



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights

Date: October 26th, 2015

Council started the evening going through all the committees and boards associated to the Town dividing up the workloads at their yearly organizational meeting. There were 23 varying committees and boards that work with the Town. Mayor Cooper thanked Councillor Sitter for her term sitting as Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mike Walsh was appointed as Deputy Mayor until May 2016.

CAO Binnendyk identified to council the workings of the Storm pond at Lucina Street. The pond was meant to be a dry pond; however, the engineering firm for the developer ended with a dry pond concept with wetland features. This pond will have some water but it should be minimal based on the design. With the recent road construction the previous blockage that held water back was removed and the pond is now operating as it was designed to operate.

- Council requested a review of the town's potable water. Staff is working with Alberta Environment to obtain an in depth analysis for the cause of the random water discolouration. Public Works team members continue to flush water lines when information is brought forward of water colouration. This lowers the iron sediment that current gives the brownish discolouration.
- Land Balancing adjacent to the multiplex is moving along well. When the project is done the land adjacent to the complex and the road will be raised with a berm midway to give additional assurance for possible future flooding.
- Waskasoo Avenue is getting paved at the time of this report. The road will be opened by the end of the week. The landscaping, trail and street lighting will continue into November as weather permits. This project will be finalized in the spring of 2016.
- Electronic sign base work is complete the installation of the sign is scheduled by the end of November. Administration made a request to spend an additional \$ 6,500 that will allow the sign to rotate and give the option to use the electronic sign for future movies in the park concept at the recreational area. The proposal was defeated. Council suggested this is not a good location to host future movies.

Community Services: Early Years Coalition team in partnership with Red Deer College brought in Enrique Feldman from Arizona. The sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday provided parents, caregivers, and teachers with children great tools and strategies on engaging children.

- Early Years Newsletter is filled with tips and information on helping youth. Contact the town office on how to sign up.
- Check out all the upcoming programs running for youth. November is filled with a lot of opportunities.

Development: As of the end of September there have been 71 permits pulled for new homes being constructed this year. Permits to the end of September totaled \$14.8 million.

Council approved bylaw 725/15 with a renewed focus, giving clarity to the members on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. This new bylaw replaces the previous bylaw that has been in place since 1995.

Council further gave 1st reading to a rezoning bylaw to match a recent subdivision on the south west side of the railway tracks. The zoning went from Urban Reserve UR to R4 country residential an extension on the current R4 zoning. A public hearing is slated for this bylaw November 23rd at 5:45 pm in the council chambers.

Fire Department: A letter was received from Alberta Health Services commending the medical first response by the Penhold Fire Department. Our Team played as medical first responders in the patient's care. The positive outcome was due to their actions providing quick patient extrication, patient assessment, and BVM ventilations. The partnership in patient care was so very evident by the emergency team. WELL DONE Penhold Fire Department.

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.

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