



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights

From November 27th, 2017 Council Meeting

CAO Binnendyk reported that the water reservoir construction is ahead of schedule and on budget. The focus was to ensure the operation of the reservoir by summer of 2018 - it appears that the major work will be done by the end of 2017 with minor finishing to be done in the spring. Once the testing and licensing has been finalized the system will become operational.

With the recent LED lighting in town there has been some comments about inadequate lighting in several cul de sacs. Staff is reviewing the lighting and a report will be compiled for further action.

2017 tax sale has been cancelled as all accounts are up to date.

As of the end of October Building Permits for 2017 is sitting at 14.4 million dollars.

Community Peace Officers reported that with the electronic speed sign placement there has been a focused effort by community to drive within the speed limits. Statistics are showing drivers are paying attention to their speeds. Thank you Penholdiens.

A recent audit of the Town of Penhold Community Peace Officers Program was done by the Solicitor General's office. We received many positive comments. In order to make our program stronger suggestions have been made and the CPO's are working on these items.

Council appointed Todd Liebig, Frank Yakimchuk and Richard Van Hammen as members to the Central Combative Sports Commission. Mayor Yargeau will sit on behalf of Penhold. Councillor Hamm requested that the town's involvement with the commission be reviewed at the next Council Workshop.

Council was apprised of some challenges with old remote meters defaulting and at times causing some possible financial hardships on the residents. After reviewing the information and effects a decision was made that the town will not expect residents to pay a large variance to the actual reading of the meters.

A request was made for the town to review their water services fees as there is a charge each time a new account is opened. Administration outlined the process in tracking/changing and collecting of tenant accounts. Further it was identified that the landlords have the option to keep the utility in their name. Council declined the request to change water services fees.

Councillor Mike Walsh was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the term up to and including May 31st, 2018.

Council met with a facilitator to discuss information received at the Aug. 15 BBQ as well as the election campaign. There were 50 items brought forward and of the 50 Council determined the highest priorities.

The intent was to ensure that all areas were considered and the highest priorities determined and brought forward.

The top 5 items that will be focused on will be:

1. Safe Community ~Strategy
2. Economic readiness strategy ~ Terms of Reference
3. Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework as legislation from the province must be addressed. Meet with Red Deer County to begin discussions
4. Highway 42/2A Development Options
5. Parks/playgrounds Plan

The Penhold Reporter will see a modest fee increase for advertising in 2018. Nonprofit agencies will no longer be given free advertising space.

Council set a committee up to review and put together a strategy for the possibility of an alternative high speed service provider. There was a suggestion of Axia coming into Penhold as an alternative if there is sufficient interest within Penhold. Council committee will review the option and report back to Council.

Council requested administration to connect with our MLA to meet and discuss possible focuses for curbing rural crime.

Upcoming important Events:

- Dec. 4th & 7th – Budget Presentations; being held in the Municipal Boardroom

Council Meetings:

2nd and 4th Mondays each month beginning at 6:00 PM.

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