



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights From January 23rd, 2017 Council Meeting

Mr. Colin Smylie from Pivotal Chartered Professional Accountants made a presentation to Council on the 2016 audit process. This is a yearly requirement set out by the Municipal Government Act. Upon review of the Town's documents, the team will do a number of tests to insure the accuracy of the information prior to the preparation of the financial statements. Mr. Smylie inquired if Council had any concerns over the past year in regards to the Town's operations that they wish to have a closed session to discuss without Administration? There were no concerns expressed over the past year's projects and finances identified. Mr. Smylie indicated that he appreciated the opportunity to see how Council works and the openness of the meeting.

CAO Binnendyk identified the break down for the Community Resiliency Program that allowed the Town to develop Waskasoo Avenue south of Lucina Street and the land balancing by the Regional Multiplex. The project was budgeted for \$4 million dollars over two construction years. The project is now complete and the work came in on budget. A great asset to Penhold!

The Annexation and Inter-municipal Development Committee indicated that the joint meeting with the County went well and the groups worked in a cooperative manner. Letters are going out to the adjacent landowners within the next couple of weeks addressing questions and concerns that was brought forward from the previous Open House. Another Open House is planned in March prior to writing the final reports.

Council approved a proposal to pursue funding through a Local Municipal Initiatives Program. This project would be focused on highway lighting and safety along Highway #42 and north portion of Waskasoo Ave. The project would be placing highway light fixtures along the highway, removal of overhead wires, a pedestrian cross walk at Highway #42 and Waskasoo Ave and lighting south on Waskasoo Ave to the south entrance of Penhold Crossing Secondary school.

Council approved Mayor Cooper, Councillor Kingsfield and CAO Binnendyk to attend the upcoming Alberta Economic Developers Conference. Training includes Economic Diversification - strategies for revitalizing local economies.

For complete reports and information on this meeting please visit the Town of Penhold website:
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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