



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights Date: September 28th, 2015

Mayor Cooper welcomed Council back from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Conference. Each Councillor identified that they enjoyed the varying sessions, keynote speakers and training sessions. Premier Notley clearly identified that there will be a focus on the infrastructure with the recent economic downturn. Once the economy rebounds, provincial funds will be redirected to replenish the provincial coffers. The Minister of Municipal Affairs will be unfolding the Municipal Government Act in the spring but still anticipates final approval by the fall.

Major Projects update to Council:

Water Reservoir upgrades: have been completed with some minor deficiencies remaining. This project is anticipated to be fully completed prior to the end of this year.

Waskasoo Avenue: The storm system, main sewer trunk line and coring have been completed. Border Paving is currently finalizing the base. Final crush gravel will be placed once the road structure dries to the accepted compaction levels. Concrete for curb and gutter is scheduled within the next two weeks, weather permitting.

Road Maintenance/paving: in varying places around town will continue for the next several weeks.

New Project: Council approved Phase 2 for Waskasoo land balancing. Council awarded the bid to Howitt Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$ 916,075. This project is focused on development of several key structures to prevent future flooding within the Town and around the regional multiplex and school. Once the work is completed, the area will set the ground work to become an enhanced recreational area for all to enjoy. This project, being a fall project, may go into spring weather dependent.

Development: For the month of August, there were 4 new single family dwellings and 10 accessory buildings. Total permit value for the month was \$ 1.3 million. To date, permits for 2015 are at \$14.2 million. Building in Penhold remains strong.

Community Services Report: Rob Nash was at Penhold Crossings High School. With 420 people in attendance, Rob wowed the crowd leaving a powerful message to our youth and adults who were in attendance. “Small acts matter”. October has numerous opportunities to connect within Penhold, be sure to check out the town’s website for further information.

Offsite Levys: Council proceeded with second reading to the new proposed offsite levy bylaw. CAO Binnendyk identified that this proposed bylaw is to provide the Town with an assessment of existing and future costs that will be allocated for municipal infrastructure upgrades attributed to

new growth. This bylaw will allow the town to recapture some of the costs from developers for their proportional share attributed to growth. There will be some further adjustments made to the bylaw reflecting the upcoming development.

Tax Sale: Council set the date for the upcoming tax sale for delinquent tax accounts. November 30th has been set. CAO Binnendyk identified that the accounts are over 2 years in the arrears and following the Municipal Government Act (MGA) the town is proceeding with the sale as directed by the MGA. All owners will be advised of the upcoming date with hopes to resolve the outstanding accounts prior to the sale date.

For complete reports and information on this meeting please visit the Town of Penhold Website http://www.townofpenhold.ca/Council_Briefing.php

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. With October the first meeting will be on Tuesday due to Monday being a stat holiday.

For further information:

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