



# Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

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## Highlights From February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council Meeting

Council Chambers was a busy place with presentations being made to Council.

Ms. Jaelene VandenBrink made a presentation on behalf of a number of families who are looking for a park/playground destination area on the south end of Penhold. There is a parcel of land that is 9.4 acres and is zoned Urban Reserve (UR). This group wishes to transform this land with a current marsh area to Public Institutional (PI) designation allowing the land to be developed to parks, trails and play area. An additional request made by the group is that the current proposed trail be changed from a gravel walking trail to a wider asphalt trail connecting to the existing trail system along Waskasoo Ave. The playground equipment will cater to the younger child demographics as well as being accessible and inclusive for all. The committee will be fundraising throughout 2017 with anticipated construction in 2018.

Council appreciated the level of detailed work done by the group to bring this project forward as well as the community support. A directive was given to administration to designate the area within the marsh land and surrounding area for development of a playground and recreation area as presented and move the lands for public use.

Fire Chief Pendergast brought forward recommended changes to the Town's Fire Service Bylaw. Key focuses were:

- Anticipating growth in the town to update the current bylaw to include the anticipated annexation areas.
- Bring forward changes incorporating current regulations within the Bylaw
- Address offences and restrictions
- Specify the fee structure for equipment called out to various incidents.
- Clarity for Fire Chief's authority

Council proceeded to give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to the Fire Service Bylaw 737/17

Business License Bylaw received First Reading at the Feb. 13 regular council meeting. It received 2<sup>nd</sup> and final readings on Feb. 27 and is now in effect. This new bylaw replaces Bylaw 619/05 and provides clarity and a user friendly layout for business licensing. Currently the fees reflect the rates in Bylaw 619/05 so a review of the fees will occur this September and annually moving forward.

Council received an invitation to attend the Springbrook Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) information session March 2, 2017. Council will attend this information session.

Mayor and Council received an invitation to attend the Regional Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on March 21 in Red Deer; hosted by Success Builders.

For complete reports and information on this meeting please visit the Town of Penhold website: [www.townofpenhold.ca/Council\\_Briefing.php](http://www.townofpenhold.ca/Council_Briefing.php).

**Council Meetings:**

Regular Council Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month starting at 6:00PM. They are open to the public and questions are welcome at the end of each meeting.

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