



**AGENDA**  
**TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.  
962 St. John Avenue, Council Chambers  
[Virtual via GoToMeeting](#)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Agenda Approval**
3. **Scheduled Delegations**
  - 3.1 Livingstone Landowners Group – Norma Dougall & Bobbi Lambright – 9:00 am
  - 3.2 Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative – Patty Richards, Connie Simmons & Hilary Young – 9:15 am
  - 3.3 Cabin Ridge Coal Exploration – Linda Jefferson & Brad Johnston – 9:30 am
4. **Committee Reports**
5. **Administration**
  - 4.1 Upcoming Meetings
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
7. **Policy**
8. **New Business**
  - 8.1 Golf Club – Community Facility Enhancement Program Request for Support
  - 8.2 Community Flood Risk Assessment – National Disaster Mitigation Program - Letter of Support
9. **Closed Session**
  - 9.1 Enel Alberta Wind Inc. – Decommission One (1) Wind Turbine – FOIP s. 16 & 24
  - 9.2 Property Tax Incentives – Non-residential Properties – FOIP s. 23 & 24
10. **Adjournment**



## **Exploring Nature-based Economic Opportunities for Southwest Alberta**

Southwest Alberta's economy has been severely impacted by changes in the energy industry and by the COVID-19 pandemic. Resource extraction activities like coal mining, oil and gas, and forestry – already struggling to provide stable employment and revenue – are changed forever, putting communities in a precarious position. Concurrently, COVID-19 and its ripple effects shine a light on the interconnectedness of the environment, people and our economy – and the critical need to protect ecosystems and preserve biodiversity to protect ourselves from global pandemics, while developing vibrant and sustainable communities.

The good news is that in southwest Alberta, there may be significant economic opportunities afforded by proximity to special areas, specifically the Castle Parks. In a project inspired by a successful emerging economies study for the Upper Columbia, we would like to explore how community stability, new economies and business growth could be based on proximity to natural areas and be a significant economic driver in southwest Alberta. With the support of an advisory panel made up of Indigenous representatives and local stakeholders, the project will explore how economy and community could be based on the natural beauty, and sustainable recreation potential of the area, and thrive alongside traditional industries like ranching, farming, forestry and oil and gas.

### **Outcomes:**

An initial report comprising: An evidence-based analysis outlining how environmental protection and the emergence of nature-based economic opportunities around the Castle Parks has changed socio-economic factors in local communities in the past five years; and trends in other regional economic drivers (including resource extraction industries) during this time period.

A consolidated report with quantitative and interview results, with clear recommendations for future action to:

1. Equip communities in southwest Alberta, like the Town of Pincher Creek, the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and other key community groups, with tools to consider priorities and approaches for building and stabilizing their regional economies and become advocates for safeguarding essential ecological systems.
2. Provide a scalable model for other communities.
3. Increase support for effective diversification of local economies in the project area, with a focus on the opportunities related to nature-based recreation and conservation.

# TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

## REQUEST FOR DECISION

*Committee of the Whole*

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Support Letter for the Pincher Creek Golf Course	
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> LaVonne Rideout, Community Services	<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> 1/6/2021

**PURPOSE:**

For Council of the Town of Pincher Creek to write a letter of support for the CFEP application of the Pincher Creek Golf Course.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek write a letter of support for the CFEP application of the Pincher Creek Golf Course.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The golf course is in need of an upgrade to the irrigation system.  
The Council allocated \$150,000 of the 2021 budget to upgrades to the irrigation at the golf course.  
The Pincher Creek Golf Course club is applying to the CFEP grant to help cover the expenses of the upgrade.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

That the Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek does not write the letter.

**IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:**

As the landowner, the Town must write a letter of support in order for the grant to be considered.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Up to \$125,000 can be applied for under the CFEP grant. As the irrigation system is in need of upgrades this is a cost-saving to the taxpayers.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

It is important to look at other sources of funding when possible to maintain the Town's infrastructure.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

TofPC CFEP support letter - 553

**CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:**

It is recommended that the Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek write the letter of support.

**Signatures:**  
**Department Head:**

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**CAO:**

*Laurie Wilgosh*





**Town of Pincher Creek**

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December 23, 2020

Tom McNabb  
President Pincher  
Creek Golf Course  
Box 2397  
Pincher Creek  
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**RE: Letter of Support for Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) Grant Application- Pincher Creek Golf Course.**

Dear Mr. McNabb

Please accept this as the Town of Pincher Creeks letter of support for your application for the Pincher Creek Golf Courses submission for the Community Facility Enhancement Program for a new irrigation system.

The Town recognizes the importance of and supports the presence of a golf course in the community. As such, the Council for the Town of Pincher Creek has allocated up to \$150,000 in matching funds to support upgrades and enhancements to the irrigation system.

The Town appreciates all the hard work that goes into the maintenance and running of the Pincher Creek Golf Course and is pleased to write this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Don Anderberg  
Mayor of Pincher Creek

# TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

## REQUEST FOR DECISION

*Committee of the Whole*

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Community Flood Risk Assessment Support	
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Al Roth, Director of Operations	<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> 1/6/2021

**PURPOSE:**

To confirm Council's support of Alberta Environment's grant application for a Community Flood Risk Assessment at no cost to Pincher Creek.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek support Alberta Environment and Parks' grant application for a Community Flood Risk Assessment in Pincher Creek through the National Disaster Mitigation Program and further agree to provide a letter of support for the project.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Request Received from Alberta Environment and Parks:

Public Safety Canada has informed Alberta that an extra, small, round of funding for the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) is available for 2021-22. The NDMP is a federal-provincial cost-share program intended to reduce the impacts of natural disasters on Canadians by:

- Focusing investments on significant, recurring flood risk and costs; and
- Advancing work to facilitate private residential insurance for overland flooding

There are four funding streams available under the NDMP – Risk Assessments, Flood Mapping, Mitigation Planning, and Investments in Non-structural Mitigation Projects. The Environmental Knowledge and Prediction Branch in Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is preparing to submit an application to conduct flood risk assessments in a number of communities using the CanFlood Tool developed by NRCan as a national standard for estimating economic loss from floods.

CanFlood enables the standardised calculation of economic flood costs for varying levels of inundation within a community. This is done using three sets of data: AEP developed Alberta-specific inundation-damage curves, community-specific property data, and community-specific inundation area data. Using CanFlood permits comparative benefit:cost analyses of proposed flood mitigation measures to be performed within communities for which the community models have been developed. A separate flood damage assessment report describing direct and indirect damage for various flood frequencies will be done and provided to the community studied.

We feel that your community would be a good candidate for this application. If the application is successful, Public Safety Canada will fund 50% of the study while Alberta Environment and Parks will fund the other 50%. No funding is required from your community.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

that Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek respectfully decline the opportunity to apply for the National Disaster Mitigation Program.

That Committee of the Whole for the Town of Pincher Creek receive the information regarding the National Disaster Mitigation Program as presented.

**IMPLICATIONS/SUPPORT OF PAST STUDIES OR PLANS:**

The resulting report and analysis from the Community Flood Risk Assessment would assist Town Administration in evaluating cost/benefit analyses for future flood mitigation projects.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No financial implications for the Town of Pincher Creek. If successful in the grant application, the Community Flood Risk Assessment would be funded 50% by Public Safety Canada while Alberta Environment and Parks will fund the other 50%.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Planning for public safety

**ATTACHMENTS:**

AEP Letter of Support for NDMP Application - 551

**CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:**

Administration supports Alberta Environment and Parks' application to the National Disaster Mitigation Program to complete a Community Flood Risk Assessment at no cost to the Town of Pincher Creek.

**Signatures:**

**Department Head:**

*A. Roth*

**CAO:**

*Laurie Wilgosh*



January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Attention: Kyle Swystun  
Environmental Knowledge and Prediction  
Alberta Environment & Parks  
Oxbridge Building, 11th Floor  
9820 - 106 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5K 2J6

**RE: NDMP Application – Letter of Support**

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The Town of Pincher Creek would like to indicate its support of AEP's application to Public Safety Canada's National Disaster Mitigation Program to conduct a flood risk assessment using CanFlood.

This support is provided not only by administration but also the Council for the Town of Pincher Creek as demonstrated by their resolution at the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Committee of the Whole stating:

*That Council for the Town of Pincher Creek support Alberta Environment and Parks' grant application for a Community Flood Risk Assessment in Pincher Creek through the National Disaster Mitigation Program and further agree to provide a letter of support for the project.*

The Town of Pincher Creek encourages Public Safety Canada to fund AEP's proposal to the National Disaster Mitigation Program. The proposed study will be invaluable in identifying any areas presently at risk and the associated economic impact. This will allow Pincher Creek to develop a comprehensive, targeted mitigation plan for effectively and economically addressing the hazard.

Regards,

Laurie Wilgosh  
Chief Administrative Officer



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