

PIPSC Lacombe/Red Deer Branch Report 2023

Our Branch covers a large area in central Alberta extending North to South from about the town of Maskwacis, AB in the North to Didsbury, AB in the South, and West to Rock Mountain House, and East to the town of Stettler. The branch has about 86 PIPSC members.

In the past, regular Executive and member meetings are held every three months, usually alternating between Red Deer and Innisfail to accommodate member travel who live in the North or South areas of the branch's area respectively. The regular meetings have been interrupted somewhat due to the Pandemic and working from home the last couple of years, and efforts are being made to get members re-involved.

The AGM was held at the Carnival Cinemas in late 2022 followed by "Movies of Choice" for the members and their families. The Branch has also been participating in helping out the Food Bank in the Red Deer, as well as some smaller surrounding communities, in order to promote community involvement and awareness for the PIPSC members. The largest contingency of members is located at the Bowden Institution between the towns of Innisfail and Bowden, with the second largest contingency in Red Deer, and the third largest contingency in Lacombe. A few members are in Rocky Mountain House area, and Maskwacis area. Our branch was also attended the small branch Zoom meeting earlier in 2023 hosted by Nancy McCune. Regular collaboration takes place between the Lacombe/Red Deer branch executive.

Our branch actively supported the PSAC members with their strike and donated coffee and donuts to those on the strike line at the Bowden Institution. We were also actively engaged with the strike captains, management, and PIPSC regionally and Nationally, to ensure fair treatment to our members waiting in the long line-ups waiting to get into work.

We had some coffee and Donut information sessions planned; however, those were put on hold due to the strike, but will once again get under way – post strike.

The incoming executive for 2022/2023 is:

President – Vince Mulhall

Secretary /Treasurer – Dave Cartledge