

# Town of Pincher Creek

Community Information Evening  
Information Handout  
March 28, 2018



Back: Councillor Wayne Elliott, Councillor Brian McGillivray, Councillor Lorne Jackson, Councillor Scott Korbett

Front: Councillor Mark Barber, Mayor Don Anderberg, Councillor Sussanne O'Rourke



# Town of Pincher Creek Strategic Plan

2018 – 2022



### **ALBERTA SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ALLIANCE**

Mandate: Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Ltd. (AlbertaSW) is a Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) of 16 communities working together to help each other succeed.

Member(s): Scott Korbett

#### Councillor Korbett Update:

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance (AlbertaSW) is a group of 16 communities, working together for regional economic development. The collaborative initiatives focus on creating the right environment in which balanced growth can occur, increasing prosperity for all members.

Alberta SouthWest represents a total membership population just over 33,000 and covers an area of 16,705 km<sup>2</sup>. What defines AlbertaSW is commitment to rural communities and pride in quality of life and opportunity. The communities endeavour to help each other succeed, knowing that when one community thrives, there is the potential for every community to benefit.

Pincher Creek is one vote on this board of 16 ranging from Nanton to Waterton, Fort Macleod to the Crowsnest Pass.

Currently working on our long-range plan for economic development opportunities across the region. Past projects have been the regional business licenses and working towards electric vehicle charging stations

### **CHILDRENS WORLD DAYCARE BOARD**

Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator

Member(s): Sussanne O'Rourke

Alternate: Wayne Elliott

#### **Councillor O'Rourke Update:**

Prepared by David Green

Children's World Day Care (CWDC) Society is a Registered Non-profit and Charity. Children's World facilities are located at Central School (Town Hall) and St. Michael's. Governance is provided by a Board of Directors with the day-to-day operations of the facilities overseen by an Executive Director.

Since last August, the Town has provided financial assistance to CWDC and is presently working to strengthen that partnership. To that end, a Councillor has been appointed to sit on the Board to act as liaison. The Town recognizes the importance of maintaining the delivery of high quality, consistent, and sustainable day care. Council also recognizes external factors affecting all community day care operations and is working to minimize those factors.



### **COMMUNITY HALL BOARD**

Mandate: Established in 1972, Pincher Creek's Community Hall is an immaculately maintained multi-use facility that serves as the heart of this community.

Staff Lead: Economic Development, Marketing and Events Officer

Member(s): Lorne Jackson

Councillor Jackson Update:

Things seem to be business as usual for the hall, albeit to this point this year the bookings are reported as a bit light. The Facility Manager believes that things will fill in as the weather starts warming, and wedding and group bookings start filling in the gaps. Repairs to the roof to address water intrusion along the eaves was completed for a favorable price after initial estimates were looking to be quite pricey. The board is currently doing a casino in Lethbridge for operating funding and I have been tasked with coordinating the move of the commercial range/griddle from Crestview Lodge to the Hall, and at the same time, we have found a home for the hall's current range in Twin Butte for their Community Hall. A project that got derailed because of the election, is the proposed better lighting of the parking lot, I know that we did have some conversation about it around the table but nothing concrete. I have also been tasked to find out what the options may be for that

### **COMMUNITY HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Mandate: Study and provide advice regarding matters related to housing.

Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator

Members: Don Anderberg, Sussanne O'Rourke and Brian McGillivray

Councillor McGillivray Update:

Increasing affordable housing availability is essential to facilitate the growth of our community. The Community Housing Committee is comprised of Mayor Don Anderberg, Councillors Sussanne O'Rourke and Brian McGillivray; it is facilitated by the FCSS Coordinator David Green.

The Committee has recommended to and secured approval from Town Council to enter in to an agreement with the Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN) who will provide significant expertise and project management to see new sustainable and affordable housing units constructed in Pincher Creek.

Fresh new ideas regarding construction methods and Federal and Provincial grants targeting sustainable housing are the key area focus as the Committee works its way through initiatives in partnership with ARDN.



The goal is growth of affordable housing and the Committee is committed to facilitating that goal.

### **COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Mandate: Study and provide advice regarding matters related to transportation.

Staff Lead: Director of Operations

Membership: Lorne Jackson and Brian McGillivray

Councillor Jackson Update:

In transportation, we are getting close to culmination of over two years of work toward providing public transportation for our residents. We went about tackling transportation on a couple of fronts, one for the general population, and another aimed at medically at risk, and shut-in non-drivers who find difficulty in accessing day to day personal business (things like food shopping, medical and hairdressing appointments, and social visits). The town was successful in receiving a Green Trip transportation grant to investigate and implement a scheduled bus service within the town, and having purchased a "demo" disability accessible 12 passenger bus, and working out a route that covers all of town within a 300 meter walking distance, we will soon see that bus on our streets. The town was also selected for a pilot project in conjunction with the U of A Medically At Risk Drivers program, to study and find transportation solutions for our seniors and those with disabilities and medical limitations, with the aim of allowing more folks to remain in their own homes as a quality of life measure. The Transportation Committee met with all of the senior's groups and organizations in town, as well as hospital administrative staff to get their input, and gage interest in such a service. There was overwhelming support from everyone we talked to, so the committee then began to meet with possible service providers that already offered transport of people to varying degrees. As a result, the town entered into an agreement with the Handy Bus Society to replace their aging vehicle with a new one utilizing grant funding from the Community Initiatives Program. , We are also investigating options to assist them with scheduling.

### **DAYCARE COMMITTEE**

Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator

Member(s) Sussanne O'Rourke, Brian McGillivray and Wayne Elliott

Councillor O'Rourke Update:

Prepared by Diane Burt Stuckey

The Town of Pincher Creek recognizes the importance of quality, affordable and accessible child care



services for the future of our community. Since 2016, the Town has been looking at options to relocate Children's World Day Care which leases space in the Town Hall. Substantial upgrading of the space is needed to comply with licensing standards; also, space is limited to expand their operations. In 2016, Council approved funds to study alternate locations for a day care facility and to better understand the overall child care needs in our community. Meetings and surveys with parents, employers and children providers gathered information. Town Council then appointed a Day Care Committee to review the study/report and to provide recommendations to Council. In 2017, the Committee talked with Livingstone Range and Holy Spirit school boards about their support for day care services and potential locations for a new facility. A second study was completed last year to provide detailed information on current numbers of children in child care, square footage and equipment required for a day care and the associated costs. Recently, Council approved a Terms of Reference for the Day Care Committee and three members of the public have been appointed to the Committee. The role of the Committee is to research, study and provide advice to the Town Council related to day care trends etc. Recent Committee meetings have focused on options for buildings, potential locations and various operating models for day care. Discussions continue with the school boards as to locations. The thought is to locate one facility at Canyon School site and one at St. Michaels School site, accommodating a total of 160 children. This would meet needs for today and into the future. The Town is committed to work with Children's World Day Care to provide support and to ensure uninterrupted child care services to families of Pincher Creek.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mandate: To advise Town Council on various economic development issues.

Staff Lead: Economic Development Officer

Member(s): Scott Korbett

Councillor Korbett Update:

A dynamic group of citizens from the Town and MD of Pincher Creek Working to enhance the economic development of our town. Currently working on the wayfinding signage program and presenting different ideas to council for consideration.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Mandate: To manage fire and ambulance services.

Staff Lead: Fire Chief

Member(s): Lorne Jackson and Don Anderberg

Alternate: Mark Barber

Mayor Anderberg Update:



The Pincher Creek Emergency Services Commission (PCESC) provides fire, rescue and ambulance services to the Town and Municipal District of Pincher Creek # 9.

The commission is a standalone entity wholly owned by the Town and the MD of Pincher Creek and is governed by an operating board of four members, two each appointed by each jurisdiction. The commission acts under the authority of the provincial Municipal Government Act (MGA) and Regulation as authorized by the minister of municipal affairs.

PCESC operates out of three fire halls, Pincher Creek, Beaver Mines and Lundbreck. We have a mix of full time and volunteer staff in an integrated service where firefighters are cross trained as emergency medical responders ( EMR ) or emergency medical technicians ( EMT ) and act as first responders to emergency calls. PCESC also has a contract with Alberta Health Services to provide 24/7/365 ambulance coverage with paramedic units. We currently have four licensed ambulances, two of which we contract to AHS and two that are used on an as required basis.

PCESC has a number of mutual aid agreements in place including all of our municipal neighbors, forestry, Parks Canada, Alberta transportation, Piikani and Blood tribes and the Village of Cowley.

### **FACILITIES PLANNING STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE**

Mandate: To study and provide advice to the Town of Pincher Creek regarding the future development, renovation or expansion of facilities including sport, recreational, community and other Town owned facilities.

Staff Lead: Director of Community Services

Member(s): Mark Barber and Wayne Elliott

#### Councillor Elliott Update:

When people refer to the Facilities Committee they often think of recreation, however it is much more than that. The Water Treatment Plant, Sewage Treatment Lift station and the Lagoons are likely the three most important facilities in the community. Most of the time they are taken for granted, being out of sight and out of mind! If one of the three ever breaks down, we could be in for a tough time. They are tied together in a round about way. We need water survive, flush and a place to store it until it is ready to be released back to nature.

### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

Mandate: Agreement between Her Majesty in Right of Alberta and Town of Pincher Creek to provide for the establishment, administration, and operation of a Family and Community Support Services Program in accordance with the Family and Community Support Services Act and Regulation

Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator

Member(s): Sussanne O'Rourke



### Councillor O'Rourke Update:

Prepared by David Green

***"The Pincher Creek and District Family and Community Support Service facilitates preventive social services and community initiatives which contribute to community and family wellness and which build community capacity in the Town of Pincher Creek, the Municipal District of Pincher Creek #9 and the Village of Cowley."***

FCSS is an 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta, local municipalities and Metis Settlements. Governing Legislation is the FCSS Act of Alberta and FCSS Regulation 218/94.

Under FCSS, communities design and deliver social programs that enhance well-being among individuals, families, and communities and generally promote and facilitate the development of stronger, more resilient communities.

FCSS believes that self-help contributes to a sense of integrity, self-worth and independence. The programs are intended to help individuals in our community adopt healthy lifestyles, thereby improving quality of life and building the capacity to prevent and/or deal with crisis situations should they arise.

One of the key principles of the FCSS Program is local responsibility in priority-setting and resource allocation. FCSS emphasizes local decision-making, based on the belief that communities have the desire, energy and resources to build capacity. Each municipality or Metis settlement determines how the dollars they receive should be allocated to meet local needs.

Through a regional agreement the FCSS Board is responsible for overseeing the delivery of community programs and projects for the Town of Pincher Creek, The M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9 and the Village of Cowley. The Board consists of three elected officials and four members-at-large.

FCSS has funded 14 agencies for the 2018 year. The list can be seen on the display panel.

### **HIGHWAY #3 ASSOCIATION**

Mandate: Members to this committee must be approved by the Association Board.

Staff Lead: CAO

Member(s): Don Anderberg

Alternate: Mark Barber

### Mayor Anderberg Update:

This organization has been working on the twinning of Highway # 3 since 2001. An economic impact assessment study was undertaken at that time to assess an economic value to the twinning of Highway



3. There are currently close to 50 members including municipalities, school boards, economic development associations, tourism groups and private citizens.

In 2014, myself, along with the mayors of Crowsnest Pass, Fort Macleod, Coalhurst and Lethbridge and our local MLA and a Lethbridge MLA renewed our efforts to address some serious safety issues and attempt to get the highway twinned. We were successful in getting the Coalhurst corner reconfigured, traffic circle on highway 24 near Nobleford, crosswalks and signage in the Crowsnest Pass and a traffic light on highway 3 in the pass. We were also successful in growing the interest from Medicine Hat to the BC border.

As a group we have been successful in getting the attention of Transportation Minister Brian Mason. In 2017 his department provided funds for a new economic impact study for Highway 3 and the result is that for every dollar spent building the road there is a three dollar return on investment. This information has triggered functional plans to be initiated and undertaken by Alberta transportation from sentinel to Pincher Creek and from Taber to Burdett. These are currently being worked on. We are on the radar screen and will continue to move forward in lobbying and talking to the appropriate government officials to get highway 3 twinned.

#### **LIBRARY BOARD and CHINOOK ARCH**

Mandate: Pursuant to the Libraries Act of Alberta, the Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library will provide full and equal access to information, resources and ideas, and promote an atmosphere of life-long learning.

Staff Lead: Head Librarian

Member(s): Mark Barber

Councillor Barber Update:

I am very new to this board. However, I have grown to appreciate all that our library offers. With our partnership with the Chinook Arch Regional Library System our card holders have access to nearly 1,000,000 physical items, over 30,000 downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, and movies, 20,000 digital magazines and newspapers, online courses and research databases, and the RISE Videoconferencing Network.

Our library has recently formed a partnership with Alberta Parks and our library now offers numerous items that can be used to better enjoy the outdoor experience.

One of the challenges that our library faces is a lack of space. This lack of space significantly limits library programing. Conversations continue regarding expansion plans. These plans may also include a small performing arts centre.



### **MAYORS & REEVES OF SOUTHWEST ALBERTA**

Mandate: Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta.

Member(s): Don Anderberg or available Councillors

Mayor Anderberg Update:

Approximately forty mayors and reeves from southwest Alberta gather monthly in Lethbridge to discuss items of mutual concern. This group has been active for close to twenty years. In recent years the focus has changed from being just an information group to more of an active lobbying body for our region. This group represents a population of close to 200,000 people. Our regional members of parliament and members of the legislative assembly are invited to attend and provide reports on a monthly basis. Some of the successes over the years include keeping 911 ambulance dispatch services in Lethbridge, successfully lobbying to keep the rural physicians action plan in our care and control and getting real results on highway 3 upgrades and twinning. An upcoming item will be coming from our community in relation to 911 emergency response and the need to coordinate ambulance, rescue, police and fire response through better channels of communication. The strength in numbers approach has been very successful when other avenues have not produced desired outcomes for individual municipalities.

### **MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY (MDSA)**

Mandate: Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act and MDSA Bylaw #1543, to review applications for discretionary developments.

Staff Lead: Manager of Legislative Services

Member(s): Wayne Elliott, Brian McGillivray and Scott Korbett

2017 Development Quick Facts:

41 Development Permits for an estimated aggregate total value of \$10,088,905.00

3 Demolition Permit Applications

8 Sign Permit Applications

7 Home-Based Occupation Permits

36 Compliance Certificates issued

19 MDSA Applications heard/decided

### **OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (ORRSC)**

Mandate: Concerns matters of subdivision, planning, etc.

Staff Lead: CAO

Member(s): Don Anderberg

Alternate: Scott Korbett

Mayor Anderberg Update:



ORRSC provides land planning, GIS services and subdivision services to the Town of Pincher Creek and forty other municipalities in southern Alberta. The office is located in Lethbridge.

Staffing includes 7 full time planners, 2 intern planners, 5 GIS personnel, 3 subdivision technicians, a bookkeeper, a secretary and a chief administrative manager. The town has a planner assigned to us and we work closely with this planner on land use and subdivision files and our Intermunicipal Development Plan. The board meets on a quarterly basis and the executive committee meets monthly. The executive committee is an operating board with the responsibility of budgeting, setting fees and developing bylaws and policies to guide the organization. The largest member is the county of Newell and one of the smaller members is the Village of Cowley.

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mandate: Study and provide advice regarding matters related to operational services. Requires two members.  
 Staff Lead: Director of Operations  
 Member(s): Brian McGillivray and Lorne Jackson  
 Alternate: Wayne Elliott

Councillor McGillivray Update:

The Operations Committee studies, reviews and advises on matters of operational services. The Committee is comprised of Councillors Lorne Jackson and Brian McGillivray; it is facilitated by Al Roth, Director of Operations.

The Operations Committee areas of focus include streets, winter street maintenance, garbage collection, landfill issues, parking, water and sewer services, street lighting, traffic signage and recycling to name but a few.

The Committee is actively exploring methods to improve and expand our current recycling programs and is investigating best practices in other communities in this regard.

The Town of Pincher Creek has a well planned, developed and maintained infrastructure. It has been designed and built with foresight and future capacity in mind. We have an infrastructure and a team to maintain it we can all be proud of.

### **PINCHER CREEK FOUNDATION BOARD**

Mandate: Manages the Housing Units in Pincher Creek. Requires two members.  
 Staff Lead: Pincher Creek Foundation CAO  
 Meetings: Third Wednesday monthly at 3:00 pm  
 Member(s): Lorne Jackson and Sussanne O'Rourke

Councillor Jackson Update:



The Pincher Creek Foundation, which some people only think of as the Crestview Lodge, is the community housing authority for the area comprising the Town of Pincher Creek, M.D. of Pincher Creek #9, and the Village of Cowley. The Foundation's main focus is of course the administration and operation of Crestview Lodge, but there are also 12 senior self-contained cottages, Canyon Manor with 12 apartment units, 12 Family Social Housing Units, and 20 clients under the government rent subsidy program that the Foundation oversees. It has been a long, and sometimes frustrating process with the construction of the new Crestview Lodge, but I am extremely happy to report that the move-in is definitely slated for March 26 and 27. The residents have already seen their designated rooms and suites in a tour of the building and are very excited to occupy their beautiful new home. Once they are settled, I urge those who are interested to see for themselves what a wonderful addition this is to our entire community, made possible with the cooperation of our Municipal partners at the M.D. and Cowley.

#### **POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mandate: formalize the process for receiving input from the community and the partnership between the community, the RCMP and local government.

Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator

Member(s): Mark Barber

Alternate: Wayne Elliott

#### Councillor Barber Update:

I am also new to this committee and I missed the last meeting as I was attending a tourism conference in Camrose. Lou Burnham, a very dedicated member of the committee, provided me with the following information:

- 1) David Green was elected as the chairperson for the board.
- 2) RCMP Sgt. Mark Harrison reported that Pincher Creek has been reasonably quiet for the past few months. However, they are gearing up for another busy summer season and are already allocating personnel resources for Waterton.
- 3) Tina Delinte, the Principal of St. Michaels School, reported that they are continuing to work on their school security protocols and have already administered two school lock down exercises this school year.

#### **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Mandate: Reviews Recreation and Parks issues, makes recommendations and identifies issues.

Staff Lead: Director of Community Services



Member(s): Mark Barber

Councillor Barber Update:

I am starting my fifth year on the Recreation Advisory Committee. One of the events that was initiated by our committee was the Moonshadow Run as held in September of each year. John Verhagen has done an exceptional job of getting this annual event up and running. The success of this event is evident as it has continued to grow over the past three years. We also thank Alecia Williams for her dedication to the run.

John has also been instrumental in the awarding of the Southern Alberta Games in 2019 to Pincher Creek. The year 2019 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the games. The award of the games is even more special as Pincher Creek hosted the first ever Southern Alberta Summer Games.

Another project that has received numerous positive comments is the installation of an off-leash dog park in Juan Teran Park. Further, we have added dog facilities to the significant dog run area to west of the Ag Grounds. Our committee is hopeful that the formalized dog areas will reduce the number of dogs that frequent our sports fields and playground areas.

#### **REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

Mandate: To act as an agent of the Council to carry out the Council's statutory powers and obligations as prescribed in the Emergency Management Bylaw.

Staff Lead: CAO

Member(s): Lorne Jackson and Don Anderberg

Alternate: Mark Barber

#### **REGIONAL LANDFILL – Town/MD/ Cowley/Crowsnest Pass**

Mandate: Pursuant to landfill Authority bylaws

Staff Lead: Open

Member(s): Mark Barber

Alternate: Scott Korbett

Councillor Barber Update:

Having been recently appointed to the Landfill Board I have not yet achieved an in-depth understanding of the full operation. However, there are some projects at the landfill that I am quite enthusiastic about.



The first project that the landfill has been working on for a few years is their recycling program. They are able to process much more than our, “in town” recycling facility. Some of the additional items they process include plastic bags, bale twine, and hazardous materials such as paint and household chemicals. They also recycle used electronics. Alberta Recycling was so impressed with our landfill’s efforts that they recently awarded the landfill the “Award of Excellence.” It is important to note that our in-town recycling facility is a significant asset to our community.

Another project that is still in its infancy is the acquisition of a mechanical composter. The technology, as developed and manufactured in Manitoba, will handle all compostable materials. Further, the equipment will complete the composting process within two weeks. It is anticipated that there will be a market for the composted material. Regardless, should it be required that the composted material be landfilled, the composting process will reduce the bulk of the unprocessed material by approximately 80 percent. Thus the operating life of our landfill will be significantly extended.

We have been experiencing increased opposition to the potential installation of an incinerator at the landfill. I want to ensure the residents of Pincher Creek that their Town Council remains unwaveringly opposed to this project.



# WHAT DO I GET FOR MY TAXES?

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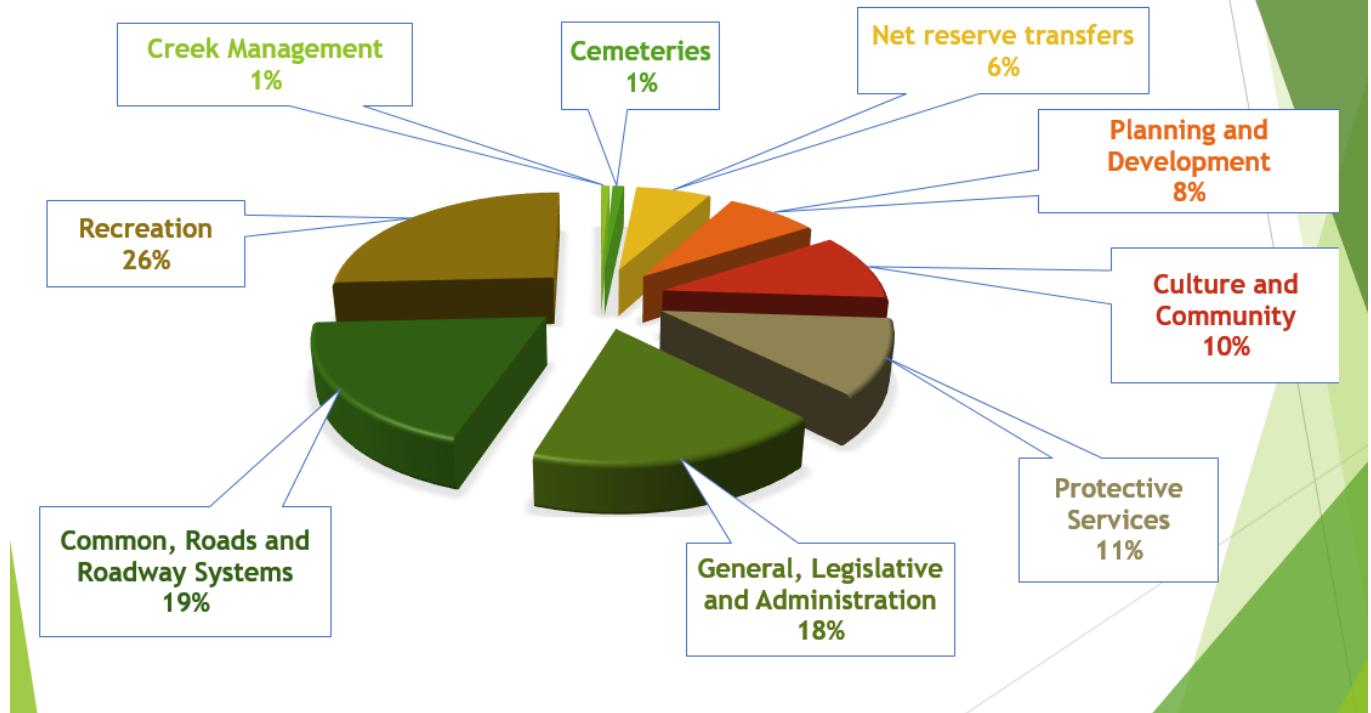
- 26% Recreation
  - Pool, Arena, Parks, Sports Fields, Community Recreation Centre
- 19% Common Services, Roads and Roadway Systems
  - Annual spring/summer maintenance
    - ✓ Street sweeping
    - ✓ Repairing
      - ✓ pot holes
      - ✓ cracked sidewalks, curbs and gutter
      - ✓ Storm drainage systems and catch basins
  - Annual winter snow plowing, sanding and snow removal3
- 18% General, Legislative and Administration
  - Council and Administration
- 11% Protective Services - Policing (debenture costs for cells) and CPO/Bylaw; Pincher Creek Humane Society
- 10% Culture and Community - Library, Lebel Mansion, Grants to Non-Profit Organizations, Community in Bloom, Pincher Planters, Pincher Creek Food Bank, many in-kind activities to non-profit organizations
- 8% Planning and Development
- 6% Net reserve transfers - to cover future capital asset purchases and emergent operational expenditures
- 1% each Creek Management and Cemetery Management



## TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK MUNICIPAL FUNDING 2018

MUNICIPAL TAXES \$ 4,329,593

FRANCHISE FEES \$ 650,000



# Town of Pincher Creek Communication



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