



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights January 11th, 2016

2016's first meeting started off with a number of focuses and requests being made. The agenda package for the first meeting was comprehensive for Council to work through.

Council voted to continue as a member with the Canadian Federation of Municipalities (FCM). This organization represents communities from across Canada to our Federal Government.

CAO Binnendyk reported on a Melcor development north of Highway 42. The focus with Melcor in 2016: another subdivision; main water line connecting the parcel; path system within development; housing options and an upscale manufactured home park. Go to the Melcor website at www.melcor.ca to check out building opportunities.

The Water Reservoir Upgrade Project is now complete and a financial report is being compiled for the Province of Alberta. Waskasoo Avenue street lighting, on the south end of Penhold, from the Bridge to Lucina Street, is scheduled for construction in January/February 2016. The 2016 building projects are being compiled with the detail work and priority positioning.

The Multiplex Manager identified that Lone Star ticket sales are doing well as of mid-December. December was a slower month for the Multiplex with 9,118 people through the doors. The Fitness Centre launched a fitness pass sale encouraging Penhold locals to get fit.

The Public Works Manager identified that the streets are being sanded on an as needed basis. The outdoor rink saw a lot of skating activity over the Christmas break. Everyone that has visited the rink has appreciated the rink's shelter doors being open. Christmas tree pickup was completed on January 11th. Maintenance work is being performed on equipment as time permits.

Community Services offered a number of programs over the Christmas break. There are many other excellent opportunities to connect starting this month. If you would like more information on Penhold's monthly programs check out the Town's website at www.townofpenhold.ca or the Penhold Reporter.

Permits totaled 19.4 Million dollars for the year as of the end of November. 2015 will be considered another strong year of growth for Penhold.

- Council showed support towards Parkland Planning Services in requesting that the Province grant financial support for the Regional Planning group within Central Alberta. Currently there is financial support granted to the Edmonton and Calgary regions but not for Central Alberta.
- Parkland Planning Services advised Penhold that 2016 planning services for the Town will see a fee increase for services provided.

- Sewer Fee Increase: Administration put forward a request to increase the fee schedule on the Water & Sewer Bylaw passing on a cost increase from the Regional Sewer Commission of 20 cents per cubic meter effective January 1st, 2016. Council rejected the request.
- Council requested Administration to forward a funding request to Alberta Transportation to conduct a feasibility study evaluating future water sources for the town and review current water systems for possible options meeting the Town's future needs.
- A joint transit package of information was provided to Council identifying transportation options for Penhold in partnership with Red Deer County. Council requested that this information be referred to a future Council Committee of a whole session for review of the information.

For complete reports and information on this meeting please visit the Town of Penhold website 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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