



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights From April 10th, 2017 Council Meeting

Council started with 3 presentations:

1. Night at the Ranch: Mr. Kyle Daines, Mr. Drew Iwanoczko, and Mr. Danny Daines

The gentlemen identified that they are looking for the town to consider promoting and providing possible sponsorship for the May 13th “NIGHT AT THE RANCH” event in support of mental health. The event is free to access and all funds raised will be donated to the Ty Pozzobon Foundation & Sport Medicine Team. The event starts at 3:00PM with mutton busting followed by bull riding and a dance with silent auction in the evening.

Council approved sponsorship for the Rodeo Chute Branding in support of mental health.

2. The second presentation was by Tagish Engineering Ltd. on the tender documents for 3 major projects.
 - i. Project 1: Recreational Vehicle camping park; encompassing 66 lots fully serviced. The project is to be ready for use in 2018. Successful tender for the underground work for the project was Carbon Earthworks Ltd. The bid came in at \$872,956.
 - ii. Project 2: 2017 Infrastructure improvements that includes a water line in Melcor lands; storm line work at Robinson and Lee Street and alley upgrade east of Veterans Way. The successful tender for this project was LBCO Contracting Ltd. The bid came in at \$616,775
 - iii. Project 3: Construction of a new water reservoir; successful tender for this project was Scott Builders Ltd. The bid came in at \$2,949,182

CAO Binnendyk identified that with the total of all costs added in; the 3 major projects planned for 2017 will cost \$5.9 million dollars.

3. Tricia Willis, Corporate Services Manager presented the changes to the 2017 budget.

Amendments included changes in grants received from the Province; large increase in the school requisition required for 2017; and reflecting the major project costs for 2017. A balanced budget was presented with a small anticipated surplus of \$5,636.

The Tax Rate Bylaw #742/17 and minimum tax bylaw was presented to council. The tax rate remained the same for residential and commercial/industrial. **WITH THE DECREASE IN ASSESSMENTS THIS WILL REPRESENT A DECREASE ON PROPERTY TAXES BETWEEN 2% TO 4%.**

Minimum taxation rate was increased from \$250 to \$300. Council thanked administration for all the work that was done to ensure the tax bill goes down for our residents.

With the tax bylaw now passed Tax & Assessment notices will be going out within the next 14 days. Due dates and penalties will remain the same as prior years.

Throughout the summer and fall of 2017, residents will see a variety of construction projects in a number of places in Town. Be sure to check out the Town’s website and the Cryer for information.

Ball diamond fees increased this year to accommodate the addition of a washroom facility accessible for the teams. Each team will pay \$12.50 per game to assist in recovering some cost.

Council accepted a recommendation from Parkland Community Planning Services to subdivide a parcel of land on the north part of the current Melcor Lands. This subdivision is intended to house the new water reservoir.

The Community Services Advisory Board is a group of individuals who are “striving to make a difference by shaping social programming, connecting community and working together to improve the quality of life in Penhold” If you wish to be a part of this dynamic team please contact Jennifer Blaylock, FCSS Coordinator at 403-886-3288. This group has representation from most organizations in town and is working in partnerships.

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 Mondays 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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