



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights

From August 28th, 2017 Council Meeting

The August 28th Council meeting began with routine items being reviewed which included the monthly bank reconciliation, investment statement and accounts for payment. There were some questions this month about some of the accounts for payment as large payouts have been made. Administration identified that these payments were all related to the water reservoir being constructed at this time. This project is currently ahead of schedule and is due to be complete in May 2018.

Council approved a resolution to be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities which requests the federal government review their recent change regarding tax exemptions for elected officials. In the past, elected officials at every level of government received a tax exemption of one third to reflect their service to the public. The federal government has removed this exemption effective January 2019. The Town of Penhold is requesting this decision be revisited.

The Town of Penhold received a rebate from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) in recognition of the Town participation in two or more of their services. With the rebate, AUMA issued a challenge to use this rebate in an innovative way that would directly benefit the community. Council approved moving forward with a community orchard. The Town will purchase fruit bushes and trees to enhance a space in the community where residents can pick and enjoy fruit.

During Discovery Night on August 15, 2017, Council hosted a community BBQ and provided a questionnaire to the public about a number of items in the community. Council was provided a summary of the responses to these questions. Council recommended that this report be included in the upcoming strategic planning session which will happen following the municipal election.

A report was provided to Council regarding becoming a member of the Innisfail Chamber of Commerce. A summary of benefits of membership was provided to Council and this report was accepted for information.

There were a number of questions from the gallery primarily in relation to community policing. The Mayor and Council answered a number of questions regarding when the Town would be required to pay for policing, options between the RCMP and a community force and partnership questions.

Upcoming Community Events:

- September 8-10th – Fall Festival
- September 14 & 15th – Penhold Youth Club Open House – 3:30 – 7:00 pm
- September 19th – Penhold Youth Club Resumes (check for new hours)
- September 20th – Playgroup Resumes
- September 23rd - Daddy & Me Play Day
- - Home Alone Course

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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