



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights From September 12th, 2016 Council Meeting

Council meeting began with a presentation by Kristina Schmidt, Development Officer identifying the proposed 2016 Active Transportation Study. Ms. Schmidt identified that the purpose of the study is to provide long range policy framework to evaluate and improve pedestrian opportunities for active lifestyle choices. This report is to provide cohesive, connected, safe and functional future developments and redevelopments of existing trails and pedestrian networks throughout the Town of Penhold. The implementation is broken into 3 key components:

- 1) Short-term action items: would include those projects that provide connection opportunities and are immediately remedied.
- 2) Long-term action items: includes important projects, but not identified for development in the immediate future
- 3) Longer-term action items: include projects that would provide benefit and opportunity to the Town over time, and are not immediate.

Implementation for the improved trails, sidewalks and pathways are evaluated based on community needs, pedestrian usage and available funding.

This document will be brought forward for discussion during budget deliberations as to the extent Council wishes to address active transportation. The short term action items will be determined by the financial ability in any budget year.

Council requested two areas that are to be placed within the short term action items:

- 1) Connectivity to the Museum area on the south west side of town.
- 2) Lee Street upgrades

Council amended the document to include these two areas and accepted the document for information; the document will be reviewed at the 2017 budget deliberations.

Council asked CAO Binnendyk what is occurring with the ongoing concern of the manufacture home park power lines. Mr. Binnendyk identified that there has been discussion with Alberta Municipal Affairs and Safety Codes personnel. The town is anticipating dialogue as to what appropriate course of action may be done to resolve this matter.

Multiplex continues to be a busy location through July with 13,247 people coming through the facility for the month. The fitness centre continues to be an active place through the summer time however the fitness classes have seen a lower response. Summer Fun program over this summer had 144 registrations utilizing recreational opportunities.

Tax Sale has been set for 2 houses and 3 trailers this year. The sale date is set for November 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers. CAO Binnendyk identified to Council that this process is set out by

Provincial Legislation. A number of notices have been forwarded to parties identified on title. This is a difficult mandated process and is not to be taken lightly by the vested parties. Council proceeded to set the date; time; place and payment requirements for the tax sale.

Utility Account was brought forward with unusual high consumption for a one month period. A committee met with the property owner and reviewed all the documentation of the account. After review the committee recommended that the town replace the meter with a new meter and the outstanding balance is to be paid.

Combative Sports Commission is once again alive and well. Penhold Town Council has appointed members to the commission who will be responsible for the governing and monitoring of upcoming fights within Central Alberta.

2016 Strategic Plan "Growing our Community" was presented and approved by Council. This document provides a path and focus for Council, business, organizations and citizens. This plan provides direction for the programs and services that the Town provides.

Council approved this guiding document for Penhold setting direction over the next year and into future years.

Under Council Reports there was discussion in relation to holding a Remembrance Day ceremony in light that the Town has a Cenotaph located in the Multiplex. A committee was set up to investigate and report back to Council.

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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