



# Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

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## Highlights

From November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council Meeting

Mayor Yargeau opened the first regular Council meeting of the newly elected council by welcoming Council representatives and the guests in the gallery.

The Meeting started with a presentation by Mr. B. Constantine in regards to Bill 24 “An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances”

Mr. Constantine identified that this Bill is suggesting that this proposed legislation claims to focus on providing a safe caring environment, respecting diversity and a sense of belonging. Unfortunately the legislation is going much further than support but moving into mandated secrecy by the schools; removal of parental rights to choose the kind of education for their child and appears to cause direct interference between parent child relationships.

Mr. Constantine asked Council to send a letter on behalf of The Town outlining the following key focuses.

1. That Penhold Recognizes the value and importance of strong families for a strong society;
2. That parents have the natural and legal rights to raise their children; and
3. That schools and parents should work together in an open and honest relationship for the betterment of each child.

Mayor Yargeau thanked Mr. Constantine for his presentation.

Council approved the Oct. 23 Organizational Meeting Minutes which identifies all the committees/boards and commissions that each of the councillors will be sitting on. A posting is on The Town’s website.

Parkland Regional Library System brought forward their 2018 budget and requested possible acceptance. The PRLS serves 64 different communities in providing a high level of service with specialty programs for the region. Council approved the budget as presented.

CAO Binnendyk walked Council through his report and its layout for future review and detail as to projects and municipal matters within the community.

Council requested that Administration look into the dark areas in town for possible lighting assistance.

The Regional Multiplex had over 15,100 people stop by over the month of October using varying areas within the complex.

The Halloween Spooktacular was host to 95 families and approx. 375 attendees.

On Oct. 16 Election Day the Town live streamed the results; there were 200 people watching it live with over 2,000 hits in total. Excellent coverage within Penhold.

The Fire Department responded to 14 calls over the month of October of which 11 were emergency medical.

Council agreed to be a member of the South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission.

Council asked Administration to request that the Optimist Club Skatepark's representative meet with Council at a workshop to discuss/investigate how the financial aspects may work for the skate park.

A Penhold Safe Community Task Force was referred to a Council Workshop to discuss expectations and direction for the task force.

A 5 year term Fire Dispatch Service Agreement with the City of Red Deer was approved and will be in effect January 2018.

Penhold Fire Hall roof, in huge part due to the recent wind storms is experiencing leakage problems. Council reviewed the proposals and accepted Black Diamond Contracting bid for the installation of a metal roof.

Penhold Remembrance Day Ceremony was a great success with good representation from our community and service groups. The Red Deer Advocate had a picture of our cenotaph and ceremony on the front page of the Nov. 11 paper.

Council asked that a thank you be sent to the respective organizations participating and assisting with the service.

Council requested that Administration place the RCMP statistical information on the town's website for residents to view.

Council moved that Administration include, in the 2018 budget, funds for the spring and fall Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties conferences for two representatives to attend.

**Upcoming important Events:**

- November 24<sup>th</sup> – Community Christmas
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – budget presentations

**Council Meetings:**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month will be Council Meeting beginning at 6:00 PM.

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