

# Town of Pincher Creek Newsletter

May 15 to July 15, 2023

Hello all,

The quote “the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members” from Corretta Scott King draws out the importance of our individual and collective efforts in building a welcoming and inclusive community. As we celebrated the work of our volunteers this spring, I am filled with gratitude that I live in a place that has demonstrated, repeatedly, its enthusiastic capacity to build community. We are a community that shows up. We may not always agree on the best path, or specific needs and priorities, but the passion and commitment to improving and growing our home is shared between us. Thank you for your work, time, and talents.

A couple of public hearings are coming up on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: a public hearing on the Clean Energy Improvement Bylaw and a proposed land use amendment enabling medical and dental office developments in the highway commercial land use district. The Clean Energy Improvement Bylaw develops a program whereby residents may apply to have a portion of the cost of energy improvements to their residence paid off via their tax bill. The purpose of the program is to support improved energy efficiency in homes and is advanced by the Town and the MD's Energy Management Project. The proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment considers the use category 'Medical and Dental Office' as desirable in the highway and commercial district. The proposed change is aligned with the Community Economic Development Strategy in viewing the economic growth potential of the health and wellness sector.

I continue to represent our community at a table drawn together in developing a regional Memorandum of Understanding with the Blood Tribe and Kainai Council. Our goal is to develop formal and informal methods and relationships between our Councils and communities to improve and reconstitute the connection between Blackfoot people and non-indigenous folks. After each meeting, I am humbled and impressed by the

dedication and commitment of those around the table and encouraged by a vision of better relations in Treaty 7 territory.

Finally, a closing thank-you to everyone who volunteers and holds dear the best interest of our community to heart. Sometimes we disagree on those interests, yet I know that everyone who volunteers and works to support the wide range of amenities and community services we have is guided by desires of a thriving community. At a recent conference, through conversation with other elected officials, I was reminded of how much we have for a community of our size. We 'punch above our weight' for a small town, it is our strength. But it also means we will have conflicts over the best use of resources and how to maintain the level of service we have. This is the challenge of living together and holding differing visions of what makes for a thriving community. Let's keep engaging with one another and the democratic processes of municipal government to ensure the vitality and growth of this community we all care about.

Best,

*Councillor Sahra Nodge*

## Public Open House | June 7<sup>th</sup> & October 4<sup>th</sup>

Council invites all residents to join them for two additional public open houses in 2023! A variety of topics and presentations will be shared with the aim of communicating information to residents in a varied format.

Each open house will be held at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall Gym (962 St. John Avenue.)

## Town Office

The Town Office can be reached by calling 403 627 3156, by submitting a Citizen Request using [www.PincherCreek.ca/request](http://www.PincherCreek.ca/request), by emailing [reception@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:reception@pinchercreek.ca) or in-person at 962 St. John Avenue, Pincher Creek.

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Payments can be submitted via:

## Cash/Cheque/Debit

- In-person at the Town Office (962 St. John Avenue)
- Dropbox at the Town Office
- Mail to: Box 159, Pincher Creek, AB, T0K 1W0 (cheques only)

## Online/In-person Banking

- At any financial institution (please take your bill)
- Set the Town as a payee in your online banking

## Credit Card

- Navigate to [www.PincherCreek.ca/pay](http://www.PincherCreek.ca/pay) (extra charges apply)

## Upcoming Meetings

Unless advertised otherwise, council meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. and the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. Please contact the Town Office if you would like to speak at a council meeting, and refer to the Events Calendar on the Town website for any additional meetings. Minutes are also posted on our website after adoption by Council.

All meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend virtually via their computer, tablet, or smartphone by navigating to the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/97819090695>

## Assessment Roll

The Assessment Roll for the Town of Pincher Creek has been prepared for the 2023 taxation year. Notice is hereby given, as required under the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, RSA 2000 and amendments thereto to Section 311, that the Assessment Notices have been sent. The Assessment Roll for the municipality can be found on the Town of Pincher Creek website at [www.pinchercreek.ca](http://www.pinchercreek.ca) or by attending the Town Office during regular business hours. Any person who wishes to object to the entry of his or her name (or any other person upon the said roll) or the assessed value placed upon any property, may

lodge their complaint in writing, and submit the applicable complaint fee, by **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** Please mark your submission to the attention of the Legislative Services Manager and submit it at the Town Office (located at 962 St. John Avenue.)

Prior to filing a written complaint, you are encouraged to fill out the assessor's Inquiry Form at <http://www.kcl-consulting.com/inquiry-form/>, or contact the Town of Pincher Creek at 403 627 3156 to request that the designated assessor review your property assessment. If the assessor determines that an error has been made, your assessment will be revised.

**Mailing Date:** March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Notice of Assessment Date:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Appeal Deadline:** May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Penalty Information

Penalty charges on outstanding current taxes will be levied at 12% on **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. A further 10% penalty will be assessed on all remaining unpaid taxes on **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

## Property Homeowners – Important Notice

**It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure they receive a property tax notice. If you have not received a property tax notice for 2023, and you are a property owner (including mobile homes), please contact the Town Office at 403 627 3156 to obtain a copy and avoid penalties for late payment.**

**Have you recently purchased a property or home? Did you receive a tax notice? If not, please connect with the Town Office immediately.**

**The property tax payment deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Payments can be made in-person at the Town Office (962 St. John Avenue) at the reception desk or via the mail slot. Payments can also be submitted by mail, online banking, or at any financial institution (please take your bill with you.) To avoid late penalties, property tax payments must be made or post-marked by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



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To ensure your payment goes on to your account when using online banking, please use the full 12-digit account (roll) number (excluding the decimal) that's printed on your tax notice. Please note that a tax payment made online after hours on the due date may not be posted by your bank until the following day. Please avoid making late payments, or you may be required to submit proof of the payment date to avoid penalties on your account.

## Financial Statements

The Town of Pincher Creek financial statements for the year ending **December 31, 2022**, have been approved and are available online at [www.pinchercreek.ca](http://www.pinchercreek.ca) or via email ([reception@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:reception@pinchercreek.ca)). Hard copies can also be requested by calling 403 627 3156.

## Bylaw Corner

### Monthly Focus

May: Community Clean-up

June: Bike Safety

July: Nuisance Bylaw

### Dogs Are Required to Be on a Leash

A reminder that leashes are required in the Town of Pincher Creek at all times with the exception of our designated off-leash dog parks (as per Bylaw #1598-18.)

## Recreation & Community Services Updates

**Please follow the Pincher Creek Recreation Facebook page for up-to-date information on recreational programming. You can also call the Recreation Office at 403 627 4322.**

<https://www.facebook.com/pinchercreekrec>

### Tidy Tuesday | Now Running!

*10 minutes | 10:00 a.m. | Every Tuesday*

- Sweep the sidewalk and gutter in front of your business or residence
- Pick up litter and cigarette butts
- Tidy up your back alley and pull weeds

Tidying options are endless! Please join us!

For more information, please contact the Recreation Office.

### Ride to Work Day | May 19<sup>th</sup>

Do your best to take some active transportation to work! Jump on your bike, skateboard, roller skates, or choose to walk to work. Share a photo with the Rec team for fun!

### Communities in Bloom Judging | Summer 2023

The Town of Pincher Creek is excited to be welcoming back the Communities in Bloom judging team this summer! Please consider planting **purple** flowers to support this year's theme.

**Communities in Bloom Judging Day is July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023!**

### Communities in Bloom | Business Judging

Business judging will take place on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Register your business at <https://forms.gle/iF2ubbgd5mdVQjoK9> or connect with Rhonda at the Rec Office.

### Communities in Bloom | Yard of the Week

Watch for Yard of the Week features starting soon! This year, Yard of the Week winners will have the honor of choosing the following weeks' winner!

### Campground Bookings Open

Veterans Memorial Campground is booking for summer 2023. The campground opened for the season on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Book your space online at: [www.PincherCreek.ca/campground](http://www.PincherCreek.ca/campground).

### Perennial Plant Exchange

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Hosted by the Pincher Planters and Parks and Recreation Department from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. during the Reuse Fair at 1037 Herron Avenue. Pick up a plant or leave a plant, and talk to the experts about all your gardening needs.

### Parks and Recreation Month | June

We have some great activities planned for the month of June! There will be lots to do and celebrate including a photo challenge with weekly prizes! 📷

Follow [www.facebook.com/pinchercreekrec](https://www.facebook.com/pinchercreekrec) for all the details!



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## Boredom Busters are Back!

Summer day camps for youth will be offered through the Rec Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration opens on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Olivia for more info at [summergames@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:summergames@pinchercreek.ca) or 403 627 4322.

## 55+ Walk & Talk Summer Series | Starts July 6<sup>th</sup>

Join us for our free Walk & Talk summer series! Walks will start at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays from July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Seniors' Week | June 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

**June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.:** Coffee with Council at the Huddlestun Centre

**June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.:** Music Bingo at the Huddlestun Centre

**June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:** Adventure Walk

**June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.:** Yoga at the Huddlestun Centre

**June 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:** Fun Pickleball Tourney at Matthew Halton High School

*Plus free ice cream coupons!* Connect with Olivia at the Rec Office for all the details!  
403 627 4322 | [summergames@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:summergames@pinchercreek.ca)

## Nerf Games | May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ages 6 – 11 years: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 – 17 years: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free, drop-in Nerf games with supplies provided!  
Maximum of 20 players per game.

## The Reuse and Recycle Fair is Back!

The Town of Pincher Creek, in partnership with the MD of Pincher Creek, are excited to be bringing back the annual Reuse Fair! The event will include a toxic waste round-up, reuse fair, recycling, and so much more!

The Reuse Fair will be held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the MD of Pincher Creek parking lot (1037 Herron Avenue.)

## Buck Wild & Ranch Rodeo | June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Put on your cowboy boots and head down to the Ag Grounds on Friday night for Buck Wild and Saturday's Ranch Rodeo! All events are free for spectators.

Find all the details at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pccowboyshow>.

## Father's Day Cruise n' Shine | June 18<sup>th</sup>

Connect with Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village for more information.

## Canada Day Celebrations | July 1<sup>st</sup>

The Town of Pincher Creek is planning to host fireworks to celebrate Canada Day! Details of the event will be announced closer to the date.

## Public Works Week 2023

This year's National Public Works Week is May 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There are more than 29,000 members across the U.S. and Canada, and this week is used as an opportunity to recognize the hard work of our Public Works team and educate the public on how Public Works affects everyone's daily lives. The efforts of Public Works often goes unnoticed because everything is operating as expected in your life. Water is available when the tap is turned on, toilets flush, and garbage cans are returned empty. There is often a lot of planning and obstacles our small team faces to ensure these everyday conveniences are not disrupted.

The Town's Public Works team, also referred to as the Operations Department, maintains 168 hydrants, 45km of water mains, 14km of storm mains, and 37km of sanitary sewer mains (along with the 468 manholes that go with it.) The Operations Department has a range of backgrounds and experience with the Town ranging from 8 months to 21 years. The Town of Pincher Creek Operations Department consists of a Director (Alexa), Manager (Cory), Coordinators (Jim & Phil), an Asset Management Coordinator (Lukas), Water Treatment Plant Operators (Darcy & Dane), Facility Maintenance (Blake), Maintenance Workers (Brad, Michael, and Ashley), and an Administrative Assistant (Lindsey). Together, we strive to ensure the Public Works needs of the community are addressed in an efficient manner so everyone can go about their normal lives.

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## Upcoming Events

See the Town Events Calendar for more details:

[http://www.pinchercreek.ca/events\\_calendar/calendar.php](http://www.pinchercreek.ca/events_calendar/calendar.php).

### May

19	Ride to Work Day
19	World Family Doctor Day
19-22	Three Rivers Rendezvous
20	Heritage Acres Opens for the Season
21-27	Public Works Week
22	Victoria Day
25	Women in Business
26	Plant Exchange
26-27	Matthew Halton Grad

### June (Parks and Recreation Month)

1	Pride Flag Raising
2	St. Michael's Grad
3	Reuse Fair
5-10	Seniors' Week
6	Pincher Planters meet every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Cenotaph Park
7	Public Open House
16-17	Ranchers Rodeo & Pincher Creek Bronco Riding
17	Bike Jam
18	Car Show Cruise and BBQ
18	Father's Day
21	Go Skateboarding Day
21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
21	First Farmers' Market of the Season
21-23	Annual Show at Heritage Acres
24	Kiteboarding Exhibition
28	Kidsport Free Swim
30-July 1	High School Reunion

### July (Communities in Bloom judges coming to Town!)

1	Canada Day Events
4	Pincher Planters meet every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Cenotaph Park
4	Summer Swimming Lessons Start
4-5	Bronze Medallion

6-8	Bronze Cross
8	Historic Driving Tour
12	Businesses in Bloom Judging
13-16	South Country Rendezvous
17-21	National Lifeguard Course
22-24	Annual Show at Heritage Acres
27	Women in Business
29	20's Casino Night

### August

1	Pincher Planters meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Cenotaph Park
4	Movie in the Park
6	Free Community BBQ hosted by Abundant Springs
7	Civic Day
12	Shindig
13	Children's Festival
17-20	Pincher Creek Pro Rodeo
18	Movie in the Park
19	Parade Day Pancake Breakfast
19	Pincher Creek Parade
19	Western Market
19	Lemonade Day
19	Annual Flower Show
19	Lunch with the Pioneers
23	Pincher Creek Shoreline Clean Up
23	Kidsport Free Swim
26	Talkin' Tombstones
26	Huckleberry Festival

### September

2	Annual Alberta Day
4	Labour Day
6	Last Farmers' Market of the Season
7	Community Registration Night
9	Fall Family Event at Heritage Acres
11	Junior Lifeguard Club Starts
16	Dinner and Guest Speaker



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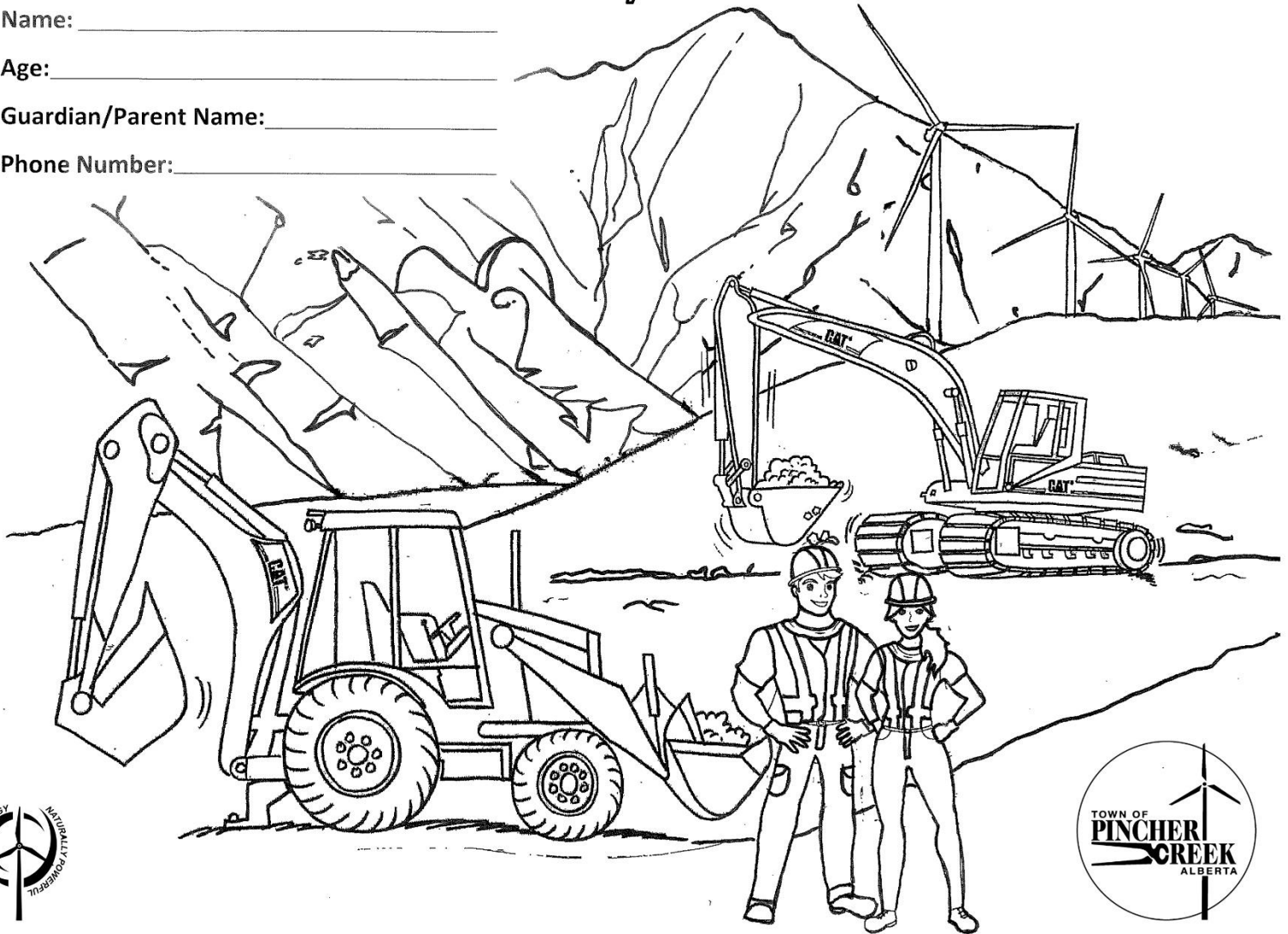
## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 21 - 27, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian/Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



### COLOURING CONTEST!!

Submit by May 31<sup>st</sup> via:

- Email: [reception@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:reception@pinchercreek.ca)
- Drop box at the Town Office (962 St. John Avenue)
- Direct message on Facebook or Instagram

**Prize:** 1-hour private pool rental



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