



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights **Date: November 23rd, 2015**

Public Hearing was held for the rezoning a strip of lands located on the west side of the tracks from the current Urban Reserve to Country residential. Legally describe as SW ¼ 36-36-28 W4M. Planning Officer Kristina Schmidt identified the purpose of the request is to allow future private use of the lands for the residents. Mayor Cooper noted there was no correspondence or personnel to speak in opposition of the request and closed the Public Hearing. Council approved the request giving Bylaw 726/15, second and third readings later in the regular meeting.

Mayor Cooper identified that he, Councillor Sanchez and Mr. Binnendyk attended the regional water and wastewater seminar as to what's next for regional systems. The focus of the session was to discuss the costs, sizing and operations for regional systems. Our new Alberta government is focused on partnerships that comprise of multiple communities not so much on singular requests.

Councillor Sanchez & Yargeau thanked council for the opportunity to attend the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties conference. As guests, Red Deer County representatives were great hosts. Topics covered the linear assessment revenues, rural crime to meeting and discussions with the new ministers.

Council King identified that the recent Central Alberta Regional Trail Systems (CARTS) group has a renewed enthusiasm with the new representatives show interest in connecting communities. Over the next few months they hope to see how trail system will be developed over the next few years.

Councillor Sitter commended the optimist group on the great work they have been doing in Penhold. They have a family dance coming up Dec. 13th and are the town's key proponents in developing the skate park. This outstanding group is in search of new participants to join them, in bettering our community and making it interesting for our youth.

Councillor Kingsfield identified that the recent War Memorial event has continued to bring comments on this special evening, great job by the committee who organized the event. A Special thanks to the Ford Family in making this event possible.

Councillor Walsh reported on the Parent Advisory Councils and expressed the great connectivity there is with the schools and town staff working together. There is a strong partnership with the groups.

Community Services Report:

- Early Years Newsletter carries a number of great articles for parenting tips.
- Hosted a cooking workshop

- Working in partnership submitting a request for funding to survey the surrounding area to determine new focuses for Early Years coalition.
- Penhold Youth Club hosted a wake fest with numerous activities throughout the night. A great time by all.
- Be sure to check out the Town's website for these and other great activities occurring.

Planning & Development: Permits to the end of October has 99 new home permits for a total of \$ 19 million dollars in new development for 2015.

South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission forwarded their 2016 budget. Within the budget it is advising the town there will be a 25 cent increase on per cubic meter of sewage effective January 1st, 2016. The current rate is \$ 1.70.

There were two bylaws passed at this meeting. The first bylaw passed by Council was for the rezoning of lands. The second bylaw was to update the subdivision and development appeal board.

Tax Sale: There will be a tax sale for several trailer units and one house. This sale will be conducted at the Multiplex in the council chambers on November 30th at 10:00 am.

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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