

Town of Penhold



COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE:

Council Meeting ~ Highlights

Date: May 11th, 2015

Presentation: Secondary Suites. Mrs. Kristina Schmidt, Planning & Development Officer Town of Penhold, made presentation to Town Council on the development of Secondary Suites. A survey and open house was held to gauge the receptiveness of the community for secondary suites. The findings were:

- 85% of the respondents support homeowners the opportunity to develop a secondary suite in their homes.
- 69% identified parking and increase traffic in the neighbourhood as their primary concern for secondary suites.

Council asked Mrs. Schmidt to draft the necessary changes to the Land Use Bylaw allowing secondary suites with the conditions identified.

Fire Department reported for the Month of April continues to be extremely active with 13 calls for the month. 6 medical, 2 fire alarms, 1 gas leak, 3 mutual aid assist and 1 motor vehicle accident.

Public Works reported that the public works staff has spent considerable time at our lift station # 3 and the lift station at Bouteiller close. A motor had to be replaced as there appears to be an ongoing problem with non-flushable products going into the Bouteiller close lift station. Staff is attempting to encourage the users within this area to discard not flush items. Nine new homes had meter installations for April.

CLEANUP WEEK & KICK IT TO THE CURB: begins May 22nd to June 1st. This is a great opportunity to clean up unwanted items around the house and yard. For those slightly used items you think someone else could use bring it to the curb. Check the town's website for details and the upcoming reporter.

DID YOU KNOW that the multiplex has over 14,000 visitors each month of the year?

MEMORIAL HALL: For you who are looking for a larger gathering place check out Memorial Hall. This building has the ability to accommodate up to 250 people. Bookings can be done at the town office. Contact the booking Clerk. The best news is the rental fees have just been reduced by 15%.

TAXES: You should receive your Municipal tax notice by May 18th. The good news is. The tax rate remained at the same rate 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.

If you feel that your assessment is incorrect as to the value there is an open house set for June 2nd. The Town's Assessor Mr. Frank Watson will be delighted to meet with you to discuss how they came to the value of your home. This is at no cost to you. Phone the town office 886-4567 for an appointment to speak with Mr. Watson.

REMEMBER your assessment/market value of your home reflects the taxes to be paid.

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.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL: Mark Thursday May 21st 6:30pm to 8:00pm Penhold & District Library. This is your opportunity to meet and discuss items you like to see for Penhold. There will be several key things to check out.

1. 2015 projects spending for the year. All Departments focuses
2. Recreational lands adjacent to the Multiplex – future development
3. Developers assistance with offsite fees
4. Input for the current Marsh area south side of town by Laebon new homes.

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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