



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights March 14th, 2016

Penhold Crossing High School representatives Brett Bailey and Ryan Clark made a presentation to Town Council on the “Ripple Initiative”. This program is sponsored by the students and their focus is to provide clean drinking water for countries in need. The school will be fundraising \$ 20,000 for two students to go overseas and work at developing a clean water source within a village. On April 29th 2016 Ripple Initiative is hosting awake-a-thon at Penhold Crossing to help in fundraising efforts and create awareness.

Kristina Schmidt, Planning and Development officer presented an amendment to the Oxford Landing Outline Plan to Council. This amendment was to enhance the densities within the proposed Manufacture home park.

Tyler Hansen from Melcor Developments and Gordon Lau from Stantec Consulting walked Council through several requested changes to the park. The focus was to provide attractive walking paths, park entrance features and the sounding perimeter around the park as a preferred feature. This new park will have paved roads, curb and gutter with underground storm drainage, decorative street lights, internal pedestrian walking trails connecting to the external trail system, enhanced treed streets, paved parking stalls with visitors parking within the park. Council accepted the changes and proceeded with final approval for the Manufacture home park. Tyler Hansen indicated they will have detail drawings to the town within the month. The development is anticipated to have housing available by late summer 2016.

2016 Waskasoo Avenue construction tender was presented to Council. Council awarded the tender bid to Border Paving for the amount of \$ 580,255. Rick Binnendyk identified the remaining work from 2015 plus the new work 2016 will include a walking path from Lucina Street to Robinson Ave. south, landscaping going south from Lucina Street, decorative street lights (now installed), curb/gutter and storm connections going north from Lucina Street to Highway #42 intersection. Starting from the north at Highway # 42 going south, final asphalt leveling and lift will be placed to Robinson Ave south. Total estimated cost for the completion of this project will be \$ 1,062,786. Council asked administration to look into enhanced street lighting from Lucina Street going north to the intersection at Highway # 42.

Proposed new Utility Bylaw Number 733/16 was introduced to Council. This bylaw is replacing the old water and sewer bylaw from 2008. This new bylaw encompasses water, sewer, storm and garbage. The changes reflect current operational procedures with current practices being used. Administration identified that under Schedule “A” Fees, current utilities are NOT at full cost recovery as strongly recommended by Alberta Municipal Affairs. Council, upon review, identified that a modest increase over the next 10 years would be the best alternative to become cost recovery. Penhold fees with the increase will remain the lower cost for water and sewer services within Central Alberta.

Effective April billing a increase on the sewer flat fee will go up by .50 cents per month. Water flat fee will go up by \$ 1.20 per month. In addition with the recent increase from the regional sewer system an additional 20 cents per cubic meter for sewage will be adjusted on the April billing.

Council asked administration to forward a letter of support to Alberta Health to continue supporting rural communities trying to attract physicians to their communities.

Penhold, in conjunction with the Red Deer Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting Business After Hours March 29th. Any business interested in participating please contact the town office to attend or if you are looking to set up a table promoting your business, contact Red Deer Chamber of Commerce. This is open to public so please join us at the Penhold Regional Multiplex from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Hawkridge Estates Developments Ltd forwarded information to create a further subdivision consisting of .607 hectares. This subdivision is for commercial lands along highway 2A adjacent to Hawkridge Boulevard. The zoning for the commercial area is identified as Highway Commercial (C.2)

Did you know? Penhold Regional Multiplex caters to over 12,000 people every month.

With the Federal Government doing an in depth census this year, Council decided that Penhold will not conduct a municipal census for 2016.

For complete reports and information on this meeting please visit the Town of Penhold website www.townofpenhold.ca/Council_Briefing.php.

Council Meetings:

Next Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday March 30th .

Regular Council Meeting is the 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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