



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights

From July 10th, 2017 Council Meeting

2017 Election readiness. This meeting had a number of motions getting ready for the upcoming municipal elections. The following decisions were made:

- A bylaw was passed allowing Penhold to use electronic voting machines for this year's election; this practice has occurred for the past three elections and worked well.
- Advance Polls will be available Saturday October 14th for advance voting in the Penhold & District Library from 12:00pm to 8:00pm prior to Election Day Monday October 16th.
- Signage placement in town will be permitted September 1st of this year until 48 hours after election.
- Signage will **Not** be permitted in all town parks as well as municipal and school buildings.
- If you are running for office be sure to have a minimum of 5 signatures and \$100 deposit.
- Nomination Day is September 18th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Town's Council Chambers.
- Information packages regarding running for office; what is required and other important information will be posted on the town's website by the end of the week; documents can be located in the Election 2017 folder. This folder will be constantly updated so remember to check back often.

Council pondered the request to belong to the Innisfail Chamber of Commerce. Currently the Town is a member of the Red Deer Chamber of Commerce. Council asked Administration to do an evaluation of the advantages in belonging to the Innisfail Chamber of Commerce.

CAO Binnendyk identified that a meeting was held with the current owners and management company for Penhold Estates. The focus of the meeting was to address potential safety issues and find a mutual working relationship to assist in cleaning up the Park. The meeting was well received and both parties will be moving forward to enhance the Park.

Penhold Fitness Centre membership continues to grow with access to 24 hour usage; this has seen a greater response to use of the facility. Staff is looking for ways to encourage a positive experience within the centre.

The Canada Day event was a huge success with over 500 people coming out and the fire department serving over 1,000 hot dogs. Thank you all who helped make this such a great event.

The Recreation Needs Assessment Survey is being launched to assist the Town in what our community would like to see in the future for programs and activities. Please join in the discussion and help us, help you to have fun.

The Penhold ball diamond is seeing lots of interest from ball teams. We are asking assistance from the public to please not walk their dogs in the ball diamond. There is a place behind the diamond, to the east that would work well for walking your dog on leash; please clean up after your pet.

Penhold has joined the Towns of Blackfalds and Sylvan Lake in co-sponsoring a resolution, sponsored by Central Alberta Regional Trail System (CARTS) to be forwarded to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA). AUMA will advocate on our behalf to our provincial and federal governments for funding assistance to promote and financial assistance in developing non-motorized trail linkages between communities promoting healthy life styles. This proposal will be discussed at the Fall AUMA Convention in November.

We received a letter from Mayor Veer, City of Red Deer asking if the Town of Penhold would be interested in participating in a regional vehicle for hire consultation. Council was in support of this initiative and Penhold will be participating in the regional consultation process for regulating vehicles for hire.

Mayor Cooper brought forward a letter from Colin Fraser, a recent retiree from the NHL seeking support for a possible Canadian Sport Hockey League through Penhold Crossing Secondary School and the Town of Penhold. Council supports this elite program in principal and encourage this proposal to move forward.

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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