



AGENDA
TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.
[In Person & Virtual via Zoom](#)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Scheduled Delegations**
 - 2.1 KPMG 2021 Financial Statements Review
3. **Agenda Approval**
4. **Committee Reports**
5. **Administration**
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 6.1 Disposition of Delegation - Fish and Wildlife - Brett Boukall
7. **Policy**
8. **New Business**
 - 8.1 National Police Federation - Call to Action
 - 8.2 Fred Huddleston Seniors Centre
 - 8.3 Eco Waste site – Town service requirements – No RFD
 - 8.4 Council Membership on Police Advisory Committee – No RFD
 - 8.5 Covid Policy Status review – No RFD
9. **Closed Session Discussion**
10. **Adjournment**

TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Council

SUBJECT: Disposition of Delegation - Fish and Wildlife - Brett Boukall	
PRESENTED BY: Lisa Goss, Legislative Service Manager	DATE OF MEETING: 4/6/2022

PURPOSE:

To dispose of a delegation that attended the March 2, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting in accordance with Procedural Bylaw 1596-20.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council for the Town of Pincher Creek receive the presentation by Brett Boukall, Senior Wildlife biologist, Alberta Environment and Parks on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 as information.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Brett Boukall, AEP Wildlife Biologist, attended the March 2, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to present deer mitigation information and the options of what the Town can do to help control the deer population.

ALTERNATIVES:

That Committee of the Whole direct administration to contact Mr. Brett Boukall to accept his offer to work with the Town to strategize a plan to minimize deer habitation and destruction within the community.

Other options: develop an education program for the community

- reinforce animal control bylaw to restrict feeding wildlife and to remove attractants from private property
- amend Land Use Bylaw to allow higher fencing of private property
- try another hazing program

IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:

reports from Town's previous hazing program
Okotoks Urban Ungulates program

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The town did a survey several years ago and results were almost 50/50.

some people enjoy the presence of deer in the community and others would like to see them gone, one way or another.

ATTACHMENTS:

Urban Ungulates_Pincher Ck Mar2_2022 - 2836

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

Administration supports that the Town work with Brett Boukall on community education and wildlife deterrent program.

Signatures:

Department Head:

Lisa Goss

CAO:

Laurie Wilgosh



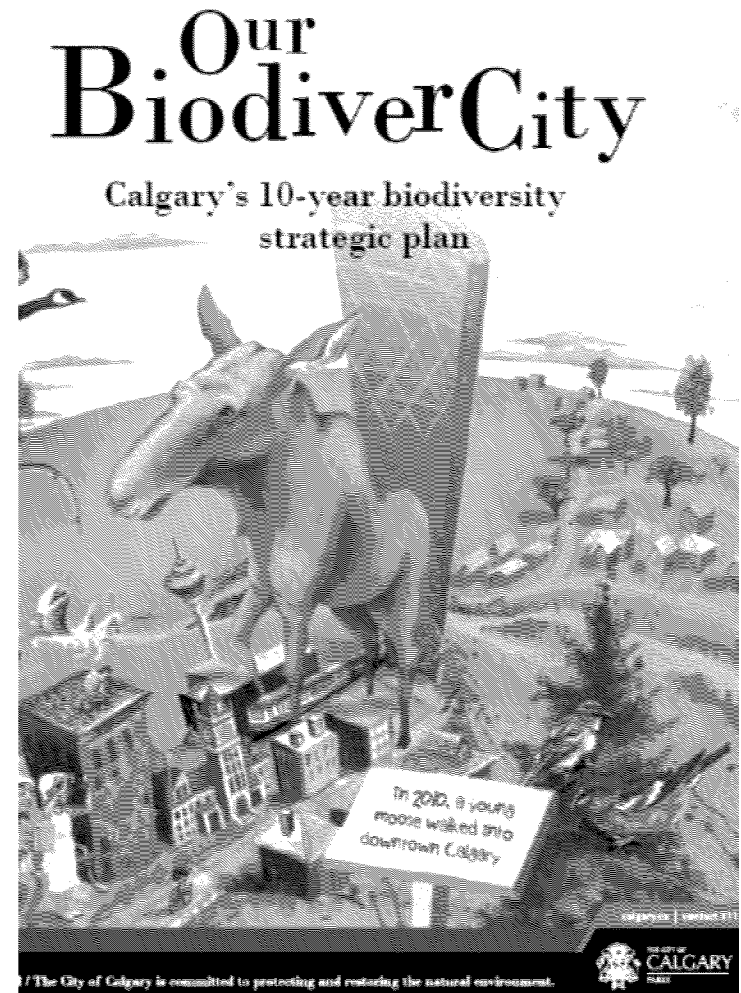


Urban Ungulates Living with deer

Town of Pincher Creek
March 2, 2022

Urban Wildlife

- Wildlife existing in our towns and cities, can provide enjoyment, connection with nature and enable desirable living conditions
- Generally, wildlife tends to inhabit local habitat patches of native habitat within urban areas
- But when wildlife venture outside of native areas, or development begins to encroach on the habitat patches, conflict can result...



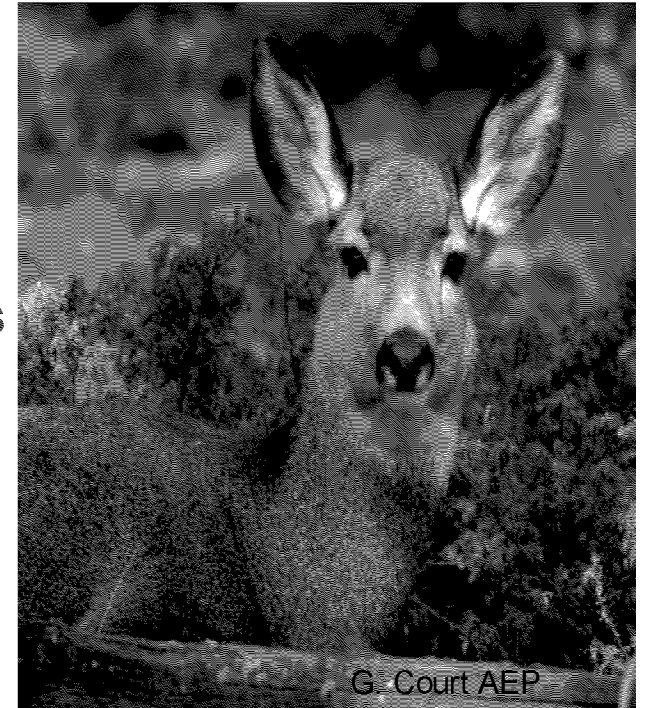
Urban wildlife

- **Urban places largely occur along riverine and creek valleys, which have long provided ungulate habitat and movement**
- **Lawn, shrubbery, and flowers provide abundant food and a place of security.**
- **People like to see wildlife and may entice them (with food, salt, etc)**



Urban deer

- **Urban environments provide habitat security (from predators) and provide forage**
- **Deer are generally tolerated, and can make homes in urban places**
- **But deer can cause issues:**
 - with gardens,
 - vehicle collisions,
 - draw-in predators,
 - become aggressive with public



Population Trends

- Populations in Foothills and Parkland are generally abundant or increasing
- Hard winters are largest limit on population, thru increase mortality or decrease productivity
- Hard winter effects can be mitigated in urban areas



M. Didkowsky AEP

Clarify roles - Who is responsible for what?

- **AEP**: manage wildlife for benefit of people, which includes a role in harvest, conservation and public safety
 - Allocation within WMU
 - Permitting for disturbance to wildlife etc
- **Municipalities**: manage bylaws to prevent and manage issues within their boundaries. This includes a role in managing habitat and public safety.
- **FWES**: may manage wildlife conflict specific to public safety, not nuisance wildlife or pests.

Recent changes in how FWES handles wildlife conflict, leads Wildlife Management to help lead Urban wildlife, specifically ungulates

Alberta Environment and Parks

- **Wildlife Mgt mandate is to manage wildlife for benefit of people, which includes a role in harvest, conservation and public safety**
- **Pincher Creek lies within Wildlife Management Unit 110, near border with WMU 302 and 305**
- **There are an estimated 1400 Mule deer in 110 (0.39 per km²)**
- **Our Management has focused on increasing harvest on female deer to reduce numbers**
 - Last year 376 antlerless tags were issued
 - Antlered tags been steady at ~145 tags, with success around 70%

Town of Pincher Creek

- **Responsibility for safety and management of Town's public spaces, Parks and facilities**
 - Includes safety and discharge of weapons
 - Planning and bylaws related to town planning including fencing specifications
 - Bylaws to deter wildlife (e.g. Canmore has bylaw restricting use of bird feeders during bear season)
 - Maintenance & Management of municipal parks and pathways (e.g. fruit trees)
- **A few years ago, Pincher Creek explored use of hazing to deter deer**

What is the issue?

What is the problem that needs solving?

- Property Damage (e.g. gardens, fences)
- Vehicle collisions
- Increased risk of predators
- Ungulates become aggressive by protecting space (rut) or fawns



Dan Rafla



J. Honeyman AP



Hilary Baker

What are the issue's in Pincher Creek?

- Mule deer
- Population increase??
- Deer in developed areas?
- Aggressive deer?
- Nuisance??



What are the options

Tolerance	Education can improve understanding and be easily implemented, but does not solve issue
Reduce habituation	Education, and bylaws can reduce feeding of deer, making less benefit to stay
Habitat Management	Reduce quality, not feasible large scale, but can remove attractants (ie fruit trees)
Hazing	Needs to be constant, can be risky, commercially can be expensive
Exclusion	Fencing not feasible for town, but can work in local settings (i.e Playgrounds)
Removal	Politically sensitive, fixes issue not the problem (deer will return)
Reduction	Politically sensitive, fixes issue not the problem (deer will return), may be expensive (e.g. Sterilization very expensive)

Urban Ungulate Continuum

Deer near trails

Deer feeding in yards/gardens

If we can prevent
habituated wildlife, have
ability to prevent issues
arising

Habituated deer

Public safety events

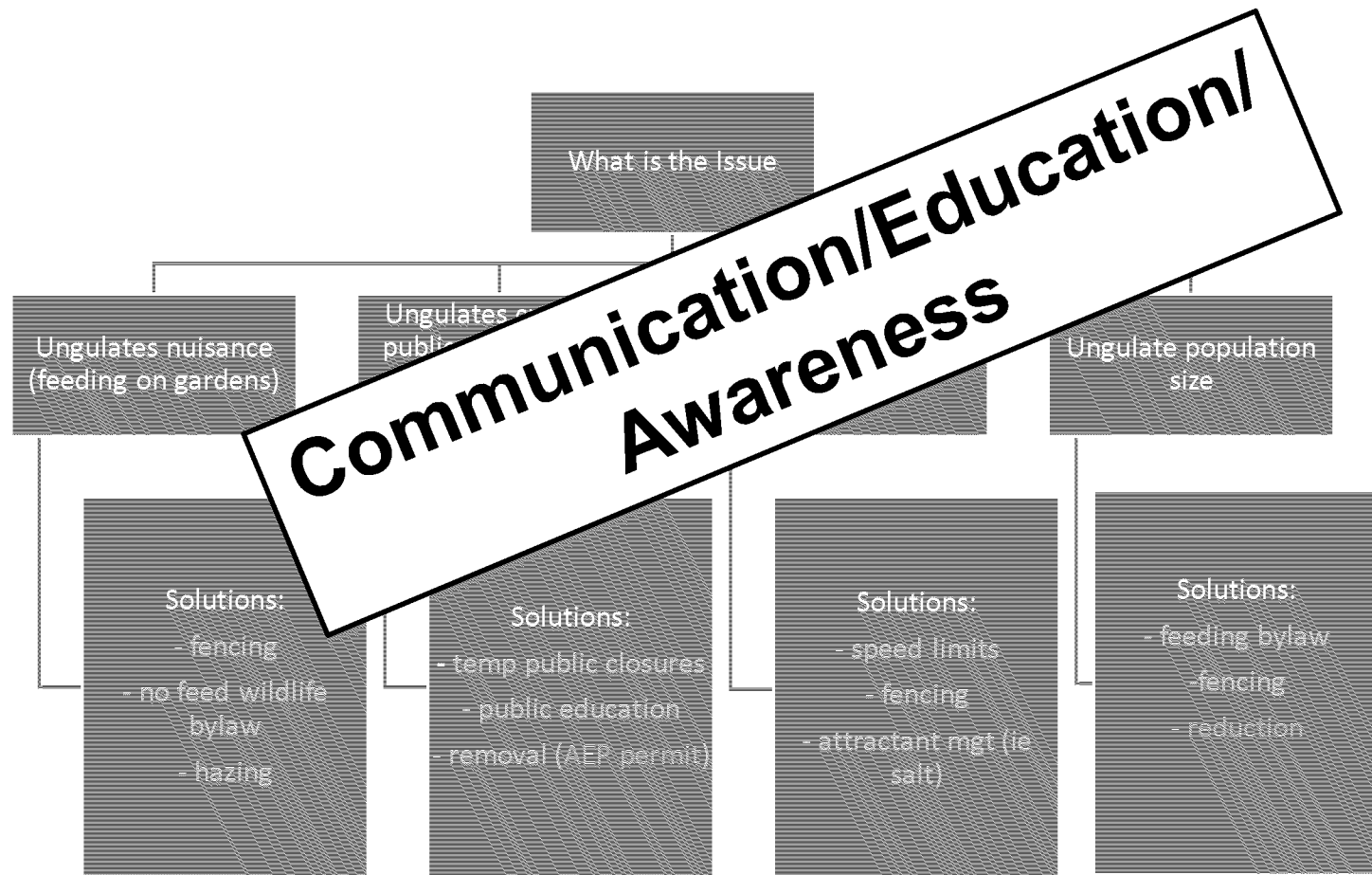
Strategy examples

- i. Educate to build awareness, tolerance and prevention
- ii. Remove Attractants – Direct (feeding of wildlife bylaw) and Indirect (Accessible fruit trees in Parks)
- iii. Exclude Wildlife (e.g. fencing)
- iv. Hazing to remove deer from areas
- v. Public Safety Response – when needed

One size does not fit all, multiple strategies needed.



Decision Tree?



Questions



IT'S ANOTHER "THANK YOU" CARD FROM THE
AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOP

**When you are on the right track, keep on
going!!**

Alberta

Thank-you

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TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Council

SUBJECT: National Police Federation - Call to Action	
PRESENTED BY: Laurie Wilgosh, Chief Administrative Officer	DATE OF MEETING: 4/6/2022

PURPOSE:

For Committee of the Whole to consider the correspondence/request to support the Call to Action and ask the Alberta Government to focus on improving policing with the RCMP

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council for the Town of Pincher Creek That Committee of the Whole support the National Police Federation in their Call to Action, and ask the Province of Alberta to maintain the RCMP and to focus new police funding on addressing root causes of crime and improving social services.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Province of Alberta has been researching a proposal to replace the RCMP in the province with a provincial police force. Increased cost and shortage of trained personnel is a major concern for most municipalities. In addition, the reasoning behind the proposal is unclear and has not been articulated by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor Generals office to municipalities and the public.

Over the previous 12 to 18 months the majority of Alberta municipalities have written to the Provincial government indicating their support for the RCMP remaining as the police force of choice for Alberta.

ALTERNATIVES:

That Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence and request for support from the National Police Federation as presented.

IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Provincial police funding is anticipated to increase by a minimum of \$366 million one time costs and \$139 million in annual costs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Increased tax payer funding

ATTACHMENTS:

GoA Call to Action - 2857

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

Administration supports that Committee of the Whole support the National Police Federation in their Call to Action, regarding the Provincial Police transition proposal.

Signatures:

Department Head:

Laurie Wilgosh

CAO:

Laurie Wilgosh



April XX, 2022

Dear Premier,

We are committed to ensuring Albertans live in safe communities that support their health and well-being. Communities where people have reliable access to critical health, social, public safety, and educational services. Ultimately, Albertans living in a safe and healthy community communicate those needs to the Government of Alberta, who listen and respond.

The Government of Alberta has lost the trust of its constituents in its pursuit of an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS) by not undertaking fulsome, open, and transparent consultations with all those affected. Albertans have stated loud and clear that they do not want a costly new police service, with an overwhelming 84% of Albertans wanting to keep and improve the Alberta RCMP.

In addition, the Government of Alberta has not released a detailed funding model explaining who would be paying the costs of this proposed transition. The vague Transition Study noted initial transition costs of \$366 million over six years, and, at minimum, an additional \$139 million each year, increasing with inflation. Municipalities know that most of these costs will be downloaded directly to them, forcing them to significantly increase residents' and businesses' taxes.

Municipalities and engaged Albertans continue to call on the Government of Alberta to improve rural police response times and increase resources available to the justice system. The Province's \$2 million Transition Study did not highlight how a new APPS would address any of these issues.

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Alberta to stop efforts and investment to advance the creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service and instead invest in resources needed to:

- *Improve current policing services to reduce response times and address rural crime by increasing the number of RCMP officers within communities*
- *Improve social services to address the root causes of crime (health, mental health, social and economic supports)*
 - *Expand Police and Crisis Teams with police and Alberta Health Services*
 - *Work with communities to provide targeted social supports*
- *Increase resources within the justice system*
 - *Ensure timely trials by prioritizing violent over non-violent crimes*
 - *Hire more Crown prosecutors and appoint more Provincial Court Judges*

From: Colin Buschman <cbuschman@npf-fpn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Don Anderberg <DAnderberg@pinchercreek.ca>
Cc: Reception <reception@pinchercreek.ca>
Subject: Proposal to Join Our Call to Action - NPF

Dear Mayor Anderberg and Town of Pincher Creek Council,

I am writing to you today, with a proposal to join our Call to Action to the Government of Alberta to halt the idea of a new provincial police service and to invest the proposed new monies into underfunded critical services within Alberta. This injection of funding would have a larger and more immediate impact within our communities to improve community safety and the health and well-being of all Albertans.

As you are aware, the Government of Alberta is reviewing the possibility of transitioning away from the RCMP to a new Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). Last year, they released a [Transition Study](#), which outlined potential exorbitant costs, including \$366 million in one-time transition costs over six-years and \$139 million in additional policing costs annually, increasing with inflation. With that said, over just a six-year period costs would total over \$1.2 billion.

Through polling that the NPF has conducted over the past year, it is clear that Albertans feel the same with. An overwhelming 84% of Albertans support retaining the RCMP and believe the Government of Alberta should instead focus on addressing the root causes of crime and improving social services.

As the Government of Alberta continues to consult and push the idea of a new and expensive police service forward, now is the time for all impacted stakeholders to come together to tell the government that the proposed money would be better invested into critical services to address under resourcing, staffing shortages, and the lack of social support programs.

Attached to this email is a draft of the Call to Action to the government for your review.

Our goal is to have stakeholders sign on and to release publicly at the end of April in a joint effort.

If you are interested in signing onto the Call to Action, please reply to this email and include your logo for use which will be added to the Call to Action, before April 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Colin Buschman

Western Government Relations Advisor | Conseiller, Relations Gouvernementales de l'ouest

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TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Council

SUBJECT: Fred Huddleston Seniors Centre	
PRESENTED BY: LaVonne Rideout, Community Services	DATE OF MEETING: 4/6/2022

PURPOSE:

To garner Council support for the assignment of a Council representative to sit as a non-voting member on the recently elected Board of Directors of the Huddleston Seniors Centre Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council for the Town of Pincher Creek approve of the assignment of a Council representative to sit as a non-voting member on the recently elected Board of Directors of the Huddleston Seniors Centre Society.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Huddleston Senior’s Society was activated decades ago and at one time had over 150 members.

The Seniors’ Centre is located at the front of the MCC building. The Society leases the facility from the Town of Pincher Creek. The facility is self-contained and equipped with a small kitchen, many tables and chairs and recreational equipment (pool table, shuffleboard, bingo stand etc). The washrooms were upgraded a few years ago (using a New Horizons Grant) and are fully accessible. The facility has forced- air heating and is air-conditioned.

The organization has evolved over the years with changing membership and executive structure. In recent times, the group has diminished in size. With the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020, the group literally closed its doors and ceased to function. However, the executive continued to manage the banking and monitor the facility. As Covid restrictions eased, both the Cribbage and Bridge groups re-activated on regular weekly schedules and continue to this day.

In 2021, the Executive, in partnership with David Green (FCSS Coordinator) encouraged the membership to regroup and rebuild. Uptake was slow but encouraging.

In March of 2022, the Executive called an Annual General Meeting with the hope of adding members, encouraging previously registered members to renew, and establishing a new Executive and Board of Directors. That meeting was successful. Most attendees purchased memberships and an election of officers was held (see Draft Minutes of that meeting attached). Committees were formed to begin the task of re-building programs and establishing activity schedules.

At this critical stage of re-building, the organization believes that the group would benefit by having direct liaison with Town Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

That Council receive this request as information.
That Council request additional information.

IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:

Previously enacted bylaws are still in place and applicable. The Society has retained its Registered Charity status.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The air-conditioning unit replacement has been budgeted for in the Town’s 2022 budget (approx. \$3500.00). The organization has funds in its bank accounts for ongoing operational costs. The organization may participate in the next opportunity for Joint Council Funding. They are establishing a fund-raising committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

At the present time, there is no other independently operated and centrally located Seniors Drop-in facility in the community. While it may take time to re-build the group to its former strength, the service gap will be welcomed by the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

Huddlestun AGM Draft Minutes - 2852

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

Administration supports that Council for the Town of Pincher Creek assign a Councillor to act as non-voting liaison to the Huddlestun Seniors Centre Society.

Signatures:

Department Head:

Le Vonne

CAO:

Laurie Wilgosh

Huddlestun Senior Citizens Drop-in Centre
Annual General Meeting – March 4, 2022
Minutes

1. Call to order and Welcome 2:00 PM

Vice-president Leo Robbins called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda (as circulated or amended)

Motion/Ethel Luco Seconded/Shirley Rumsey

That the Agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes - AGM of February 28, 2020

Motion/Doreen Michalsky Seconded/Garry Cleland

That the Minutes of February 28, 2020 AGM be approved as circulated. CARRIED

4. Officer's reports

Treasurer: The most recent financial report (February 2020) was included in the agenda package along with the Minutes. Leo Robbins reported that no major expenses had been incurred since 2020. The Shaw Cable account is up-to date. The financial information was accepted as information.

5. Old business: no report

6. Presentation: Garry Cleland presented information describing the variety of Seniors group activities currently in the community. He encouraged the Huddlestun group to strengthen partnership ties with the various groups and organizations active in Pincher Creek and suggested that the Huddlestun Centre could perhaps serve as a coordination hub for other groups.

7. New Business: Leo Robbins indicated that the most pressing item of New Business was the election of a new Executive.

8. Election of Officers: The election was coordinated by Vice Chairman, Leo Robbins

President: Garry Cleland nominated Judy Lane

Leo Robbins asked three times for further nominations. There being none, Judy Lane was declared President by acclamation.

Vice-President: This position was put on hold.

Secretary: Garry Cleland nominated Ethel Luco

Leo Robbins asked three times for further nominations. There being none, Ethel Luco was declared Secretary by acclamation.

Treasurer: Judy Lane nominated Joyce Wallin as Treasurer.

Leo Robbins asked three times for further nominations. There being none, Joyce Wallin was declared Treasurer by acclamation.

Committee Chairs:

Communication: It was suggested that Gord Suehla be recommended for this position. Marie Suehla agreed and will notify him.

Programs: It was recommended that Dale Gamache be in charge of program design and coordination. Dale agreed.

Hospitality: It was recommended that Arnold Nelson be named as Chair of this committee. There was agreement.

The new Executive and Committee chairs were given a round of applause.

9. Membership Fees: It was agreed that the Membership Fee of \$20.00 per year be maintained.

10. Adjournment: Shirley Rumsey declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.**

Member

Member

**** In order to expedite the change of signing authority, these minutes have been approved by members following the Annual General Meeting.**

TERMS OF REFERENCE – COUNCIL LIAISON

PURPOSE OF TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

The Town Council may choose to appoint a Council liaison to an agency, board or committee; (ABC) to maintain a conduit for two way communication with an independent, community focused organization, and related to specific projects.

Specifically, the Town Council Liaison will be the main contact who attends the special interest committee meetings as an observer, and information sharing. The Council Liaison is not attending the meetings as an advocate on behalf of the agency, committee or board.

The Council Liaison will refrain from making any commitments on behalf of the municipality, but will share the related information with Town Council on a regular basis.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT:

The Town Council Liaison appointment will be for one year, and will be reviewed annually at the October Organizational meeting.

PRINCIPLES:

The Town Council Liaison will not hold an executive position on the agency, board or committee.

Any presentations to be made by the agency, board or committee to Town Council will be made by the ABC itself, and not by the Council Liaison.

All reports or communication from the Town Council will be in writing and reviewed by the respective department head or the CAO.

The Town Council Liaison will not have a vote on the ABC decision making process.

Minutes of the agency, board or committee are to be forwarded to all of Council, and any related action items to be made by Council resolution.