



COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE:

Council Meeting

Date: February 23rd, 2015

Mayor Cooper welcomed Stg. Sergeant Chris Matechuk to council meeting.

Stg. Matechuk presented to council the Town of Penhold 2014 crime rate statistics.

Last year, there was discussion around the need to get residents to phone the RCMP if they are witnessing a crime or suspicious activity. The results speak for themselves and it is apparent that the community is taking ownership and reporting crimes.

However, we have seen an increase of activity for Penhold.

Stg. Matechuk further talked about the regional task force, that is in place and that have lead to arrests within Penhold over the last several weeks. This task force team is a joint venture by the City of Red Deer, and surrounding communities, working together to apprehend suspects that appear to move from community to community. With Penhold citizens responding and this new task force we are seeing and achieving results. This Regional task force is a specialized group meeting central Alberta needs and there will be discussions later this year for the continuation and permanency of this effective Regional Group.

Attention local organizations:

If you are contributing to our community and require a meeting place there are rooms available to meet at the Penhold Regional Multiplex. Council approved 10 groups for 2015 for the use of a meeting room in the Multiplex. If you need a meeting space, are part of a community initiative and your focus is in growing our community please contact the Town of Penhold office or email at communityservices@townofpenhold.ca and your request will be presented at the Community Services Advisory Board meeting for approval.

Penhold & District Optimist Club:

Submitted a request to council for the approval of a charity check stop event to be held July 11th, 2015. This will be in support and for the purpose of raising funds for local youth organizations and programs. Council supported the Optimist Club in their endeavours and encouraged town departments who are able to assist as well as participate in the fund raiser.

Community Services:

Have a number of upcoming events in town. Be sure to check out the following:

- Friday Feb. 27 No Regrets presentation being held at Penhold Regional Multiplex @ 11:00AM.
- March 1st Winter Fest at the Multiplex 11:30AM to 1:30PM
- Other courses and events check out the town's website.

Building stats:

January 2015 has once again set a new record with 17 permits totaling 3.9 million dollars for the month. There were 23 new homes and multifamily units.

Utility:

Garbage & Recycling totes pick up will begin Thursday March 5th & Friday March 6th. Garbage and Recycling not placed in totes provided will not be collected beginning these dates.

- **Recycling pickup will be every second week beginning March 5th & 6th.**
- **Garbage pickup will remain on a weekly basis.**

Council Meetings:

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month starting at 6:00PM. They are open to the public. Questions are welcomed at the end of the meeting.

For more information, please contact:

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