



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights

From September 11th, 2017 Council Meeting

Due to the delayed installation of the sani-dump operating unit Council requested a review of the June 12 motion regarding the sani dump fees and tokens to see if the delay would have an impact on their previous decision. After some update on the progress for the sani-dump the current policy will stay in place. Residents are permitted up to a maximum of 10 free tokens for dumping. Once the unit is operational there will be a fee for use: \$10 at the site, whether a resident or not, or free token for residents obtained from the office prior to dumping. The policy will be revisited at the budget deliberations for 2018.

Council commented on several key functions they attended over the past couple weeks:

August 31st: Several Council members attended the Catapult Entrepreneurs Grand Opening in Red Deer. This organization Catapult Entrepreneurs is an exciting two-year incubation and acceleration program that began in April of 2017 powered by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association. This regional program will support Central Alberta entrepreneurs to build a strong business foundation and successfully take their ideas to market. If you are considering starting up a business, contact Catapult Entrepreneurs for information. <http://www.catapultentrepreneurs.ca/>

Sept 6th: Running for Council Information Evening was a great opportunity to learn what's involved in being on council. Presenters were Ms. J. King, past mayor and councillor who discussed the impact and expectations in running and being on council; Ms. D. Klooster, past councillor talked about the right and wrong reasons to run; and Mr. Binnendyk, CAO shared some of the legislative requirements and purpose of the town and being on council.

Sept 7th: A Municipal Government Board (MGB) hearing for The Town's proposed annexation was held, including a presentation on Penhold's future focus. Land owners within Red Deer County and citizens had an opportunity to express any concerns they had with the proposed annexation. The Town and Red Deer County are in agreement with the report forwarded to the MGB.

Sept 8th & 9th: Penhold Fall Festival – the event was a great success! Attendance was high; a very special THANK YOU to the organizers and all of the volunteers who made this day a great success. This was definitely a great community building opportunity.

There was discussion in regards to break and enters. Council asked Administration to provide some practical tips that can help minimize crime in their homes/ buildings. Discussion occurred regarding lighting options for dark spaces and path systems. Council requested that Administration review green spaces, parks and pathways and explore options for lighting in these high usage areas.

It was further suggested that a complete Crime Prevention Strategy be considered.

Council has set November 21st as the official tax sale date. There are currently 2 houses and 4 manufactured homes going to tax sale.

Council reviewed the proposal to bring in another high speed internet service into Penhold. Discussion occurred and Council requested that Administration assist in the survey within Penhold for gauging interest for an alternative fiber server.

Council requested that Administration move forward in obtaining 4 temporary light fixtures along Waskasoo Ave going north to Highway #42 at a cost of \$6,814.

Upcoming Community Events:

- September 14 & 15th – Penhold Youth Club Open House – 3:30 – 7:00 pm
- September 18th – Nomination Day 10:00AM to 12:00AM, Council Chambers
- October 5th – Candidate Forum 6:30PM to 8:30PM, Penhold Memorial Hall
- October 14th – Advance Voting 12:00PM to 8:00PM, Penhold Library
- October 16th – Election Day 10:00AM to 8:00PM, Penhold Multiplex

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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