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Winter 2018

The Vision of the Council of the MD of Pincher Creek is a community that manages growth and supports our western heritage while preserving our natural environment.

Our Mission is to preserve and enhance our Western Canadian lifestyle and the natural capital of the MD of Pincher Creek through sound decision making and good governance for the community.

Message from the Reeve

Greetings,

At our annual Organizational Meeting in October, I was once again elected as Reeve of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek. As a long-time resident and in my role as an elected official I am both honoured and proud to be of service, as I know my Council colleagues are. I believe that as a council we will continue to work together to develop strategies that will provide future direction and assist us to better meet the needs of our public. The Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek remains committed to improving dialogue and engagement with the community. Our residents and ratepayers need to be participants not by-standers in helping to shape the changes that will affect the life and landscape of our community going forward.

All around us are wide-open spaces and breathtaking landscapes that are the hallmarks of what we are and what we value, wherever we live. Good stewardship of the land must be in balance with the need to provide dependable, timely services to our property owners, residents and constituents.

The year has been a very busy, challenging and sometimes stressful one for Council as we have worked through multiple issues in an effort to provide good governance on several fronts. We will continue to work through these issues and make every effort to establish a sound foundation for the future of our Municipality.

On behalf of the Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9, our staff and Administration, I wish you all a joyous Christmas Season and a prosperous New Year.

Reeve Brian Hammond



Is there something you would like to see in the next edition of the MD Newsletter?

Send us your ideas and suggestions to info@mdpincercreek.ab.ca

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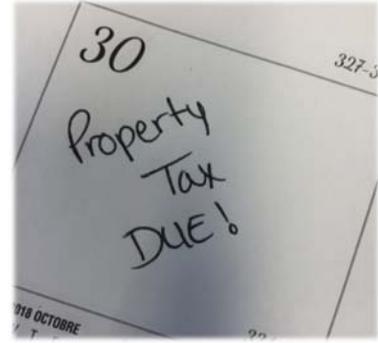
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Tax Clerk

Joyce Mackenzie-Grieve

Assessor

Doug Jensen



Tax Talk

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

Non-receipt of your property tax bill does **not** exempt you from late payment penalties. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep their address on Land Title records accurate. If your address needs updating, contact the MD of Pincher Creek office at 403-627-3130 and we will assist you.

IMPORTANT DATES		TAX INSTALMENT PAYMENT PLAN (TIPP)	ADVANTAGES of the TIP PLAN:
Property Tax Deadline is June 30th		No more worries about payment deadlines or late payment penalties !! To avoid late penalties, consider joining the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP). The Tax Instalment	Makes budgeting easier with tax payment spread over a 12 month period
July 1st	2% penalty applied		No sign up fee
November 1st	4% penalty applied		No penalties, even though your taxes are not fully paid by June 30th
January 1st	12% penalty applied		No more having to remember the payment deadline

Your monthly instalment amount from January 5th to June 5th is calculated by dividing your property's most recent annual tax levy by 12.

When you receive your annual tax notice in May, your instalments from July 5th to December 5th are recalculated to reflect the actual tax levy. The revised instalment amount ensures your tax account is paid in full by year-end. TIPP automatically continues from year to year. You may cancel at any time by providing



Holiday Closure— The MD of Pincher Creek Offices will be closed from **Monday December 24, 2018 and reopening Wednesday January 2, 2019** . During this time you can still make payments via mail, online banking, or the drop box at the Administration Office. In cases of emergency with regards to roads, there is a prompt on our phone line to contact the on-call person. 403 627 3130

Joint Funding

Joint funding was created as a cooperative effort between the Town and MD Councils to coordinate requests from groups and organizations. Approval for the 2019 Joint Funding applications took place in the Fall of 2018. A total of 29 funding applications were reviewed with a total request of \$479,403.80. After careful deliberation, 20 applications were awarded a total of \$261,500.00



Pincher Creek Grant Specialist

The Pincher Creek Community Development Initiative has collaborated with the MD, Town and various other agencies to provide financial backing for a grant specialist. Community groups and organizations looking for additional funding can now contact Liz Dawber with PC Community Development at 403-682-7421 or via email at grants.pccdi.ca

Agricultural and Environmental Services

MD of Pincher Creek Agricultural Service Board Members

John Lawson—Chair
Martin Puch—Vice Chair
Councillor Quentin Stevick
Councillor Bev Everts
Frank Welsch—Member at Large
David Robbins—Member at Large

Agricultural Services Manager

Shane Poulsen

Environmental Services Technician

Lindsey Davidson

Funding Opportunities are Available for Primary Producers

CAP

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership program launched earlier this year and is the successor of the 2013-2018 Growing Forward 2 partnership in Alberta. Programs have been phased over the spring, summer and fall and will continue to be available for the next five years. Applications and program details including, eligibility and cost-shares are released as each program opens. The best way to remain up to date on available opportunities is to visit the webpage at www.cap.alberta.ca and choose to “Subscribe to Receive Program Announcements” on the right hand side of the page.

Programs currently available to Farmers and Ranchers are:
Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change – Producer
Farm Water Supply
Irrigation Efficiency

All applications are reviewed at regular intervals and are merit-based. The cost share will be determined by the review panel and generally speaking, projects which mitigate a greater environmental “risk,” will be awarded a greater cost share (up to 70%). In-kind labour and equipment are eligible expenses as well!



Farm Health and Safety Grant Program

Over the next 3 years, up to \$6 million is available to assist producers as they comply with new Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

Applications opened on October 25, 2018 and the program will run until March 2021. Farms and ranches that employ waged, non-family workers and have a WCB account may apply. The grant covers up to 50 per cent of eligible safety related expenses including first aid kits, fire extinguishers, respirators, eye and hearing protection, courses and training, seatbelt installation and auger guards.

The maximum funding amount is \$10,000 per eligible applicant over the course of the funding. Please visit <https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv482> for additional information.



Are you looking for more information on eligible activities or hoping for some assistance in completing and submitting an application? Contact Lindsey with Agricultural and Environmental Services at 403-627-3130 or ldavidson@mdpincercreek.ab.ca.

Kevin Schmaltz has retired from the Pincher Creek Seed Cleaning Plant after 30+ years of service.

We would like to wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.



Agriculture and Environmental Services has a new **Morand Cattle Squeeze** with a palpation cage available for rent. Rates are \$60.00/day with a \$20.00 refund for bringing it back clean. Please always clean the rental units as well as possible to help stop the spread of disease. To rent this, or any of our equipment, call the office at 403-627-3130 and ask to speak with Shane.

This has been the first year since about 2002 that we have had **grasshopper counts** in the medium range (1 – 5 grasshoppers per square meter) in our MD, meaning that there could be a few areas affected in a minor way if the weather is conducive to further increases in population. The Economic Threshold for control starts when populations get into the 7, 8 – 12+ range, in field, on a consistent basis (depends on crop) which will be unlikely next year but possible. Our cold fall may have helped keep populations in check! Check Province of Alberta website for more information, both on control options and what the counts look like provincially.



[https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm16528](https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm16528)



Clubroot is a soil borne disease of Canola that can be contracted by carrying spore bearing soil onto your property. Please be aware of this possibility and take care when bringing anything from another area, IE: construction equipment, used equipment, farm or otherwise, dirty ATV's/UTV's or anything that may have mud on it. One of the most commonly infested areas is Central Alberta, but look to the Province of Alberta website for more information.

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The ALERT Line is an anonymous, producer helping producer call line. If you have questions or concerns about animal welfare, call this number to report it

1-800-506-2273

ALERT LINE



The Pincher Creek and District Historical Society
P.O.Box 1226
Pincher Creek, Alberta
T0K-1W0(403) 627-3684
Email: fswuth.kbpv@gmail.com

RANCHER HERBERT M. HATFIELD

Herbert Maynard Hatfield (1855 – 1945) was an early member of the ranching industry in the Pincher Creek area. His Waterton Ranch located on the west side of the river dated to 1889. A large herd of cattle was built up and marketed locally as well as to Pat Burns and Co. that had butcher shops across Alberta. The ranch succeeded in spite of the hard winter of 1906-07. Hatfield's cattle brand, placed on their left ribs, was the reverse double anchor. The old log building seen in this photo was Hatfield's frontier dwelling.

FSW C.C. Monday, 19th November 2018

* See page 1 of newsletter for corresponding photo.

Hello, Hello, Farewell, Farewell

The MD has seen some changes in personnel in 2018. With the retirement of CAO Wendy Kay in March, Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan filled this role until Sheldon Steinke was hired in June as our Interim CAO. The MD's external consultant is now working with the MD Council to finalize a list of candidates to be interviewed and the interview process will commence within a timely manner.

Director of Finance Janene Felker left us in September with the position to be filled early 2019. Brian Millis joined the MD team in October as our Safety Coordinator.

Director of Operations Leo Reedyk is retiring as of January 4, 2019 as well as long time Division 3 Grader Operator Henry Dykstra retiring early 2019 as well.

We welcome the new faces and wish all the best to the dedicated employees for their years of service and commitment to the MD.

KNOW YOUR CIVIC ADDRESS

When you call 911, the Dispatcher will ask you for the address of the emergency.

KNOW IT!

POST IT!

SHARE IT!

Your Civic Address is not the same as your Legal Land Description.

If your sign is missing or damaged, please call to get a new one. This is part of the Regional Emergency Management Operations.

For more information, please call the MD of Pincher Creek at 403-627-3130

(fill this in and place it where it can easily be found. Stickers are available through the MD as well)



My Civic Address is



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**FOOTHILLS FORAGE
AND GRAZING ASSOCIATION**

Are you enrolled in a post-secondary program that will help you contribute to the future of the forage & livestock industry in Western Canada?

WOULD YOU LIKE FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Apply for Foothills Forage and Grazing Association's Bursary before January 31, 2019

TIP:

Relate your future in agriculture to FFGA's Mission and Vision Statement to really stand out!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.FOOTHILLSFORAGE.COM/BURSARY**

BUSINESS LICENSES

The MD of Pincher Creek does not require or issue Business Licenses within the municipal boundaries. If you are doing business in another municipality you may be required to obtain an "out of town business licence" through their local government office.



NEW FORMS!

As there have been updates to policies on private services being performed by the MD, be advised that starting in 2019 there are new forms to agree to services such as dust control, snow removal, etc.

These forms can be found on our website at www.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca, obtained by calling the office or stopping in to pick them up. *Note that no private work will commence prior to agreements being signed.

SNOWPLOW ON PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS

The Municipality agrees to snowplow the private driveway each time the owner requests snow clearing by calling the office at 403-627-3130.

However it shall be understood that such snowplowing shall only be undertaken at the discretion of the Municipality and only in the priority as specified in Policy C-PW-003A - Driveway Snow Removal.

As Municipal roads are top priority, driveways may take in excess of a week depending on weather and timelines. If snow removal is required earlier than this, the applicant should retain the services of a private contractor. A list of private contractors can be obtained from the MD. If you are a private contractor and want to ensure you are listed, please call the office to have your information added.

GRADING ON PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS

As an MD taxpayer, you are allotted grading on a private driveway at no cost, providing that it is;

- Maximum of once a year
- Up to a maximum of one hour
- To a permanent dwelling only
- Note: grading does not constitute snowplowing

To qualify for this service please ensure you have signed an agreement with the MD and called to have your driveway put on the list.

DEADLINES TO APPLY FOR SERVICE

As of 2019, to allow for time management and scheduling, deadline for application to request certain services will be in effect.

Dust Control – prior to May 1, 2019

Snowplowing – prior to September 1, 2019

Failure to have agreements in place prior to these dates may result in services not being provided.



CASTLE PARKS WATER LINE

The Castle Parks and Resort Water line tender closed on November 8, 2018. Council will be reviewing the tenderer information for consideration. Watch the website and social media channels for up to date information coming forward.

COLD MIX

Council agreed to undertake a trial of a new cold mix compound as dust suppression in the MD. If you are interested in talking to someone regarding costs associated and quality of cold mix, please call and ask to speak to Public Works.

GRADER COSTS

Based on Alberta Road Builder Rates that include: Repairs, Maintenance (and the Operator wages) average operating cost for an MD graders is \$300.96 hour.

Fuel cost alone per hour to operate that machine averages \$22.70 hour.

To purchase another grader would average \$525,000.00 + GST (depending on the US dollar exchange rates).



Name our Newsletter

The MD of Pincher Creek Council is on a mission to increase our level of citizen engagement! We are committed to providing timely and relevant information updates at regular intervals.

Do you an idea for what our newsletter should be called? Email your suggestions to info@mdpincercreek.ab.ca with "newsletter name" as the subject.

DUST CONTROL COSTS

The MD's revenue on dust control is \$250.00 for a 100 meters

Application cost: \$455 per 100 meters

Product cost: \$561.24 per 100 meters

Total cost to MD is \$1,016.37 per 100 meters



Law Enforcement Activity

The RCMP supports community engagement by providing the public with the tools, resources and information they need to uphold public safety – for themselves and for their communities. To this end, the RCMP has provided a Crime Map for the MD.

The online map enables the RCMP to share current criminal incidents and the database can be accessed by municipalities to display current crime occurrences (the last 14 days).

The RCMP chose the crimes that residents have the greatest potential for deterrence by using crime prevention strategies, mainly property crimes.

<https://mdpincercreek.ab.ca/departments/communityservices/communitypolicing>

MD CALL LOG

Did you know that your concerns and compliments are conveyed to Council on a biweekly basis in the form of a call log? Specific information with regards to personal details are omitted, but the reason for the call is recorded onto the list. This allows Council to get an idea of what residents are inquiring about or where more effort needs to be placed.

Call 403-627-3130 and ask to speak to Public Works



Planning and Development

Director of Development and Community Services: Roland Milligan / Executive Assistant: Tara Cryderman

Land Use Bylaw No. 1289-18

Council, during their meeting on November 13, 2018, gave third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1289-18, being a new Land Use Bylaw. Bylaw No. 1289-18 is a complete overhaul of Land Use Bylaw No. 1140-08. This change was necessary with the changes to the *Municipal Government Act*, the *South Saskatchewan Region Plan* and federal rules governing Telecommunication Towers.

Some note of importance include:

- Setbacks from all MD Roads (developed or undeveloped) has been reduced from 50 m to 30 m.
- The definition of Hardship has been added.
- The definition of Mass Wasting has been added.
- The introduction of Cannabis into the Land Use Bylaw.

- The determination of a complete develop permit and subdivision application is explained further.
- Telecommunication Siting Protocol is explained further within Section 60.

Time to Get Cracking

After multiple requests from residents within the MD of Pincher Creek to allow chickens within the Hamlets, Council reviewed the Animal Control Bylaw.



In September, Bylaw No. 1272-18 finalized which now allows residents to have up to four (4) Urban Chickens within the Hamlets of the MD. Roosters are not allowed within the Hamlets of the MD.

Looking for further information on planning and development issues including approved permits, forms and processes? Check out our website www.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

Director of Operations Leo Reedyk

Beaver Mines Water and Wastewater Project Update

The line to Beaver Mines is nearing completion with the casing now going under the Castle River. The old raw water line from the treatment plant to Southfork hill has been cleaned and pressure tested. Additional segments of pipeline and booster stations will be brought on line as commissioning and testing is completed.

Detailed design of the water distribution system and wastewater collection system is ongoing. We expect to be able to send packages to individual landowners in Beaver Mines prior to the new year; giving them more information they need to be able to make their decision.

Council at their November 13th meeting decided that a lagoon wastewater treatment system will be built. Discussion with landowners on the location of the lagoon is ongoing.