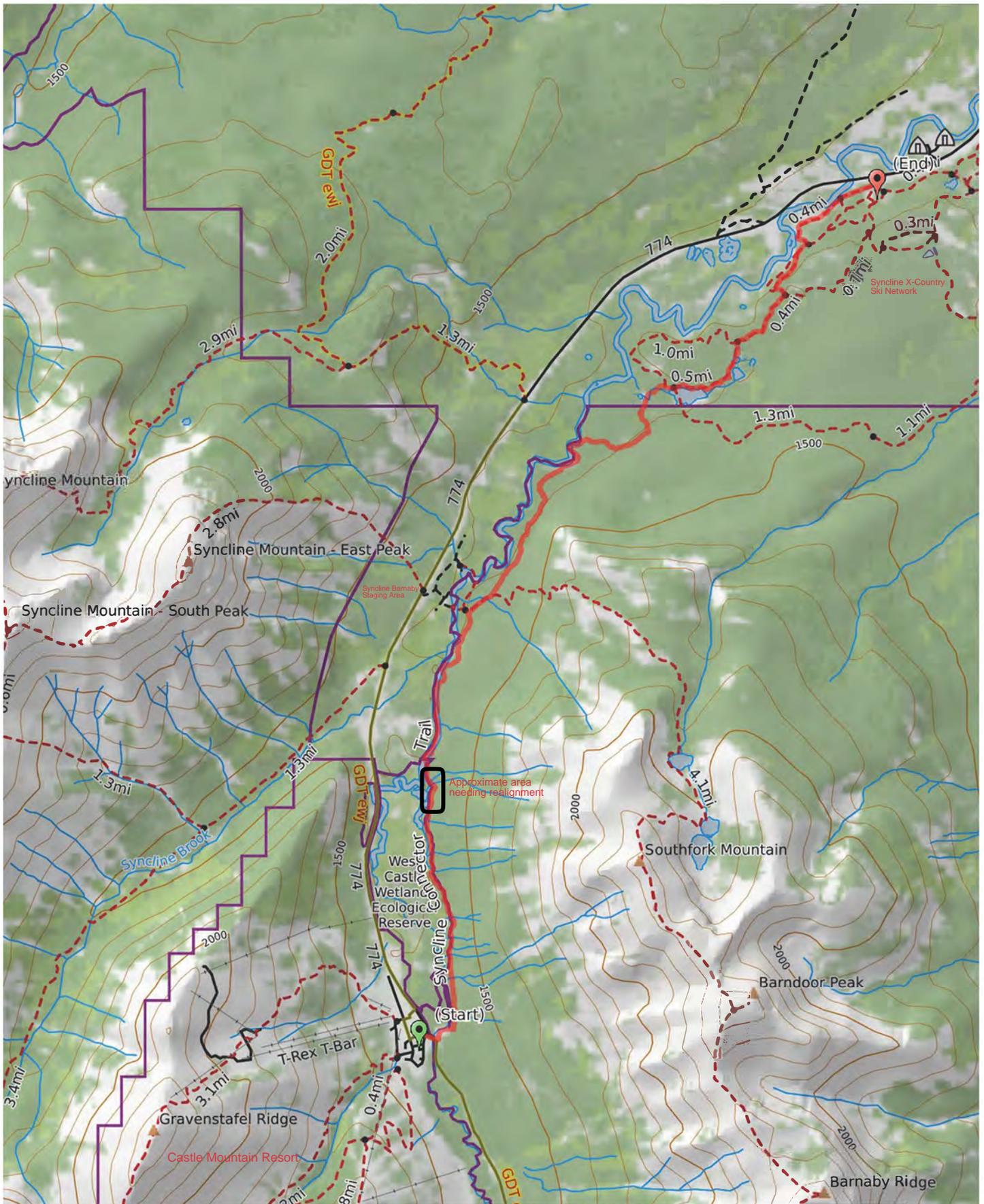
Letters of Support To Follow

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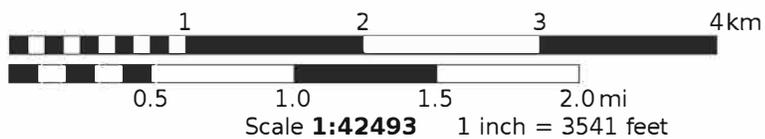
Map 1 shows the entire trail from the CMR trailhead to the Syncline X-Country Ski Network

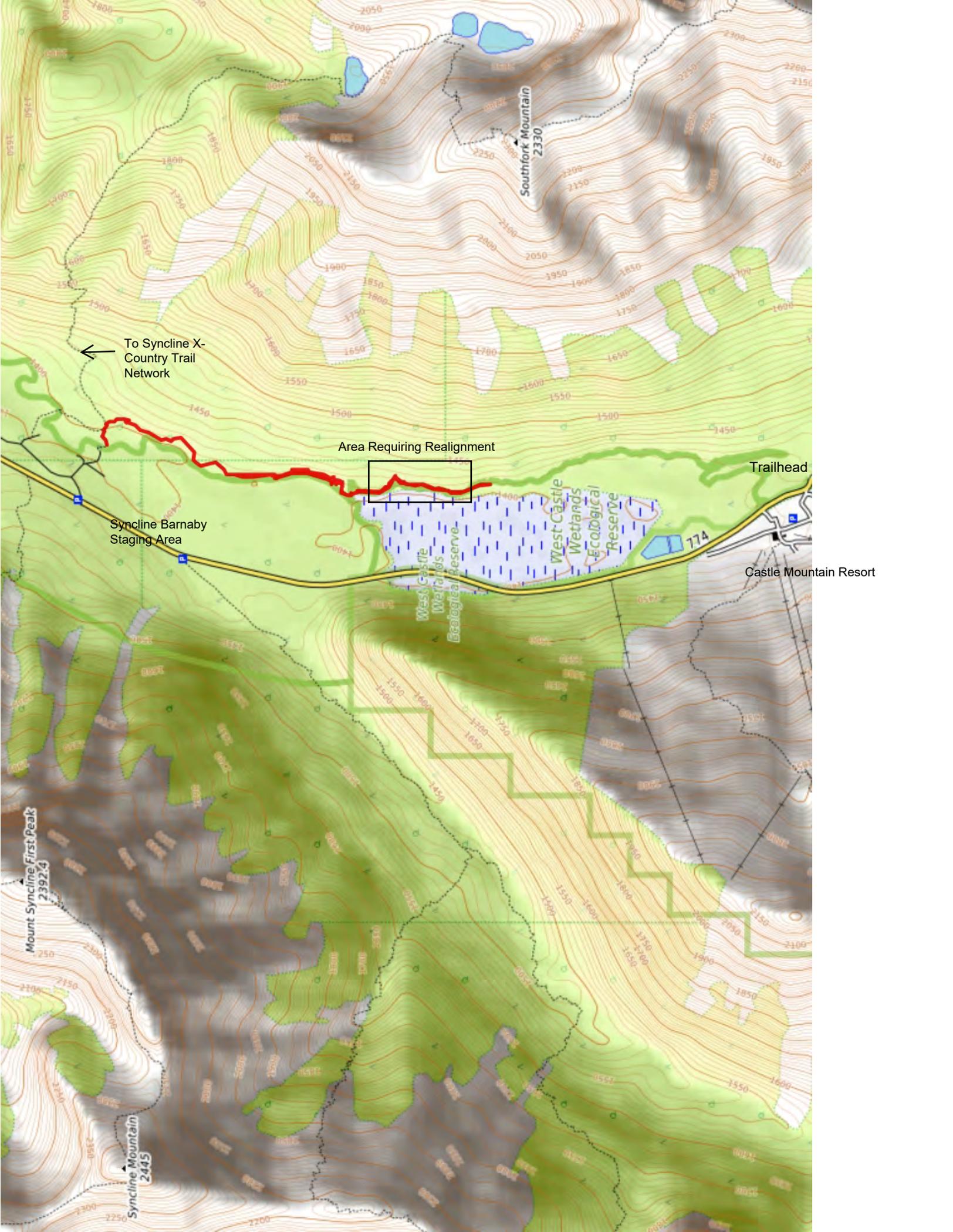
Map 2 shows the area requiring alignment in more detail





Mercator Projection
 WGS84
 UTM Zone 11U



Southfork Mountain
2330

To Syncline X-
Country Trail
Network

Area Requiring Realignment

Trailhead

Syncline Barnaby
Staging Area

West Castle
Wetlands
Ecological
Reserve

Castle Mountain Resort

Mount Syncline First Peak
2392.4

Syncline Mountain
2445

774

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Please Edit as Required

<Your Organizations Name and Address>

<Date>

Honorable Tod Loewen,
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Re: Letter of Support for the Syncline Connector Trail upgrade

<Your Organization Name> offers its wholehearted support for the upgrade to and ongoing maintenance of the Syncline Connector Trail proposed by the Castle Mountain Community Association.

The upgraded Syncline Connector Trail will be an essential route linking many of the existing trail networks in the Castle Wildland and Provincial parks into an extensive, cohesive, provincially significant trail system supporting X-Country Skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, trekking, mountain biking and and potentially horse back riding.

It will also significantly improve public safety in the Castle parks by removing non-motorized traffic from Highway 774 between the South Castle bridge and Castle Mountain Resort.

By creating an exceptional year round recreation opportunity on public land in Southern Alberta this project will be a significant step towards aligning the Castle Parks with the goals set forth in the 2024 Alberta Tourism Strategy and should be undertaken.

Sincerely

<Name>

Syncline Castle Trails Association

PROPOSED NEW USE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS

SCaT originally outlined a plan to use the \$400 allocated for 2025 Joint Funding to purchase services and equipment to create two new Geocache sites on the Syncline Trail Network. Our request to Alberta Parks was denied. Their reasoning was that they wanted to see the data of how many users of the existing 4 geocaches. They want the data collected over three years.

We would like to propose an alternative use for the \$400.

In December 2024 SCaT was the successful bid to manage the winter grooming contract for the trails at Syncline and in Beauvais Provincial Park, a three-year contract. This responsibility fits with our mission to promote and support the maintenance of the Syncline Trail Network. Winter grooming also supports our collaboration with the Pincher Creek Library's loan of cross-country skis (we purchased with a grant) and snowshoes.

Grooming is the working or reworking of snow using special vehicles and attached equipment to provide a consistent trail condition. Grooming provides a better trail experience for all users.

We hired a groomer who uses a snowmobile to pack the trails. SCaT owns a Ginzu groomer that is towed behind the snowmobile to create and maintain classic ski trails, compacting and smoothing snow for a corduroy surface.

OUR REQUEST

The Ginzu is towed more efficiently using a 5th wheel style trail hitch. We would like to purchase this type of hitch. Our quotes presently range from \$700 to \$900.

We would like to put the \$400 allocated from the Joint Funding towards the purchase of this hitch. Please advise whether we can use this funding for the requested equipment purchase.

TOURISM TOGETHER: PARTNERSHIP FOR COLLECTIVE SUCCESS

AN INVITATION TO COUNCIL.

Dear Reeve & Council of the MD of Pincher Creek,

The South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association (SCRTA) is pleased to announce that our organization is hosting an evening to connect with our region's municipalities.

This casual event will bring together key stakeholders including municipal staff, senior administration, and members of council. It will serve as an opportunity for SCRTA to present its accomplishments and upcoming opportunities, as well as gather insightful feedback from municipalities. We aim to explore how we can collectively leverage SCRTA's official designation as the region's Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) to benefit all partners.

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025

Time: 7 - 9pm

Place: Old Man Brewing, Lundbreck, AB

Snacks & Refreshments provided.

Please RSVP no later than April 17, 2025 to Melisa Stefaniw, Destination Management Coordinator, at info@southcanadianrockies.ca.

An official Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) designation allows SCR direct access to new opportunities in the tourism sector for all partners in the area, including municipal governments, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations. By providing access to new or specialized funding streams and larger government support, SCRTA aims to assist in developing and implementing a successful tourism strategy that balances growth with sustainability and aligns with the needs of its partners.



**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

January 16, 2025

Town Hall Chambers

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M.D of Pincher Creek

In Attendance:

- Kris Larson – Chair
- Brain Wright – Councilor
- Judy Lee - Member at Large
- Sheena Adamson – Member at Large
- Faith Zachar – Member at Large
- Andrea Hlady – Culture & Recreation
- Adam Grose – Recreation Manager
- Rhonda Oczkowski – Recreation Programmer

Regrets:

Kari Grandoni

1. Call to Order

6:01 pm

2. Approval of January 16, 2025 RAC Agenda

Addition 5c. MPF Activity Space

Faith Zachar moved the January 16, 2025 RAC agenda be approved as amended

2nd by Brian Wright

3. Approval of RAC September 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Brain Wright moved the September 12, 2024 meeting minutes be approved, 2nd by Faith Zachar

a. Approval of RAC November 14, 2024 meeting minutes

– no quorum

Brain Wright moved the November 14, 2024 RAC meeting minutes be approved, 2nd by Faith

Zachar

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Arena Flooring

Flooring/equipment estimated at \$150,000. Town has approved \$75,000 to match a CFEP

grant application. Proposal still to be brought before the M.D. council for support.

b. Curling Rink

Council did not approve to go to MDSA. A Term of Reference will be drawn up between the Golf Club and Curling Club. The Town will have an Public Open House in the next few weeks to address public concerns with Towns involvement with the Curling Club project.

5. New Business

a. Budget Approved – Fee increases

Arena Fee's were approved and came into effect as of September 1st, 2024. Swimming Pool and campground fee's increased January 1st 2025

b. Committee members terms expired

Adam will take membership to Town Council for approval.

c. MPF Activity Space

Consistent Fitness has given up their lease as of March 1st. Direction from council to look at other options for the space.

6. Open Discussion

a. Department Reports

i. Programming and Events

- Kidsport supported 72 athletes in 2024. \$15,239 given out in grants

- Arena Stats for September – December 2024

Parent/Tot/Senior Skate 42

Public/Family Skates 1390

Private Rentals 37

- 2025 Event Calendars in mail and ready for pick up

- Community basketball Tuesday/Friday nights

- Upcoming Feb 5 Winter walk & Jersey Day

- Feb 6 Start of Stepping in Winter

ii. Pool & Arena

See Attached

7. Members Report

Judy Lee – ScaT has contract for grooming. Will manage Syncline and Beauvais. Offering guided

xc Ski and snowshoe. Community Family event at the Syncline on February 22.

Sheena Adamson – Lots of basketball at St Michael's School. The school is hosting drop in basketball on Sunday nights Skating Club is growing with CanSkate (47) and

StarSkate (17). First competition to be hold on February 1st.

Faith Zachar – George Hopkins from Stampeders came in to inspect equipment (helmets)

Sending 3 teams to play the Brock Ramerais game in February. May 3rd is the All Star

Game. Mud Bog is in June.

Kris Larson – none

8. Next Meeting

March 20 @ 6:00 pm

9. Adjourn

Brian adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm

Kris Larson
Approved Kris Larson
Date *Nov 20/25*

SAVE THE DATE!

PINCHER CREEK

DAY *on the*

CREEK

May 15, 2025

Learning in the
great outdoors!



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For more information contact:

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ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS

Office of the Minister

March 31, 2025

Mr. Rick Lemire, Reeve
c/o Ms. Jessica McClelland, Executive Assistant
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
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Dear Reeve Lemire:

Thank you for your letter about the province's aquatic invasive species (AIS) program. Watercraft inspections and decontamination are our primary defences to prevent the introduction and spread of AIS into Alberta.

I am pleased to share that the Burmis watercraft inspection station, located along Highway 3, will be operating in the 2025 season. Our goal is to enhance inspection capacity at this station to continue to prevent the introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species into our provincial waterways. Specific plans on this are coming soon.

When it comes to addressing the AIS Task Force's recommendations, I can assure you my goal is to work as quickly as possible. We are expanding the watercraft inspection and decontamination program in 2025, and have also announced funding for additional K-9 units. However, the implementation process for certain recommendations requires additional training for staff and possible updates to technology, regulations and legislation, which will take time. Our government is committed to having all recommendations implemented for the start of the 2026 boating season.

For more information, please contact Ms. Cindy Sawchuk, Aquatic Invasive Species Operations and K9 Program Lead, in Canmore at 403-308-1274 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection) or at cindy.sawchuk@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Schulz".

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

cc: Honourable Grant Hunter, MLA, Taber-Warner



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PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Office of the Minister
Deputy Premier of Alberta
M.A. Calgary-West*

AR 30467

March 26, 2025

His Worship Rick Lemire
Mayor
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
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info@mdpincercreek.ab.ca

Dear Mayor Lemire:

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 2025, appealing the denial of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No.9's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) application for financial assistance for the August 17, 2023, water supply crisis event. I have reviewed your appeal and offer the following information.

To ensure consistent and transparent administration of DRPs, applicants are required to meet eligibility criteria as set out in the provincial Disaster Recovery Regulation (DRR). Under section 9 of the DRR, an applicant is ineligible if insurance for the damage, loss, or costs was reasonably and readily available before the disaster. While insurance coverage may vary by provider, it is the municipality's responsibility to select the most suitable provider and insurance coverage for their assets. Section 9 of the DRR states that an applicant is ineligible if the damages, loss, or costs could have been reasonably prevented, such as implementing a stricter level of the Water Shortage Response Plan.

The Government of Alberta recognizes the severity of water shortages and is committed to supporting municipalities in building long-term sustainable water solutions through its programs, such as the Drought and Flood Protection Program and the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program. However, DRPs are focused on facilitating recovery by providing financial assistance to communities for uninsurable losses and damages caused by an extraordinary event.

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Under the provisions of section 3 of the DRR, no compensation may be provided for damage, loss, or costs that are an ordinary or normal risk of a business, trade, calling, or occupation. Water shortages are considered a normal risk of trade, as they are predictable and manageable within business continuity and water shortage planning. Water hauling and operating a temporary water pump are considered standard municipal operational expenses.

Having carefully considered your appeal, I regret to advise that your DRP application does not meet the eligibility criteria as set out in the DRR and, as a result, I must uphold the decision previously made by the Managing Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency. Your application is now considered to be closed.

Thank you again for writing, and for your efforts on behalf of your community.

Sincerely,



Honourable Mike Ellis
Deputy Premier of Alberta
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Attachment

cc: Honourable Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta

Honourable R.J. Sigurdson
Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Honourable Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Honourable Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

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MP, Foothills, Government of Canada

Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer - Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9