



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights **Date: August 10th, 2015**

Presentation made by Ms. Kristina Schmidt Planning & Development Officer – Secondary Suites.

Secondary Suites and Garage Suites in Penhold may soon become a reality. This presentation to Council came with the proposed first reading to a bylaw amendment permitting Secondary and Garage Suites within certain parameters.

- Restricted to single-detached dwelling areas.
- Must have rear lane access.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 non-secondary suites separation.
- Two designated hard surface off street parking.
- Must comply with Provincial building & fire codes.
- Cannot have both suites on the same lots

Full details of the new proposed bylaw will be on the town of Penhold's website. Public Hearing is set for September 14th @ 5:15PM Council Chambers. Council is encouraging further public consultation on this area.

Presentation made by Ms. Tricia Willis Corporate Services Manager – Social Media Statistics for Town of Penhold.

Ms. Willis presented statistical information in regards to the Town's focus on social media. Communication was the number one focus for Council from their Strategic Planning document.

Ms. Willis touched on a number of areas, some of which included, age demographics, number of times people are connecting, who is connecting, etc. The main sources of social media that were identified were Facebook, Twitter and the most recent launch of the Town Crier, which provides short bursts of information to the community.

Penhold's following on social media is rapidly increasing and becoming a great resource in helping to connect and communicate with residents. Ms. Willis further commented that the 55+ demographic uses social media less than other demographics. Based on this statistic Penhold will continue with the current paper form of communication that includes the Penhold Reporter and the Innisfail Province weekly column. We are striving to find forms of communication that works well with all residents and through the addition of social media feel that we are connecting with residents that wish to be connected with.

Planning & Development

A subdivision was forwarded to council for comment on to create 2 residential lots and consolidate the lots with lots 3 & 4 Block 5, Plan 132 2898. This property is on the south/west side of CP rail.

Palisades's subdivision has two new streets. Council decided to reflect the forts of past in Alberta to name the streets. The new street names will be Augustus Way and Assiniboine Crescent.

Government of Canada/Government of Alberta identified that Penhold was successful in securing financial partnerships with the Federal and Provincial Governments to construct a new water reservoir. Each level of Government will be contributing towards this important project. In total there will be \$2.4 million dollars committed to Penhold for the expansion of drinking water storage and distribution pumping throughout the community. Mayor Cooper identified that this is great news in that this will not only allow growth to continue, but provide needed fire protection, water treatment and system competency meeting the growing needs of Penhold.

Highway 2A and Bouteiller Close and Hawkridge Boulevard will have a new pedestrian crossing in the near future. The town has worked with Alberta Transportation and will be placing a new crossing for the safety of all residents, at this location. CAO Rick Binnendyk identified that once the town is able to get concrete put into place Alberta Transportation will assist in the crossing. The town is pushing to get this important project completed prior to school starting.

Administrative Items:

A request from Administration to purge old records was presented to Council and approved to proceed.

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.

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