



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights May 24th, 2016

CAO Binnendyk updated Council on a number of projects occurring over this summer/fall.

- Water line tie into the new Melcor Subdivision
- Engineering of the new water reservoir and water well
- Active transportation study for trails throughout Penhold
- Finalizing the land work around the Multiplex/School
- Start the construction on the recreational area around the Multiplex/School
- Continue work on Waskasoo Avenue upgrades

Development in Penhold:

- The review of future growth has begun with preliminary discussions occurring with Red Deer County staff.
- Plans for another commercial area on the north side of Hawkrige Boulevard have been submitted to the town for review, direction and possible acceptance.
- Permits to the end of April are at 28 permits and 1.2 million dollars value.

Community Activities:

With summer just around the corner the community services and recreation teams have teamed up with the Penhold & District Library to provide a variety of programs. There is something happening for all ages. Check out the following websites to see what summer programs are available:

www.townofpenhold.ca and <http://penholdlibrary.prl.ab.ca/>.

PYC (Penhold Youth Club) will be hosting a Teen Talk with Council on Monday, May 30th. A round table discussion will be occurring with our youth to gain a better understanding of the town operations and discuss items of interest for making Penhold a better community. PYC is a great organization with lots of exciting activities and excellent leaders - check it out!

Outdoor wellness Centre: the partnership group consisting of Town of Penhold, Red Deer County and Chinooks Edge School Division got together to go over the recent funding approval to discuss project priorities.

The town was asked to make a formal request in writing for funding on a possible ball diamond to Red Deer County. Council directed administration to forward a formal request for a financial contribution towards the development of the ball diamond. The major contributor will be granted the privilege to name the project.

Council went through correspondence in response from the province to past letters of inquiries.

- Rural Physician Action Plan: the intention of the plan is to determine ways to assist in attracting physicians to rural Alberta.

The Province identified that this program will continue to September 2016 while they complete their review to determine the effectiveness of the funds being spent.

- Grants in place of Taxes: the Provincial Government regrets that the program has been discontinued and recognizes it will have a direct impact on communities. However, the Province continues to support this program being eliminated.
- Municipal Government Act Review: June and July the Provincial Government will be going around the province to gather input on the proposed changes. It is imperative for communities to participate in setting future direction for our municipality's relationship with the Province.

Council requested that administration review the problem of heaving at the intersection of Robinson and Lee Street to determine possible options to address this problem in the future.

REMINDER: 2016 taxes and assessments have been 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 connect with the town's assessor please contact the town office to book an appointment. Mr. Watson would 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 welcome at the end of each meeting.

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