



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Council Meeting ~ Highlights June 27th, 2016

Deputy Mayor Yargeau called the meeting to order at 6PM.

To start the meeting there were two presentations:

1. Partner Municipal Council Priority Setting presentation by Bobby-Jo Stannard, Coordinator Red Deer & District FCSS; Brendon Neilson, Research and Evaluation, City of Red Deer; Roxana Nielsen Stewart, Resource & Capacity Supervisor, City of Red Deer:

- Red Deer & District FCSS are in the process of reviewing the 2018 – 2020 priority setting and have directed FCSS Administration to conduct this Priority Setting phase in three parts:
 - a) Analysis of public data
 - b) Request of feedback on community risk factors
 - c) Situational analysis to the Board (Oct. 1, 2016 Board Retreat)
- Bobby Jo spoke briefly on each area and posed questions to Council for response. All suggestions were collected at the end of the presentation.

Some interesting facts:

- The total yearly partner* contributions in 2015 were \$3,884,791 (*Towns of Bowden and Penhold; Villages of Delburne and Elnora, Red Deer County and City of Red Deer)
- There were 32,850 people served in 2015
- The Provincial mandate for communities via FCSS is to address the following 4 key areas.
 - 1) Fight against Poverty
 - 2) Dealing with Homelessness
 - 3) Domestic Violence
 - 4) Mental issues

We are working with communities to meet this mandate.

Deputy Mayor Yargeau thanked the Red Deer & District FCSS delegation for their presentation.

2. Combative Sports presentation by Michael Szewczuk on behalf of the forming committee.

- The committee wishes to re-establish the Combative Sports Commission for the purpose of holding professional fights.
- The request is that Penhold would work with the commission to:
 - a) Re-establish the Commission
 - b) Assist with establishing a system for licensing and permitting events
 - c) To identify powers, functions and duties for the Combative Sports Commission
- Council proceeded with 1st reading of the proposed bylaw. The bylaw was referred to administration for further review and comments.

Deputy Mayor Yargeau thanked Mr. Szewczuk and committee representatives in attendance for their presentation.

Federal Census is requesting assistance in obtaining census data from **Penhold Citizens**. Apparently the response from Penhold has been modest and is skewing our population totals which can have a negative impact on the amount of funding we receive. Over the next several weeks advertisements will be sent out to all residents who should have received census information asking them to please respond. If the census package has been lost or misplaced, please phone/email the number identified to receive another package. The ads will comment that census numbers have a direct tie to funds coming back from the Federal and Provincial Governments allowing Penhold to continue developing key projects bettering our community. Without the funds projects cannot proceed or property taxes will have to be increased in order to complete the work required. Census numbers have a direct link to project funding received by the Town of Penhold.

Council requested Administration to follow up on the landscaping work that is dragging on along Waskasoo Ave; the weeds are creating an unsightly boulevard area. The CAO is to contact the contractor and request that the landscaping work be expedited.

The Municipal Safety Recognition Award along with words of congratulations was extended to The Town of Penhold from Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister, Hon. Danielle Larivee in recognition of 20 years accreditation under the Safety Codes Act.

Mayor Cooper joined the meeting and resumed the chair from Deputy Mayor Yargeau.

Questions from the Gallery had several residents inquiring about the escalating gopher problems at the Splash Park, land behind Mann Drive and Jessie Duncan School.

Council asked Administration to investigate this concern and bring back recommendations to the next Regular Council Meeting.

REMINDER: 2016 taxes and assessments have been sent out. 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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