



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights

From June 26th, 2017 Council Meeting

Kristina Schmidt, Planning & Development Officer presented to Council the Town of Penhold/Red Deer County Annexation Negotiation Report and the Town of Penhold/Red Deer County Memorandum of Agreement for Range Road # 275. The Annexation report include lands to the east and north of the current town boundaries. The Town of Penhold proposes to bring eight additional quarter sections of land into the current town boundaries. This will double the current footprint for Penhold. This annexation will be the second annexation within 10 years. The report touches on three key areas for annexation:

1. Allows the town to become a complete and sustainable community as the town grows.
 2. Produces commercial, industrial and residential land available for growth for the next 30 years; and
 3. Increases a diversified assessment base to attract more business opportunities
- The Town and County held 2 open houses over this process. One in November 2016 obtaining feedback and a second one reporting back and obtaining further discussion in March 2017. Discussion for growth has been occurring for the past several years with focused planning personnel involved over the past year.
 - Ms. Schmidt identified that the Intermunicipal Development Plan was approved June 15th by Penhold and Red Deer County. This plan aligns with the proposed Annexation focuses being identified and shows long term planning by both municipalities. June 20th Red Deer County approved the report at their regular council meeting and is asking council to approve this report at Penhold's Town Council meeting June 26th.
 - Council approved the report and conditions within the report. Ms. Schmidt identified that this report will be forwarded to the Municipal Government Board (MGB) for review and possible approval. The Town is hopeful that this report will be approved and will be effective January 1st, 2018. The MGB has no time lines to respond and will make the decision at their discretion.
 - Mayor Cooper identified he appreciated Red Deer County's input and guidance during the development of this annexation report and the Intermunicipal Development Agreement. We are pleased to see the interest in developing partnerships while moving this project forward. We believe this annexation will allow for more regional collaboration between the Town and Red Deer County.
 - Council expressed appreciation for the work done by the planning groups to bring this comprehensive report forward.

A request was made on behalf of Jessie Duncan School to remove the service connection fees for four new portable classrooms being added onto the school. Council approved to wave the service connection fees.

Council will be hosting a BBQ on Aug. 15 at the Discovery Night Information Fair. Come enjoy a hamburger or hotdog with Council and share your thoughts to help direct our strategic planning for 2018 - 2020.

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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