

2014 CAO 2nd Quarter Report

Highlights: The highlight of the second quarter of 2014 has to be the successful negotiations of the new four year CUPE local 927 union contract. Staff and management met in an atmosphere of respect and trust, and the result was a fair and reasonable contract. I personally want to thank the Town Workers for their cooperation and on-going dedication to the Town of Pincher Creek. We have a terrific team!

A very successful, well organized and enjoyable Southern Alberta Summer Games were another highlight in our community. Congratulations to all of the volunteers, and to our staff who worked some long hard hours making this a real tribute to our Town!

Safety Awards: Due to the excellent safety record of our Town Staff and the commitment of every level of the organization, members of the staff were awarded with either a Town jacket or a first aid kit, depending on the hours of service in 2013. With the level of awareness and determination to the importance of safety, the Town has enjoyed savings through our WCB contributions by maintaining our COR (Certificate of Recognition) with the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association. The Town recognizes the significance of providing a safe work environment for all of our staff, where at the end of the work day we can all go home to enjoy our families and personal lives.

Bylaws: 2014 – Mill Rate Bylaw # 1615-14 – passed
Fee Structure Bylaw # 1584-14 – amendments – passed
Lebel Mansion Historical Designation Bylaw # 1614-14 – passed

Policies: Assessment Guidelines Policy # 146-05 – updated and approved

Council Delegations: (in no specific order)

Kathleen Murphy/Donna McColl – Alberta Environment –water license
Ann Gover and members of McMann Agency – food bank
John Barlow – Conservative Party Candidate
George and Robyn Dowson – Pincher Creek and District C.O.P.
Dave Cox/Pat Neumann – 2014 Municipal Emergency Plan
RCMP Sergeant Randy Dixon – current and ongoing priorities
RCMP Auxiliary Constable – Mel Massini – 35 years
Stephen Neis and Susan Eymann – Lethbridge Sports Council, 2019 Winter Games Bid Committee
Livingstone Range School Div./Holy Spirit School Bd. – Jeff Perry, Shannon Schuger, Carole Goodreau, Judy Lane, Phil McGales and First Student Mngr. - Sharon Roberts
Eric Davies – resident – retaining wall
Kevin Webster – resident – sidewalk/driveway

Chinook Arch Library – Robin Thiessens and Pincher Creek Librarian – Janice Day
Keith Bott – Riverside Resources – Grassy Mountain Coal Mine
Joni McArthur – Campground stay
Ianthe Goodfellow/Jan Frith – Rose Society – Grand Opening
Past Council members – Award of Appreciation: Ernie Olsen, Sahra Hancock,
Wayne Oliver and Murray Lauder

Resolutions: Business Improvement Loan Program – with Community Futures – Town pays the interest on loans for local business enhancements and upgrades
Economic Development Committee – Council support for invitation to M.D. # 9 and Piikani Nation for EDC Membership
Support for Huddleston Senior’s Centre renovations
Formation of Transportation Committee
Funding approval for Pincher Creek Foundation (Crestview Lodge project) up to \$1,300,000 with 75% government funding
Speed limit decrease on Robertson Ave. and MacLeod St. as a playground zone
Support for two year food bank partnership with McMann Agency and M.D. # 9
Superior Safety Codes – building inspection services – three year contract extension

CAO meetings/Webinars/Courses:

Pincher Creek Community Emergency Management Agency –
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
P.C. Housing Committee
Pincher Creek Emergency Services
A.H.S. – Ambulance Service
Calgary – Flood Symposium
Joint Council Meetings
Public Budget Presentation at Co-op Mall
Resident/Developer Meetings
Participation – Community Pitch-In – local clean-up program
Bi-Monthly Staff and Management Meetings
AUMA/Natural Gas Franchise Agreement Workshop
Union Contract Reviews and Negotiations
Participation in three formal inspections – Town Hall, Town Shop and Multi-Purpose Facility
Construction Methodology Workshop
NACLAA (University of Alberta) – Graduation Certification

Staff Health and Safety Monthly Topics:

April 2014 – Library – gripping and lifting safety procedures
May 2014 – Operations Dept. – confined spaces entry/evacuation with Demonstrations
June 2014 – Administration – fire extinguishers training (postponed due to

Inclement weather) – Safety BBQ and awards

Upcoming Projects and Priorities:

2014 – 18 – Capital Budget

2015/16 – Operating Budget

Administrative Structure/Positions – Development, Economic Development

Strategic Plan Ongoing Implementation

External Safety Audit – identified action items