



VISION: Where the Rockies meet the prairies, the MD of Pincher Creek promotes sustainable growth while taking pride in its Western heritage and unique natural environment.

MISSION: We are a multi-generational rural community that celebrates a mix of heritage and progress while attracting responsible development.

Open Letter from MD Council

Council has worked hard to maintain a 2.1% increase in municipal tax revenue in 2025. We have done this despite recent financial pressures such as a new fire hall, the water crisis, aging infrastructure, and countless other pressures. Our goal has always been small incremental adjustments.

Our Municipality is big and unique, which is part of why we all love to be here. However, it creates a complex, unavoidable issue with taxes. Assessment increases are not the same within each area of our Municipality, causing varying tax changes across each division. We are responsible for setting a tax rate and, ultimately, tax revenue through a tax by-law. This year we decreased the municipal tax rate for residential properties, helping to offset the large assessment swings.

In addition to an already complicated tax situation we face each year, the Provincial Government is responsible for an Education Property Tax Requisition increase of 15%. Our municipality collects these funds on behalf of the Province. We have no say.

If you need help understanding your tax bill, we are here to help. If you are frustrated with our Municipal Taxes or Assessment, we are here to help. But if your frustration is with the Education Property Tax Requisition, we encourage you to direct those frustrations to the Province.

Your MD Council

Community Peace Officer Program (MD of Pincher Creek Enforcement Services)

The MD's Community Peace Officer (CPO) Program will be operational in July of 2025 and here are some things to know!

MD bylaws have been undergoing a review process to serve the community better. All new bylaws and bylaw amendments will be presented to Council and proceed through a public hearing process this spring:

- Animal Control Bylaw – *under complete review*
- Community Standards Bylaw – **NEW** This is proposed to include the current noise, unsightly premises and curfew bylaws, while also proposing to include littering and good neighbor provisions.
- Traffic Bylaw – **NEW** This is proposed to include road obstructions, parking restrictions, recreational vehicles, heavy/commercial vehicles, road bans, unauthorized roadwork, and more.
- The CPO is authorized to enforce provincial legislation such as the Traffic Safety Act, Dangerous Dogs Act, Animal Protection Act, Trespass to Premises Act, and more.

Keep an eye out for more information! Once our CPO is in place, an open house will be advertised to provide further information on the program.



IMPORTANT TAX DATES:

Assessment Complaint Deadline - June 30th

Penalties Applied to Outstanding Tax as Follows:

July 2nd 2% - November 1st 4% - January 1st 12%

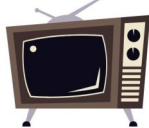
The **Rural Crime Watch** program's focus is on promoting crime prevention through awareness, education, and encouraging reporting of suspicious activity when observed.

Contact: Southwest Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association swarcw@gmail.com



Reuse & Recycle Fair

Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
1037 Heron Ave, Eco Centre/MD Office



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Public Works Highlights 2024

Portion of the Projects Completed in 2024 by Public Works

- 3.1km of Gladstone Road converted back to gravel
- New culvert installed at Fish Lake Dam between the upper and lower lake to allow more useable water in the lower lake
- Installed solar powered LED pedestrian crosswalk controls at Livingstone School in Lundbreck
- Paved pathway installed at end of Oakley drive that leads to Patton Park
- Brushing in road right-of-ways
- Permanent snow fence repair, removal and rebuilds

Major Bridge/Culvert Construction Projects Completed in 2024

- South Todd Creek Tributary Culvert Addition – this environmentally sensitive grant funded project expanded habitat for West Slope Cutthroat Trout by 3.4km
- Todd Creek Culvert under Chapel Rock Road timber struts installation
- Foothills Creek Tributary under SGT Wilde Rd 2m diameter culvert replacement
- Oldman Tributary under Skyline Rd steel struts installation

Upcoming Public Works Projects for 2025

Items of Interest for Spring/Summer 2025

- Ditching and drainage work on 3.7km of North Pincher Station Rd
- Finalization of 10 year strategic plan.
- Road rehabilitation
- Culvert cleanouts and replacements
- Texas Gate replacements
- Completion of Transportation Master Plan
- Re-gravel program (May-July)
- Dust control program (May-June)
- Roadside Mowing (June-August)

Major Bridge/Culvert Construction Projects Planned for 2025

- Fisher Bridge North of Lundbreck – Abutment Protection Fill Work
- Iron Creek under Tapay Road culvert replacement – environmentally sensitive grant funded project to expand fish habitat
- Yarrow Creek/Spread Eagle Road bridge structure rehabilitation
- Meyers Corner culvert replacement
- Castle River under Landfill Road bridge replacement with culverts
- Pincher Creek Tributary under Toney Drive culvert steel pipe liner installation
- Olin Creek Tributary culvert replacement

Deadline for Dust Control

applications are prior to **May 1, 2025.**

Apply online www.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca or come into the office for assistance.

Beaver Mines Water/Wastewater Project Completion

The Beaver Mines Distribution and Collection System, Lift Station, and Treatment System began operating in Fall 2023. By the end of 2024, the MD completed all projects (including minor deficiencies and change work) at a total cost of \$14.25M. Funding included \$10.56M in project specific federal and provincial grants, \$3.47M in flexible provincial grants, and \$215K from reserves. A small pathway network was also constructed.

Over 55% of developed properties in Beaver Mines are now connected to the water and wastewater systems. Remaining property owners must connect by January 1, 2028. Visit the MD website Utility Services Guidelines page for connection details.

Regional Water System—Where are we at?

The MD of Pincher Creek faced a serious water crisis from August 2023 to July 2024. In fall 2023, emergency design and permitting began for permanent new intakes. Vertical infiltration structures were installed in the Oldman Reservoir early in 2024, and water from the new intakes began flowing into the system on May 10 2024, with hauling ceasing the following day.

The \$1.8M project, primarily designed to mitigate water supply issues during drought conditions, is mechanically complete and operational, with final electrical work expected to close out in Summer 2025. Grant funding from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC) and Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (AEPA) covered most costs. The new intakes will meet current drought needs but have withdrawal limitations due to the aquifer's characteristics.

The MD's initial request for relief funding under the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) to cover water hauling and temporary pumping costs for 9 months (exceeding \$1.5M) was denied by the Province. An appeal was submitted in January, unfortunately we were denied once again.

Upcoming Utilities & Infrastructure Projects for 2025

- Water Operations SCADA System Upgrade
- Community Events Board Installation (Admin Building)
- Therriault Dam Emergency Spillway Expansion Work - pending grant funding decision
- Southfork Hill Road – Awaiting grant application decision prior to finalizing design work
- Lundbreck Lagoon Resiliency & Regionalization Study – Finalizing
- Cridland Dam Spillway and Crest Review
- 10 year Bridge File Study
- Lundbreck Lagoon Sludge Survey
- Water Treatment Plant Health Check
- Beaver Mines Sewer Flushing
- Treated Water Reservoir Inspections (via divers)

Regional Water System—What's Next & Supply Outlook

The MD is launching the next phase of our Drought Supply & Strategic Implementation Strategy with a provincially funded Drought Projects Assessment Study. This study aims to develop preliminary designs, risk assessments, and complete cost-benefit analyses of solutions like raw water storage and intake production increase methods, to ensure long-term water security during droughts. The MD plans to evaluate options before committing to significant expenditures.

A rewrite of the Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) is also underway, addressing gaps in trigger points and demand reduction requirements. The new WSRP is expected to take effect before Summer 2025.

As of March 25, 2025, the Alberta Rivers Water Supply Forecast predicts “much below average” mountain runoff for March–September.

Although some demand reductions could be necessary, the MD anticipates avoiding water hauling and temporary pumping this year—regardless of how low the Oldman Reservoir drops—thanks to the new intakes, and provided no significant unforeseen issues arise (such as major line breaks or system shut-downs).



The construction of new intakes and associated pipelines in the Oldman Reservoir (April 18th, 2024)

Municipal Election 2025 · Election Day: October 20, 2025

Nomination Period: Opened on January 1, 2025, and closes at noon on September 22, 2025. For more information please contact the Returning Officer Maureen Webster at the MD Administration Office 403-627-3130 or visit the MD website at www.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

New Voter Registration Process:



Recent amendments to Alberta's Local Authorities Election Act have introduced changes to the voter registration process. For the 2025 municipal elections, residents are encouraged to register to vote in advance to ensure a smooth voting experience. Advanced registration allows voters to receive important updates from Elections Alberta, including personalized information about where, when, and how to vote.

Visit VOTERLINK www.voterlink.ab.ca to register or update your information: If you are not registered or need to update your details (e.g., due to a recent move or name change), you can do so online through VOTERLINK.

Eligibility to Vote:

To be eligible to vote in the Alberta municipal elections, you must be:

- A Canadian citizen.
- At least 18 years old on Election Day.
- Are a resident of the MD of Pincher Creek on Election Day, and reside in the respective division.
- Provide one of the authorized pieces of ID.

Identification Requirements – What's Changed?

For the 2025 municipal election, voter identification requirements have been updated:

- Accepted personal identification includes a valid Alberta driver's licence, a motor vehicle operator's licence, or an identification card issued by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta.
- The ID must include a photograph, name, and post office box number.

Agriculture & Environmental Services (AES)

When most people in our MD think of their AES department, they think, 'Weeds!'

While that is one of our primary functions, due to our proximity to BC and the US, the Weed Control Act is only one of the Provincial Acts we are responsible for. We are involved in many other areas of agriculture and environment as well.

For some quick examples, Soil Erosion (Provincial Soil Erosion Act), Agricultural Pests (Provincial, Agricultural Pests Act), are two that we are responsible for enforcement and/or aid if something comes up. Soil erosion is municipal enforcements issue, agricultural pests is also municipal with laboratory analysis and survey help from the province. When it comes to Animal Health issues (ie; Bird Flu, BSE, Tuberculosis) the MD is expected, by the Province and the Federal Government to provide aid, if asked, in an emergency.

All of the above is managed by our MD Council, CAO,

Agricultural Service Board (ASB), and the Agricultural Fieldman, of which the latter two are formed under the guidance of the Provincial ASB Act. Most of the 69 Alberta rural municipalities have an ASB and most receive provincial funding to form and carry out these activities.

Alternative Land Use Systems (ALUS) Program

While we try offer help or information with everything that both levels of government put out every year, our main focus right now is on the Alternative Land Use Systems (ALUS) program. This program spans the country and is going into its third year with us. Right now it mainly provides funding for riparian area enhancements and pays for acres lost from production but is constantly bringing in funding. Please keep checking back if you are making improvements of your place!

For more information on any of the above and more, please feel free to call Shane Poulsen at 403-339-8741 and for ALUS specifically, call Kelly Cooley at 403-339-8744.

PREMIX SALES (Weed Spray) available to order: May 15 through September 15. To order, call (403) 627-3130 Monday to Friday, ask for premix. **PICKUP AVAILABLE THURSDAY'S AT THE AIRPORT ONLY** 6:30 am to 5:00 pm. Available to MD of Pincher Creek residents ONLY. Limit of ten (10) jugs per order. Jugs are 10 Liters.