

# Town of Penhold

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## COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE:

**Council Meeting ~ Highlights**

**Date: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Presentation:** Ms. Eastman presented to Council about her water consumption and suggested the readings are incorrect. Mayor Cooper explained the workings of the water metering system and identified the consumption usage over the time period identified does not appear to be unusual.

**Building:** Residential development in Town continues to grow at a record pace. As of the end of April 2015, Residential Permits tallied \$ 7.9 million. This amount is up from last year's record of \$ 7.5 million. All signs indicate that 2015 will continue to be a strong year for residential building.

**Land Purchase Waskasoo Avenue:** Council granted permission to purchase a 5 meter strip of land from the Newton family for the upcoming road work on Waskasoo Avenue. The purchase for the strip of land is to allow the construction crew adequate working space and grading ability for the back slope of the road structure.

**Provincial Recommendations:** Penhold Town Council will be forwarding a resolution to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association convention for the purpose of sharing information through the Canadian Police Information Centre CPIC. This resolution is asking for access to the national data base to obtain information on all criminal activity. The concern is that currently Peace Officers are approaching vehicles/individuals without any foreknowledge of impending criminal activity that may have occurred with the respective tied to the vehicle or individual. This being a national data base it is felt that this should be accessible to all law enforcement agencies.

Council further supported a resolution from the Town of Raymond for a review and possible less cost to connect communities to broadband internet. This too will be presented at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Convention in Sept 2015.

**Coffee with Council/Open house:** Council expressed thanks to all the residents who came to the library and spent time going over the various information posters and providing their feedback. This feedback will allow us as a community to develop a plan that meets all of our needs. The questionnaires are currently being compiled and will be discussed at the next Council of a whole committee meeting. Coffee with council is a great opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics related to the Town and service delivery in our community. At these events council appreciates hearing the positive feedback as well as the items of concern and possible improvements.

**Again, a Special thanks to all who came out.**

**CLEANUP WEEK & KICK IT TO THE CURB:** continues until June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 more details and the Penhold reporter.

**TAXES:** If you feel that your assessment is high please contact the Town office to meet/discuss your assessment with the Town's Assessor Mr. Frank Watson. Your assessment is a direct link to your tax levy. There is no cost to you to have the assessor walk you through your assessment values. 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 their taxes on a monthly basis. Details can be obtained from the town office or website.

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

**Council Meetings:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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