



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights May 9th, 2016

Council added a late addition to the package dealing with the devastation in Fort McMurray. After some debate council clearly identified that we are currently making staff available to assist if the Provincial emergency response team requests assistance. Fort McMurray residents will be granted free parking at the multiplex within designated areas over the summer with access to showers within the multiplex. A second motion was made that Fort McMurray residents be given permission to park RV units at homes in the driveway, not on roads, within town over the summer effective immediately until August 31.

INTERSECTION SAFETY: a traffic analyst will be going throughout the town to review all the intersections rating for safety levels. A report will be supplied to council with recommendations for improvements. CAO Binnendyk identified this work will occur over the next several weeks. The report is anticipated by the end of June.

Waskasoo Avenue: will see more construction over the summer with new curb/gutter and asphalt work proceeding. This project is slated to begin in July and be completed by end of August.

Penhold Multiplex: continues to be very active with over 15,600 visitors coming through the doors in April. The fitness centre continues with great summer promos, be sure to check it out on the town's website. Summer is just around the corner and the summer fun program is filling quickly. Be sure to register your kids in this great program available over the summer break.

Penhold Fire Department: over this past weekend there were a number of fires going in town. PLEASE check before having a backyard fire in this extreme dry weather. Penhold is following the Provincial fire ban. In April your fire department responded to 10 callouts. Our Fire department consists of volunteers and they are so appreciated. Thank you.

Public Works Team: All hands on deck with most summer staff joining the public works team this month. They are promptly put to work with the spring cleanup program, general cleanup around town and street sweeping. A team is going around to all of the town shrub beds, flowers and trees cleaning up from winter and fertilizing for healthy trees and shrubs. Construction on the sewer lift station from Waskasoo Avenue to the main regional lift station occurred over the past few weeks. Penhold is now pushing all our effluent through the new regional wastewater system.

A new commercial subdivision was approved by Parkland Community Planning Services and forwarded to council as information. This subdivision is to create one highway commercial parcel adjacent to Hawkridge Blvd on the north side of the road and will be .61 ha or 1.5 acres in size.

Town of Penhold audited financial statement: Pivotal Chartered Accountants forwarded their findings and comments to Council for the 2015 financial year. This letter goes through a check list to ensure the town follows acceptable accounting standards and processes.

Audit opinion from Pivotal was:

“We did not detect any evidence of misstatements that would have a material effect on the financial statements and, accordingly, we have issued an unqualified audit report.”

For the fiscal year 2015, Penhold continues to show the town in a strong financial position. Letters and 2015 financial statement are posted on the town’s website.

Reminder: 2016 taxes and assessments are now sent out. Please check your tax /assessment notice carefully for any errors in your information. If you find errors please call the administration office at 403-886-4567. If you wish to contact the town’s assessor please contact the town office at 403 886-4567 to book an appointment with Mr. Watson who will be delighted to go over the assessment information with you. TAXES ARE DUE JUNE 30TH

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

Council Meetings:

Regular Council Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Monday 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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