



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights From August 8th, 2016 Council Meeting

A motion was brought forward from the previous meeting to put funds into the 2017 Budget for Gopher Control. Public Works will investigate and bring forward further detail during budget deliberations.

Penhold Fire Captain Mr. Steve Harris made presentation to Council on the possible purchase of a tender unit from City of Red Deer. This unit has an 11,000 L tank, 3,000 L pump with foam and a frontal nozzle on the truck. This unit can serve the town until 2036. Cost for the unit, as is, is \$25,000. The intention of this purchase is to convert this unit to a specialized fire fighting unit with high velocity water and foam projection. This unit will be extremely helpful in areas of low water availability and specialized firefighting. Retrofits to this new fire truck will occur as funds become available.

Mayor Cooper identified that at the recent BBQ there was some concern expressed about site lines from fences coming onto streets and alleys. Administration identified that fences do not require a formal permit for their construction; however there is setback and site line requirements that need to be adhered to. Each year the development department publishes articles in the Reporter and Province regarding the importance of checking into the regulations for constructing fences. The area of most concern is height and properties adjacent to roads. Council requested that administration investigate properties adjacent to roads and report back at Council Workshop for further direction.

CAO Binnendyk identified that Melcor Development Ltd. is revisiting the R-5 District and is now looking at a cul-de-sac development with attractive features throughout the park. Plans are forthcoming.

Waskasoo Avenue construction is moving along well with anticipated completion by the end of August. Concrete work is finishing this week and asphalt work will occur next week weather permitting. The trail connection to the south at Robinson Avenue will be completed in the next several weeks.

New Commercial Plaza: Administration is currently working with the developers to finalize several minor details and highway access to move the project forward.

Penhold Fire Department:

In the month of July there were 12 calls of which 5 were medical calls. July 1st Community BBQ was a huge success with the open house, demonstrations and partnerships with Harley Davidson from Gasoline Alley. Thank you to all who helped to make this a special day.

Multiplex Report:

The main focus for the month of July was maintenance work. Fitness Centre continues to host programs throughout the summer with boot camps, yoga and personal training available to patrons. The RV dumping station continues to be very popular - this past long weekend there were over 150 users.

Over the past few weeks the Summer Fun program continued to grow with over 20 kids participating. Theme weeks have given an enhanced experience to the kids' camps. BE SURE TO CHECK our summer programs by visiting the following websites: www.townofpenhold.ca and <http://penholdlibrary.prl.ab.ca/>.

Public Works:

Crews are out in full force with lawn cutting, and shrubs being attended to around town. Roads are getting crack filled and painting when weather is good. Tranquility Park landscaping and asphalt path has been completed. Bat Boxes have been strategically placed around marsh areas in Penhold.

Penhold has entered into an agreement with the Combative Sports Commission to allow combative sports to come back into Central Alberta. Bylaw 729/16 was established to assist in the regulations and licensing of the combative sports program. Council expressed an appreciation to the commission's dedication to bring Combative Sports to Central Alberta.

Council identified concerns in relation to homes that have sump pump hoses that cross sidewalks and/or directly dumping water onto the sidewalks. A request was made that the Community Peace Officers address this safety concern with the respective residents.

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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