



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights February 22th, 2016

The Public Hearing to change the Manufacture Homes section in the Land Use Bylaw started off the evening. A presentation by Gord Lau from Stantec and Tyler Hansen from Melcor requested changes to several key areas for manufactured homes. The request included higher maximum gross density, less side yards, and increase in parcel coverage. Gord Lau identified that they wish to develop this park similar to other parks in Central Alberta. Council expressed concern on the densities being requested and the ability to ensure this park will remain as an attractive park years down the road. Administration identified that prior to finalizing the document a change is required for the outline plan of the area identifying the changes requested. Council proceeded to a give second reading for the bylaw changes and requested further changes be made prior to final acceptance.

Mayor Cooper and Fire Chief Pendergast made presentations to Fire Fighter of the Year Jamie Southwell for contributing above and beyond his fire fighter duties. Officer of the year Awards 2015 were presented to Elisabeth Hoffman and Sean Pendergast who best exemplify leadership to their fellow firefighters. The Council Chambers was at capacity with fellow firefighters and family members showing their support and recognition for the presentations.

Fire Chief Pendergast proceeded to identify that effective January, 2016, the Penhold Volunteer Fire Department has the distinction of operating and responding as emergency medical technicians as our first responders to an emergency scene. Penhold is the first Volunteer Fire Department in Alberta to offer this service without ambulance presence. Chad Moore Strategist MFR from Alberta Health Services further commented on the excellent working relationship they have with Penhold's Fire Department, working together for the betterment of our citizens.

Mayor Cooper expressed appreciation on behalf of Council for the exceptional work the Penhold Volunteer Fire Department has been doing. We, as a community, so appreciate their dedication and commitment in serving Penhold.

Mayor Cooper called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:54 pm.

Mayor Cooper identified that an award has been given to the South Red Deer Regional Waste Water Commission for the 2015 Showcase Project Award given by the Professional Engineers of Alberta Association.

The Town of Penhold, Cities of Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Red Deer County, Towns of Innisfail, Blackfalds, Bowden Delburne and Elnora, have approaching the Minister of Municipal Affairs to Disestablish the Central Waste Management Commission. This organization was looking at turning waste into alternative energy as a organization. The proponent Plasco Energy was unable to meets the conditions and has declined further negotiations.

Red Deer County brought information forward to possibly run a transit service into Penhold. The report was submitted in November 2015 with discussions occurring with staff and council on the costs and possible ridership. After careful review Council moved not to proceed with transit service in Penhold at this time. Mayor Cooper identified that the service would be a great attribute for the community, however the costing to support this service at this time is prohibitive. Council appreciated Red Deer County for considering Penhold in future transit service.

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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