

# Town of Penhold

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## COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE:

**Council Meeting ~ Highlights**

**Date: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Public Hearing:** The evening started with a Public Hearing to hear comments in reference to the Towns proposal on the amended offsite levy bylaw. CAO Binnendyk identified the purpose of this bylaw is 3 fold.

1. Clearly identify what areas the town is willing to participate in for development of municipal infrastructure within newly developing areas, in accordance with the current Municipal Government Act (MGA).
2. Enhancement for the calculations of infrastructure with current acceptable reporting formats and;
3. Identifying the benefiting areas tied to the enhanced services.

This bylaw allows the Town to work in a possible partnership with developers towards the continued growth of Penhold for new or expanded facilities allowed under the Municipal Government Act.

**Presentation Town of Penhold Website:** Miss Kyla Bolt from community services identified that the Website Committee is pleased to present a new revamped website that will allow citizens the ability to move easily through Penhold's new website. When we were composing this site, we started with the rule of no more than 3 clicks to access any area. The committee we feel were successful in holding to the 3 click rule.

When compiling information for the site we looked at a number of communities mostly within Alberta and chose pieces that we felt best fit Penhold. The Committee worked on this site over the past 8 months compiling and tweaking all the information for the site. In order to make the Town website more user friendly, we created a rule that all information could be accessed within a 3 click standard. This is a living site in that we will be updating and reviewing information weekly and if the committee will be meeting on an ongoing basis in order to implement changes and keep information current at all times. The core website committee will also be meeting a two times per year to ensure that the look and feel of the website is up to the current standards of what residents and businesses are looking for in their town website.

**Mark your Calendars this site will be officially up June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

On the town website there is now a link to join the, "Town Crier" which will allow all people who sign up to received current and up to the minute town information as well as emergency postings. SIGN UP TODAY!

**Waskasoo Avenue Construction:** Construction begins June 10<sup>th</sup>. The road south of Lucina Street will be closed for the summer until the end of September. Lucina Street intersection onto Waskasoo will be closed for approx. 3 weeks in July. This major project is comprised of storm systems put into place, a sewer force main construction from the new Laebon development area to the lift station adjacent to highway #42, the road structure will be lifted from Lucina to the bridge acting as a dyke to prevent future flooding across the road. The total project costs is estimated at \$ 3,979,086.

**Water Reservoir:** The reservoir upgrades have lagged into a dry spring. This is creating problems for the water reservoir to keep up with the demand for water.

**New Subdivision:** Parkland Community Planning is circulating a new 31 lot subdivision for residential development. The proposal was submitted by Al-Terra Engineering on behalf of Abbey Master Builders. This subdivision will be directly west of the Regional Multiplex. This will be last area for development by the Hawkrigde Group in completing the ¼ section development.

**Public Transit:** Council gave Administration the go ahead to investigate possible transportation options with Red Deer County. A survey will be available online as well as paper based for our residents to provide feedback and input on transportation. The key focuses will be sufficient ridership and costing for the service. It is hoped that the report will be ready for council's review in the fall. If you have any questions on this possible endeavour please touch base with Ms. Jennifer Blaylock. [fcss@townofpenhold.ca](mailto:fcss@townofpenhold.ca)

**Open House Responses: Marsh Area** Comments came in and the decision has been made that the town will leave the Marsh area in its natural state. The lands north of the current Laebon homes on the south end of town will continue to enjoy the marsh area. The town will be doing some storm work within the marsh area for flood control AND the marsh will remain intact.

**Canada 150 Anniversary:** Council asked Administration to forward a funding application for a possible retrofit of the Baseball diamond on Waskasoo Avenue to Government of Canada in commemoration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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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