



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights From April 24th, 2017 Council Meeting

Mr. Keith McPhedran from Pivotal LLP presented the 2016 financial statements to Council and walked them through some key areas. To summarize, Penhold had another good year financially and experienced a small operational surplus of \$36,435; with contributed assets and capital assets at the year ending Dec. 31, 2016 we see a surplus of \$ 2,417,231. Investments saw a decline of \$309,377; long term debt is down to \$1,950,390. Overall the town remains in a strong financial position with funds available with little long term debt being carried forward.

With the development of the new RV Camping Park project Council discussed the advantages of going with solar lighting versus electrical power lighting. Administration was asked to look into possible funding opportunities for solar lighting on the campsite roads and for washroom facility house.

The Town of Penhold and Red Deer County have partnered to develop a joint Inter-municipal Development Plan (IDP) and moved it forward giving First reading to a joint Inter-municipal Development Plan. This is Penhold's first Inter-municipal Development Plan. This new planning document is to provide the Town of Penhold and Red Deer County comprehensive long range land use plans that will assist in future development within the boundaries identified.

The land area will encompass 3- ¼ sections going north of Highway 42; 5 - ¼ sections going east to Highway 2; 5 - ¼ sections going south of Highway 42; and just over 2- ¼ sections going west of Highway 2A. Full documents showing mapping and focus are on the Town's website.

Town Council approved membership to the Central Alberta Regional Trail Society (CARTS) for 2017. CARTS organization focus is promoting organized trail systems throughout Central Alberta connecting to the TransCanada trail system.

Councillor Julia King was sworn in as Deputy Mayor from May 1 to October 31st.

Penhold has partnered with Red Deer County, Towns of Sylvan Lake, Innisfail, Bowden and Villages of Elnora and Bowden in collaboration for regional emergency planning. All communities will jointly work in the sharing of resources to provide a higher level of service within Red Deer County. The County of Red Deer agreed to provide the routine maintenance for the Emergency Management Plan.

Penhold & District Library provided Council with their 2016 financial statements. With a substantial usage increase of over 30% it shows the library is a very active facility. Programming over the past year and usage exceeded expectations and taxed the library financially. As a result the Penhold & District Library ended with a deficit position of \$6,955.

Council asked administration to invite representatives from Alberta Transportation to a workshop to discuss the ongoing concerns in regards to highway safety going through Penhold.

Council expressed concern in regards to the speed and lack of clarity being given from the Federal Government on the legalization of Marijuana. This puts municipalities at risk and may have possible adverse impact on communities. It is critical that the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments all play a role in how this may impact traffic and workplace safety. A framework needs to be developed that is manageable by all levels of government.

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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