

Town of Penhold



COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE:

Council Meeting

Date: April 27th, 2015

Council meeting began with Mayor Cooper Swearing in Deputy Mayor Kathy Sitter effective May 1st. The Deputy Mayor acts in the capacity of the Mayor in the absence of the Mayor. Mayor Cooper thanked Councillor Sánchez for acting as the past Deputy Mayor.

Community TIES requested the ability to host a community check stop as a fund raiser for May 15th. With May 15th going into a long weekend council granted permission to host a community check stop for May 22nd. Community TIES fundraiser is in support for children and youth programs within Penhold.

Council awarded tender to Border Paving Ltd. for the construction of storm water system and building up of Waskasoo Avenue south of Lucina Street to the bridge. This project tender pricing came in at \$ 2,760,874.71. This project is to start in June and will be ongoing through the summer. The road will be closed for most of the summer south of Lucina Street. For further information check the website or contact the town office for details.

TAXES: Approval was given to the taxation bylaw for 2015. The tax rate for residential had a slight decline while the school portion went up. The tax rate remained the same for 2015. This was our goal explained Mayor Cooper and we held it at this rate. With market changes there will be some increase based on the assessments as of December 2014. It is anticipated an average house will go up approx. 3 %. The minimum tax for 2015 will be \$ 225.

TAX PENALTY BYLAW: the penalty date for 2015 will be
August 1st ~ 4% on all unpaid current taxes
September 15th ~ additional 4% on remaining unpaid current taxes
October 15th ~ further 4% on taxes
December 31st ~ 12% on all outstanding taxes and arrears.

TPP: Tax Payment Program has been revamped effective immediately taxpayers may sign up for this program to pay on a monthly basis for their taxes. Details can be obtained from the town office or website.

OFFSITE LEVY BYLAW: This bylaw was introduced to council for first reading. The purpose of this bylaw is to allow the Town to work with developers in the construction of new or expanded services required for the new land that is to be developed or subdivided. There will be an open house May 21st for comments with a further public hearing to be held June 8th in the Council Chambers at the Penhold Regional Multiplex.

Highway #42 and Highway 2A intersection is becoming a problem for access with the increase traffic through town. Council asked administration to forward incident reports to Alberta Transportation. In relation to the traffic flow increases, the incident reports will assist Alberta Transportation in compiling information that will allow a proposed future solution for this intersection.

For complete reports and information on this meeting please check: Town of Penhold Website www.townofpenhold.ca/administration/council-meetings/

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 each meeting.

For more information, please contact:

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