



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights January 25th, 2016

Deputy Mayor Walsh chaired the January 26th Council meeting.

First item on the agenda was membership for the Alberta Trail Net Society. This organization works with communities for trail connectivity and liaison with Trans Canada Trail Network. Membership request approved.

New Zoning Changes:

Ms. Kristina Schmidt, Planning and Development Officer, made a presentation for a requested change to amend the Land Use bylaw within the Manufactured Home Residential District (R5). Proposed changes included separation from buildings, site coverage, and unit density. For a complete listing on changes please refer to the town's website.

Public Hearing for the R5 changes is set to February 22, 2016 at 5:45PM at the Municipal Office in the Council Chambers. For further information and presentation requests please contact Kristina Schmidt at 403 886-3283.

2015 development numbers are now confirmed. There were a total of 91 new homes built in Penhold during the year. Total permit value for 2015 was 19.6 million dollars - another strong development year for Penhold.

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS to the builders who continue to support our community building in Penhold.

WELCOME to you who moved into Penhold over this past year. Be sure to check out our website for activities and upcoming events. Winterfest is just around the corner in February.

CAO Binnendyk presented to Council a funding proposal through Alberta Community Partnership. The Town has partnered with Red Deer County and Chinook's Edge School Division to make a submission to obtain possible funding from the Province to transform the land around the Multiplex into a healthy, interactive, outdoor recreational centre serving the local area and becoming a destination opportunity. Deputy Mayor Walsh explained that this will be an excellent start to move forward developing the structures now that the land has been contoured for the project. Deputy Mayor Walsh identified that the Town will be in search for partners for the development of this 75 acre parcel. Check out the town's website for the proposed design plan for this area.

The electronic sign along Highway 2A is now operational. Council debated the use of the sign and decided that the first priority will remain getting information out to the community and assisting

organizations wishing to get the word out for special events and programs. Local businesses wishing to promote special events, products and services will also be given the opportunity to advertise. Advertisements will be for one week intervals. Application forms to advertise can be obtained through the town's website and forwarded for posting to info@townofpenhold.ca.

Pedestrian Crossing going north over Highway 42 is one step closer to becoming a reality. Council approved administration to enter into a licensing agreement with the land owner to access a small corner of their property allowing development of a pedestrian crossing. This project is slated to move forward in summer 2016.

Deputy Mayor Walsh inquired on the status of the Red Deer Regional Waste Water Commission and what is occurring in reference to answering the Town's letter objecting to the recent fee increase. Chief Administrative Officer Binnendyk identified that the letter went out at the beginning of December. There has been no information received back at this time. The commission is currently in transition with the hiring of a new CAO. Council asked administration to forward a second letter of request for an explanation to what was promised and what is the South Red Deer Regional Waste Water Commission asking for clarity on the fee increases within the first year of operations.

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 and questions are welcomed at the end of each meeting.

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