



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights

From September 26th, 2017 Council Meeting

Mayor Cooper opened the meeting by welcoming the guests in the gallery. Mayor Cooper brought forward a late item to the agenda. Prior to the Council meeting Councillor Kingsfield submitted his resignation as a Penhold Town Councillor. Cory Kingsfield is running for City of Red Deer City Council.

Staff Sargent Matichuk made presentation and walked Council through the past and current statistics for Penhold. Due to the slowdown in the economy there has been an increase in crime however Penhold is experiencing less than statistical average increases for Central Alberta. Within the discussion Staff Sergeant identified that there has been a noted escalation of aggressiveness towards RCMP Officers over the past year.

Keys tips for community education and making your community a safer place:

- 1) Make sure you do not leave your vehicles unlocked and your keys in the vehicle; 85 % of vehicle theft is from keys left in the vehicles.
- 2) Get to know your neighbours as this provides a second set of eyes watching your neighbourhood.
- 3) Report suspicious vehicles and possible persons of interest.
- 4) Make sure that you report crime.

Central Alberta RCMP has a Joint Property Crime Task Force that sees crosses jurisdictions working together in a collaborative manner.

Enhanced enforcement is available to Penhold if the Town wishes to put this into place. This would require a request and process time of approximately 1 to 1 ½ years to place an officer in Town.

Peace Officer J. Klaus brought forward a proposed newly updated Standard Operating Procedures Manual. This provides in detail how the enforcement services will carry out business in the future. The revision includes the required updates of the Solicitor General's department.

Peace Officer Tam brought forward the updated Traffic Bylaw #746.17. This Bylaw focuses on some definition changes, revising the trucking parking guidelines, and increasing traffic fines to line up with provincial averages.

Council has approved a one year lease extension to Hope Church for the continued use of Memorial Hall.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Building Permits: As of the end of August 2017 Penhold has \$13.3 million in new building permits for the year. This is a positive increase showing some strength coming back into the markets.

Highway #42 and Waskasoo Avenue: Council reviewed and approved to place a pedestrian crosswalk signal within the intersection. This project is to move forward with anticipated

completion for the spring of 2018. Estimated costing for the signalization unit and placement as per transportation specifications is \$61,000.

With the upcoming election Council decided not to hold the next Regular Council meeting scheduled for October 10th.

Mayor Cooper expressed a special thank you to Julia King who has served on Council for 22 years; acknowledging the many accomplishments she achieved and saw over her tenor. Council and the gallery gave Julia a standing ovation.

Council reflected on the past term and what was achieved. Items like: Penhold Crossing High School opening, Waskasoo Avenue upgraded to act as a dyke and provide a quality road structure adding to our Town's vehicle access, pedestrian use and drainage for the east side of Town. We promoted new development of commercial buildings and new homes. As a Council we promoted growing Penhold's boundaries to become competitive in seeking out new development. This Council team accomplished most everything identified within our long term strategic plans; even items that we thought were more of a wish list.

Council thanked CAO Rick Binnendyk and his staff team for all the hard work in assisting council in accomplishing our community's focuses.

Upcoming important Events:

- 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:

This will be determined by the new Council after the election.

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