



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights February 8th, 2016

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Mayor Cooper spent some time going through the 2015 fourth quarter budget report. CAO Binnendyk identified that there are still some Journal entries required addressing Tangible Capital items and several outstanding project holdback items. Once this is done the town's 2015 financial year will be ready for the auditors review and comments. 2015 was a year with great successes in a number of large projects.

Construction will be occurring on Waskasoo Ave over the next several weeks installing decorative street light fixtures. The fixtures will be from Lucina Street going south to Robinson Avenue east.

The town has made submissions for two funding programs requesting assistance for a study to evaluate the Town's water system and Regional collaboration for an outdoor recreation wellness area.

Parkland Community Planning Services made a request to Penhold and their membership for support in making a submission to obtain funding from the Province to assist bringing Geographic Information System (GIS) to the membership. Purpose is to assist communities to compile information, analyzing information and visualize the information; moving volumes of paper information, into digital information. Council voted in support of the request.

Administration submitted an information package reviewing Payday lending businesses.

Recommendations were:

1. Ask the Province of Alberta to grant ATB financial greater flexibility to provide service to higher risk clients.
2. Ask the Province to provide information within the cheques sent out as to best practices for cashing cheques.
3. Encourage organizations that currently work with providing service to the working poor to develop tools that can assist on financial well being.

Concern was expressed that we in Penhold do not wish to support this type of business and wish to ensure this business type not be allowed to startup.

Council voted to put a motion forward to AUMA with the recommendations brought forward.

Questions from the gallery created great discussion and appreciated by Council.

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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