

ALLIANCE OF PIGEON LAKE MUNICIPALITIES (APLM)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

WHAT IS THE APLM?

The APLM is an ALLIANCE of the following Alberta municipalities that border Pigeon Lake:

Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach	Summer Village of Norris Beach
Summer Village of Grandview	Summer Village of Crystal Springs
Summer Village of Poplar Bay	Summer Village of Sundance Beach
Summer Village of Itaska Beach	Summer Village of Argentia Beach
Summer Village of Golden Days	Summer Village of Silver Beach
Leduc County	

OUR VISION

The APLM vision is the guiding force for all its behaviour and action.

Vision Statement:

We see Pigeon Lake as a safe, healthy, and vibrant recreational community that offers residents and visitors a great place to live and play.

OUR MISSION

Mission Statement:

The APLM mission is to work together to create and implement strategies needed to turn our vision into reality.

OUR VALUES

The vision and mission of the APLM is guided by 10 core values

Core Values:

- **Respect:** for each APLM municipality, representative, and the needs of all Pigeon Lake residents.

- **Commitment**: to work together to realize the vision.
- **Teamwork**: to work in full cooperation and a spirit of collegiality with APLM colleagues, municipal councils, staff and residents.
- **Stewardship**: to embrace our responsibilities as stewards of Pigeon Lake and its watershed environment.
- **Integrity**: to demonstrate honesty and sincerity in all our dealings, upholding only the highest ethical principles.
- **Communication**: to provide open and transparent communications to create informed opinions.
- **Innovation**: to think broadly and long-term; to balance both municipal and lake-wide responsibilities; to do more with limited resources.
- **Unbiased**: to provide opinions of value without prejudice.
- **Transparent**: to be open about how we are structured, perform, and communicate.
- **Accountability**: to maintain the balance of being accountable to our municipalities and the APLM.

OUR AUTHORITY

- The APLM is an informal, unincorporated group of municipalities that have agreed to work together for the betterment of Pigeon Lake and its greater community.
- The APLM has **no authority** to commit any municipal members to a course of action. APLM suggestions and recommendations for action must be taken back to each member municipality for approval.

OUR FINANCES

- Member municipalities each contribute a small amount of funding on an as-needed basis for APLM administration and meetings.
- Projects approved by the municipalities and subsequently undertaken by the APLM are expected to be self-funding without contributions from the member municipalities.

OUR PROCEDURES

Directors

- Each APLM member municipality appoints one representative who becomes a director.
- The directors select a Chair and Vice-Chair from the directors' pool following municipal elections, or in addition if the Chair or Vice-Chair steps down within that time period.
- Municipal staff serve as recording secretary and treasurer.

Sub-Committees

- To share the workload and take the lead on some projects, the APLM may appoint a sub-committee.
- The sub-committee reports to the Chair and the APLM directors.
- Terms of reference for sub-committees are approved by the directors.

Meetings

- APLM meetings are conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.
- Minutes are taken at each meeting to provide a record of the proceedings.

Decision-Making

- APLM group decisions are guided by a consensus model. To facilitate the recording of meeting discussions, motions are made and votes taken; however, these votes are not binding on either the APLM or member municipalities. Rather, voting is an indication of satisfaction and support for a particular suggestion or proposed action. The goal is to achieve group consensus before actions are taken.

Accountability

- APLM directors are accountable to their municipalities. They are responsible for communicating APLM discussions and consensus positions to their respective Councils for comment and decision. Similarly, directors also convey the position and opinion of their Councils to the APLM group.
- APLM directors are also accountable to their group colleagues, in accordance with the core values of the APLM.

OUR PROJECTS

- The APLM undertakes projects aimed at achieving the vision statement. Projects may be nominated by any of the directors at any time for consideration by the entire group. The APLM mission is for the directors to work together collaboratively to achieve the desired outcome for each project undertaken.