

Newsletter

Jan. 15, 2026



2026 Utility Rate Changes

During the January 12, 2026 Council Meeting, Town Council passed Bylaw 841/2026, the Utility Bylaw. As the Town continues working towards a cost recovery focus for utilities, there are small changes to the rates for this year.

Resident feedback about sewer charges has been taken into consideration and the Bylaw has a reduction in sewer rates for any water consumption above 30 cubic meters (m³). This reduction is only applicable to the volume of use above 30 m³.

The introduction of this reduced rate for higher volume users provides sewer rate relief for anyone using larger amounts of water for things like watering lawns, filling pools, etc.

The new rates are now in effect and are reflected on the January 2026 utility bills.

Residential Utility Fees	2024	2025	2026	Change	20m ³ fees 2025	20m ³ fees 2026
Water flat fee	20.25	20.25	20.25	0.00	\$ 20.25	\$ 20.25
Water volume / cubic meter	1.56	1.56	1.59	+0.03	\$ 31.20	\$ 31.80
Sewer flat fee	18.00	21.00	21.00	0.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
Sewer volume / cubic meter (<30m ³)	3.95	4.37	4.45	+0.08	\$ 87.40	\$ 89.00
Sewer volume / cubic meter (>30m ³)	3.95	4.37	3.45	-0.92	---	---
Storm flat fee	5.50	5.50	7.50	+2.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.50
Garbage / Recycling flat fee	22.00	22.00	20.00	-2.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 20.00
					\$187.35	\$189.55

Business License Renewals

Calling all business owners, contractors, home-based businesses, and any person(s) who performs services or advertises products within Penhold. Your 2026 Business License renewal must be paid by Jan. 31.

Businesses not renewing by the due date will incur a 15% Penalty Fee on February 1.

All businesses without a valid business licence, after January 31, will be removed from the Business Directory on the town website.

Each business license is valid during a calendar year. Operating without a valid business license carries a fine of \$400.00. You can learn more about business licenses, renew your existing license or apply for a new one on the Town of Penhold website.

2026 Pet Licenses Due January 31

Reminder to pet owners - Pet Licenses are due by January 31. Town of Penhold Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw requires all dogs and cats to be licensed.

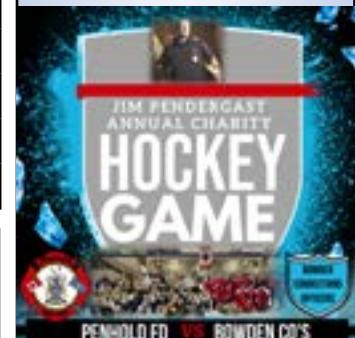
Unaltered Animal: \$60 Altered Animal: \$45

Tag replacements \$10.

See Town website for Pet License Application & additional details.



The Penhold Cares Community Blood Donation Campaign will take place throughout the month of February. This Campaign was started in 2024 to honour the World Record achievement of Penhold resident Josephine Michaluk. Watch for more details in the February Penhold Reporter.



**SATURDAY
JANUARY 31**

Penhold Multiplex

Doors open

6:45 p.m.

Game starts

7:30 p.m.

Admission:
Bring a donation
for the food bank



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RCMP Town Hall

All residents are invited to join the Innisfail RCMP and Penhold Protective Services for an important discussion on crime statistics, how to report crime, and fraud prevention. Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams and fraudulent activities.

Location: Penhold & District Library

Date: Tuesday, February 10 Time: 6:00 PM

Topics include: open forum for discussion, updates on community safety and practical tips to prevent fraud.

Your voice matters—come share your thoughts and help keep our community safe!

Snowmobiling Is Prohibited Within Town Limits



Residents are reminded that snowmobiling is not permitted within town limits, including all green spaces. This restriction is in place to ensure the safety and enjoyment of these spaces for all residents and to protect the integrity of our shared community resources.

Why snowmobiling is not allowed:

Legal Restrictions: Operating snowmobiles within Penhold town limits violates Bylaw 828/2024. (*Section 4.9 restricts parking and driving of any vehicle, including snowmobiles, on Town land.*)

Preventing Damage to Park Resources: Snow-covered areas may conceal small trees, shrubs, grass, park furniture, and infrastructure. Snowmobiles can cause significant damage to these elements, which are vital to maintaining the beauty and functionality of our parks.

Ensuring Safety for People and Pets: Parks are often used by pedestrians, families, and pet owners during winter months. Snowmobiles pose a risk of harm or negative interactions with individuals enjoying these spaces on foot.

We appreciate your cooperation in respecting these guidelines. Let's work together to ensure our parks remain safe and beautiful for everyone to enjoy. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office.



Keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow

Penhold is an active community, please help everyone stay safe while they are enjoying the outdoors by clearing your sidewalks quickly after it snows. Snow must be removed within 72 hours of any snowfall. Please remember, snow cleaned off sidewalks and driveways cannot be deposited onto the road.

During warmer weather with melting and freezing, please make sure your walkways are clear of ice as well.

If you see a "Snow Angels Welcome" sign, please consider helping your neighbour with their snow / ice removal.

Go paperless this year for utilities and property taxes

We're excited to offer you a simple and eco-friendly solution to paper bills in the mail: E-Billing!

By opting for e-billing, you'll receive your utility and property tax bills directly to your inbox, saving you time, paper, and effort.

Sign up for E-Billing by April 30 to receive your Tax Notice via email.

Here's why you should make the switch:

- Convenience at Your Fingertips: Receive your bills via email as soon as they're issued.
- Reduce Paper Waste: Help us conserve paper and reduce the environmental impact. E-billing means fewer printed bills, which is better for the planet.
- Easy Online Access: No need to search through piles of paper, E-billing allows you to view your current and historical bills anytime, anywhere.
- Secure and Fast: Enjoy peace of mind knowing your bills are delivered securely.

