

COURT FILE NO. 2501-02733

COURT COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

JUDICIAL CENTRE CALGARY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE *COOPERATIVES ACT*,
SA 2001, c C-28. 1

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE RECEIVERSHIP
OF PICTURE BUTTE FEEDER COOPERATIVE



APPLICANT ALVAREZ & MARSAL CANADA INC. in its capacity
as Court-appointed Restructuring Officer of the assets,
undertakings and properties of PICTURE BUTTE
FEEDER COOPERATIVE

DOCUMENT **APPLICATION**
**(Approval of Restructuring Officer's Actions,
Conduct, Fees and Disbursements)**

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THIS DOCUMENT

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT(S):

This Application is made against you. You are a Respondent.

You have the right to state your side of this matter before the Justice.

To do so, you must be in Court when the Application is heard as shown below:

Date: Monday, June 30, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Where: Calgary Courts Centre

Before Whom: Justice R.A. Neufeld, of the Commercial List

Go to the end of this document to see what else you can do and when you must do it.

Remedy claimed or sought:

1. Abridging, if necessary, the time for service of this Application and deeming service to be good and sufficient.
2. An Order in substantially the same form as that attached as Schedule **“A”** to this Application, providing the following relief and directions:
 - 2.1 approving the actions and conduct of Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. in its capacity as Court-appointed Restructuring Officer (the **“Restructuring Officer”**) over the assets, properties and undertakings (the **“Property”**) of Picture Butte Feeder Cooperative. (**“PBFC”** or the **“Cooperative”**), as set out and described in the First Report of the Restructuring Officer, filed June 24, 2025 (the **“First Report”**);
 - 2.2 approving the proposed future activities and conduct of the Restructuring Officer, as set out and described in the First Report; and
 - 2.3 approving the fees and costs of the Restructuring Officer, the Restructuring Officer’s legal counsel, and PBFC’s legal counsel, as set out and described in the First Report.
3. Such further and other relief, advice and directions as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may deem just and appropriate.

Grounds for making this Application:

4. On January 27, 2025, the Inspection and Investigation Section of Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation (the **“Ministry”**) issued an order (the **“Ministerial Order”**) that prohibited PBFC from making any further advances to its members under a loan program that was established under the Alberta legislative scheme.
5. The Ministerial Order was ordered as a result of various inspections on PBFC that took place between September 7, 2023 and May 15, 2024 by the Ministry, which were outlined in a report completed by the Ministry dated November 18, 2024 (the **“Inspection Report”**). The Inspection Report was attached to the Confidential Affidavit of Tony Ankermann sworn on February 18, 2025 (the **“Ankermann Affidavit”**). In the decision of The Honourable Justice D.R. Mah released on March 18, 2025, a sealing order that was sought in respect of the Ankermann Affidavit was denied, and consequently Inspection Report now forms part of the public record.

6. On February 21, 2025, following the Application of PBFC, Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. was appointed Restructuring Officer over the Property of PBFC, by Order of Justice D.R. Mah (the “**Restructuring Officer Order**”).
7. Pursuant to the terms of the Restructuring Officer Order, and in particular subparagraph 3(a) thereof, the Restructuring Officer is empowered and authorized to take possession of and exercise control over the Property of PBFC, and any and all proceeds, receipts and disbursements arising out of or from the Property.
8. Pursuant to subparagraph 3(c) of the Restructuring Officer Order, the Restructuring Officer is empowered and authorized to manage, operate and carry on the business of PBFC, including the powers to enter into any agreements, incur any obligations in the ordinary course of business, cease to carry on all or any part of the business, or cease to perform any contracts of the PBFC.
9. Since the appointment of the Restructuring Officer on February 21, 2025, the Restructuring Officer has been working diligently with the stakeholders of PBFC, including the Ministry and PBFC’s senior lenders, to reconcile PBFC’s financial records, including member deposits, loan balances and other receipts and disbursements.
10. As a result of the Restructuring Officer’s efforts, the Ministry rescinded the Ministerial Order without any further restrictions for PBFC to continue operations. In addition, on May 21, 2025, the Restructuring Officer entered into an amended credit agreement with the lenders that would allow PBFC to resume lending and access to its credit facilities. PBFC resumed its lending practice to its members on May 26, 2025.
11. As part of the Restructuring Officer’s goal of stabilizing PBFC’s operations, the Restructuring Officer ensured that it had the appropriate key experts and agents to assist and provide guidance while the Restructuring Officer took steps to restructure the affairs of PBFC. The steps taken by the Restructuring Officer to date, and their proposed go-forward conduct, are set out and described in the First Report, which has been provided to the Court and posted to the Restructuring Officer’s website.
12. The actions and conduct of the Restructuring Officer to date in respect of the administration of the PBFC estate, as reported and described in the First Report, have been necessarily undertaken.
13. The proposed future actions and conduct of the Restructuring Officer, as set out and described in the First Report, appear to be commercially reasonable, necessary, and in the best interest of PBFC and its various stakeholders.
14. The fees and disbursements of the Restructuring Officer, those of the Restructuring Officer’s legal counsel, and those of PBFC’s legal counsel to date are fair and reasonable in

the circumstances, have been necessarily incurred, and reflect the work done and steps taken in furtherance of the restructuring proceedings.

15. PBFC supports the proposed form of Order sought.
16. Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Material or evidence to be relied on:

17. All pleadings, proceedings, orders, affidavits, reports and other materials filed in Alberta Court of King's Bench Action No. 2501-02733, and in particular the Restructuring Officer Order granted by the Honourable Justice D.R. Mah on February 21, 2025.
18. The Ankermann Affidavit, sworn February 18, 2025 and filed March 29, 2025.
19. The First Report of the Restructuring Officer, filed June 24, 2025.
20. The proposed form of Order attached as Schedule "A" to this Application.
21. The inherent jurisdiction of this Honourable Court to control its own process.
22. Such further and other material and evidence as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable rules:

23. Part 6, Division 7, and in particular Rules 3.2 and 6.47(e) and (f), and Part 6, Division 4, and in particular Rule 6.28(b), and such further and other Rules as counsel may advise and that this Honourable Court may permit.

Applicable Acts and Regulations:

24. *Cooperatives Act*, SA 2001, c C-28.1, as amended, the *Judicature Act*, RSA 2000, c J-2, as amended, and such further and other Acts and Regulations as counsel may advise and that this Honourable Court may permit.

Any irregularity complained of or objection relied on:

25. None.

How the Application is proposed to be heard or considered:

26. Oral submissions by counsel at an Application in Justice Chambers as agreed and scheduled by counsel, scheduled to be heard on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. before The Honourable Justice R.A. Neufeld of the Commercial List.

AFFIDAVIT EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT.**WARNING**

If you do not come to Court either in person or by your lawyer, the Court may give the Applicant(s) what they want in your absence. You will be bound by any order that the Court makes. If you want to take part in this Application, you or your lawyer must attend in Court on the date and at the time shown at the beginning of the form. If you intend to rely on an affidavit or other evidence when the Application is heard or considered, you must reply by giving reasonable notice of the material to the Applicant.

**Schedule “A”
Webex Information**

The above booking is Confirmed

File #(s) : 2501 02733

Style of Cause: PICTURE BUTTE FEEDER COOPERATIVE v. COOPERATIVES ACT.

Date/Duration:

Jun 30, 2025 03:00 PM

Total: 90 Minute(s)

Booking Type/List: Commercial

Purpose of Hearing: Commercial Hearing

Counsel: Kyle David Kashuba;

Special Requirements:

Requirements: Courtroom Required

Equipment: Video Conferencing

Counsel: Please ensure that all relevant parties have received Webex information.

Virtual Courtroom 60 has been assigned for the above noted matter:

Virtual Courtroom Link:

<https://albertacourts.webex.com/meet/virtual.courtroom60>

Instructions for Connecting to the Meeting

1. Click on the link above or open up Chrome or Firefox and cut and paste it into your browser address bar.
2. If you do not have the Cisco Webex application already installed on your device, the site will have a button to install it. Follow installation instructions. Enter your full name and email address when prompted
3. Click on the **Open Cisco Webex Meeting**.
4. You will see a preview screen. Click on **Join Meeting**.

Key considerations for those attending:

Please connect to the courtroom **15 minutes prior** to the start of the hearing.

Please ensure that your microphone is muted and remains muted for the duration of the proceeding, unless you are speaking. Ensure that you state your name each time you speak.

**Schedule “B”
Service List**

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DOCUMENT	Service List (updated June 20, 2025)

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Schedule “C”

Form of Order

(Approval of Restructuring Officer’s Actions, Conduct, Fees and Disbursements)

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DATE UPON WHICH ORDER WAS PRONOUNCED: Monday, June 30, 2025

NAME OF JUSTICE WHO MADE THIS ORDER: Justice R.A. Neufeld

LOCATION OF HEARING: Calgary, Alberta

UPON THE APPLICATION being made by Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. in its capacity
as the Court-appointed Restructuring Officer (the “**Restructuring Officer**”) of the assets,

undertakings and properties (the “**Property**”) of Picture Butte Feeder Cooperative (“**PBFC**”); **AND UPON** having read the First Report of the Restructuring Officer, filed June 24, 2025 (the “**First Report**”); **AND UPON** having read the Affidavit of Service of Tiffany Alomia, to be filed (the “**Service Affidavit**”); **AND UPON** hearing counsel for the Restructuring Officer, counsel for PBFC, counsel for the primary secured creditor of the PBFC, being a syndicate of lenders for whom the Bank of Montreal is the administrative agent, and from any other interested parties who may be present; **AND UPON** it appearing that all interested and affected parties have been served with notice of this Application;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECLARED THAT:

1. The time for service of notice of this Application is abridged to the time actually given and service of the Application and supporting materials as described in the Service Affidavit is good and sufficient, and this hearing is properly returnable before this Honourable Court today and further service thereof is hereby dispensed with.
2. The actions, conduct and activities of the Restructuring Officer to date, as reported in the First Report, are hereby authorized and approved.
3. The proposed future actions, conduct and activities of the Restructuring Officer, as set out and described in the First Report, are hereby authorized and approved.
4. The fees and disbursements of the Restructuring Officer, those of the Restructuring Officer’s legal counsel, and those of PBFC’s legal counsel, as reported in the First Report, are hereby authorized and approved.
5. This Court hereby requests the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Restructuring Officer and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders as to provide such assistance to the Restructuring Officer, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or to assist the Restructuring Officer and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

6. Service of this Order shall be deemed good and sufficient by:

(a) Serving the same on:

- (i) the persons listed on the service list created in these proceedings;
- (ii) any other person served with notice of the Application for this Order;
- (iii) any other parties attending or represented at the Application for this Order;
and

(b) Posting a copy of this Order on the Receiver's website at:

<https://www.alvarezandmarsal.com/picturebutte>

and service on any other person is hereby dispensed with.

Justice of the Alberta Court of King's Bench