



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights From November 14th, 2016 Council Meeting

Mayor Cooper began the meeting with swearing in Deputy Mayor Cory Kingsfield. Deputy Mayor Kingsfield will fill the position of Mayor when Mayor Cooper is unavailable from October 2016 – April 2017.

Mayor Cooper thanked past Deputy Mayor Yargeau for his assistance over the past six months.

Councillors' reports from the varying meetings included:

- Crime Prevention Workshop held in Penhold. An excellent presentation on safety precautions that can be put into place with minimum work.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony was well received in Penhold. A great job done by all who were involved.
- Regional Sewer system has given 1st reading to a 20 cent increase.
- The new traffic safety stop signs have been well received.

Tax Sale schedule for November 15th has been cancelled. All accounts are now current.

PENHOLD FIRE DEPARTMENT has brought into service the new Quint ladder truck. This unit is an effective aerial tactical firefighting piece of equipment. Fire Chief Pendergast identified that this unit is a great asset to Penhold's Fire Department Fleet.

PENHOLD MULTIPLEX is a happening place with over 30,266 attendees over the past two months. The fitness centre continues to offer a variety of great programs this fall. WE invite seniors and students to check out the great pricing to use the fitness area.

PROGRAMS:

Moms and Tots are a large focus with numerous opportunities to connect. Check out our programs. The Saturday morning gym time for kids provides an opportunity to release all that excess energy.

The Halloween event saw over 250 attendees. There were bouncy castles, all kinds of games and a good time was had by all who attended. Thank you to Penhold Youth Club for helping make this event awesome.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOVEMBER 25TH. Penhold Community Christmas a fantastic event for all to enjoy.

PUBLIC WORKS is flushing all our fire hydrants and sewer lines to ensure a smooth operation of the systems throughout our winter months.

A water leak was repaired in the Dundee Crescent.

The road work & repairs are now complete for 2016

With winter just around the corner preparations are underway with stocking sand/gravel piles equipment prepared and serviced ready for action. Hopefully our winter will not come too early.

Council received a letter from our MP, E. Dreeshen identifying that a special committee is currently reviewing electoral reform. Their report will be submitted to the House of Commons on Dec. 1st. This report may influence change within our current voting system. Does the Town wish to speak to this? Council felt that if the voting system is to change in Canada a vote should be held by all Canadians making this direction change. The parliamentarians report recommendations should not drive the fundamental value of our voting system.

Council instructed Administration to draft a letter to send to Ottawa and our MP expressing our fundamental right.

Memorial Hall: Council reviewed a proposal to enter into a one year lease for the use of Memorial Hall office area and the main hall area on Sunday mornings.

The proposal was submitted by the Church of Hope and was approved for 1 year effective January 1st, 2017.

Street Lights: Fortis Alberta presented a Streetlight LED Conversion Offer to Council. After review of the proposal Council decided to move forward with the replacement of all current high pressure sodium street lights for the energy efficient LED units. A formal request will be presented to the Alberta Utilities Board for acceptance and hopefully replacement will occur late 2017/18.

On November 19th the National Defense 20th Field Artillery Regiment will be setting up their artillery at the Penhold Multiplex/Penhold Crossings High School for public viewing.

Mutual Assistance Agreement:

Council asked to move forward and sign a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the City of Red Deer. This agreement will allow the City and Penhold access to equipment needed to respond should an emergency occur at the predetermined conditions outlined within the agreement.

Regional Waste Water Operating Agreement:

Penhold has been approached to continue operating a portion of the new Regional Sewer System. The area proposed is the old system that is made up of 3 lift stations and serves Penhold/Springbrook/Gasoline Alley and other connected facilities for the operation of the sewer system. Council directed administration to enter into this regional operating agreement.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION (AUMA) BOARD: Councillor Walsh has been appointed to sit on the governance committee for the AUMA Board. Congratulations to Councillor Walsh.

OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday November 23rd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Penhold Multiplex meeting room. Penhold and Red Deer County is hosting an open house for public to come and view the proposed annexation area and future intermunicipal development plan (IDP).

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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