



# Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

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## Council Meeting ~ Highlights Date: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Greg Smith of Tagish Engineering** presented the revised Offsite Levy Bylaw 721/15 to Council in anticipation of third and final reading which Council approved later in the meeting. Some of the values within the report were lowered as the Town of Penhold received a provincial grant to help fund a new water reservoir. It was suggested that this document be revisited yearly to evaluate the project costs in the document and fully reviewed every three years to ensure that the priorities are being met and that the document reflects the true costs of projects.

**Jennifer Blaylock, Family and Community Support Services Coordinator** presented the results of the Penhold Transit Feasibility Study and Council has accepted the report for information. Council requested Administration continue with talks to determine the costs to the Town of Penhold should they choose to move forward with this project and research if there is any government funding available to help mitigate those costs.

**Waskasoo Avenue:** This project is moving forward. The intersection of Lucina Street and Waskasoo Avenue will be closed for approximately two days beginning on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to complete work in the area. The curb and gutter will continue to be constructed and depending on the timing and the weather, Waskasoo Avenue may receive the first lift of pavement this year.

**Land Balancing Project:** Phase 2 of the Waskasoo land balancing project has begun. This project is focused on development of several key structures to prevent future flooding within the Town and around the regional multiplex and school.

**Display Sign:** The pilings for the sign have been poured and are currently curing. The contractor has ordered the parts for the sign and they should arrive to him to have assembled by the middle of November with a projected installation date of the beginning of December. This is a two sided display that will be installed on an angle for better view from either direction. Each side of the display will have the ability to run separate programming.

**Internet Update:** Administration has been working to get a fibre optic connection into the Multiplex for a number of years. As development moves closer to the building, the ability to have these services is approaching. The Town has looked at a number of possibilities including Supernet, Bell and Shaw Cable with Shaw Go Wifi. We are hoping to move ahead soon and have Wifi available for the public in the multiplex.

**Multiplex Report:** Evening ice is fully booked. There are still some ice slots available during the day but they are filling up fast. The gymnasium is getting a lot of use as well so book early to avoid disappointment. A number of repairs and maintenance issues have been dealt with at the multiplex

including some work on the Reverse Osmosis motors, the timers on the heaters in the arena, maintenance on the Olympia and the installation of the picnic benches in front of the Multiplex. Thank you to Public Works for helping out.

**Fitness Center:** The Town is hiring a new personal trainer as well as a class instructor for Boot Camp and Spin to complement the current morning boot camps and yoga classes.

**Library:** The library had a great September with 6,936 people walking in the doors and using the resources for the month.

**Programming:** The programmers were very busy organizing Fall Festival. The weekend was a success with highlights being the parade, kids' corner and of courses the fireworks. Regular programs have started and are off to a great start. Some of the programs being offered right now are Soccer, Lean 2 Skate, Sport Sampler, Basketball, Superhero Training and Curiosity Club. Stay tuned for more programming coming your way.

**Fire Department:** The Fire Department responded to 11 calls in the month of September. There were 5 medical calls, 4 fire alarms, a needle recovery and a mutual aid call to assist Red Deer County at a Penhold hydrant. In addition to the fire calls, the Penhold Fire Department conducted 4 business inspections, trained the library and administration staff to operate the AED and helped with the Fall Festival and the Skate-a-thon. Thank you to the Fire Department for a job well done.

**Public Works:** Public works has been busy doing a variety of repair and maintenance work in the community which relate to water, sewer, storm sewer, transportation, garbage, parks & recreation and the Memorial Hall.

1. **Water:** There have been 23 water meters installed in new homes. The curb stop location project is ongoing, the water main valves have been exercised and the fall hydrant flushing is ongoing.
  - Council had a discussion about water concerns that have been occurring around town. Further investigation including discussion with Alberta Environment and Alberta Health Services are forthcoming to find a resolution.
2. **Sewer:** The wet and dry wells at lift station #3 went into flood status so vacuum trucks were brought in to haul the wastewater until the station was brought back to normal conditions the next day. The station was manned for 24 hours during this incident.
3. **Storm Sewer:** Storm grates and manholes will be cleaned out prior to the winter season.
4. **Transportation:** Street sweeping is in progress, allies are being graded prior to the winter season, crack filling has been completed, sidewalk replacement should be completed soon and the stockpile of gravel has been received for the winter.
5. **Garbage:** Yard waste bins at the Multiplex have been moved to the north side of the building
6. **Parks & Recreation:** Fall pruning is being worked on and herbicide spraying has been completed. The water spray park is nearly winterized, the fountain has been removed from Tranquility Park and the fountain on the north end is still to be removed.
7. **Memorial Hall:** The hot water tanks have been replaced, the roof has been repaired, some minor work is needed in the washrooms and the garbage pad has been repaired.

**Lease to Community Ties:** As the lease is to expire on December 31, 2015 Council reviewed the lease and discussed a future lease. Administration is to research a number of items and bring the results back to Council for review including a discussion with Community Ties to explore their future plans as it relates to the space being leased from the Town.

**Community Peace Officers:** Council approved the purchase of new Community Peace Officer vehicle. This vehicle is being purchased from another municipality and is fully equipped. There is no financial impact to the community as money had been set aside to purchase a vehicle.

**Planning Department:** A revised Development and Subdivision Authorities Bylaw 724/15 was presented and approved by Council. The bylaw does not change the intent of the original bylaw but adds some additional definitions, clauses on conflict of interest and pecuniary interest and makes the bylaw more readable.

For complete reports and information on this meeting please visit the Town of Penhold Website [http://www.townofpenhold.ca/Council\\_Briefing.php](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.

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