



Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

Highlights

From January 8th, 2018 Council Meeting

The first meeting of 2018 Mayor Yargeau welcomed fire members from the Penhold Fire Department. Mayor Yargeau proceeded to make presentations to Fire fighter of the year and fire officer of the year. Each person was nominated by their peers.

Fire fighter of the Year: Mackenzie (Max) Johnston. Max and his crew put in so many hours doing regular and emergency maintenance to our fire department equipment. He is actively involved with fire fighting training and community service. Max's work is so appreciated. Thank you Max.

Fire Officer of the Year: Josh Wilson. Josh's dedication and his mentoring skills to fellow officers and firefighter has been appreciated by the department. Josh joined the department in 2012. Since this time he and has been actively involved coming through the firefighter ranks to becoming an officer. Josh has been faithful ensuring the weekly practice schedules are done and is President of the Penhold Firefighters Association. Josh was chosen by his peers for this honour.

Congratulations to Josh, and Max for your great service to our community.

Fire Chief Pendergast invited Council to preview the new fire truck that has been brought into service this past week. The unit is equipped with a 12000L tank, capable to dump from all 3 sides, 4000LPM pump foam capable, pump and roll with both A and B foam from front bumper turret and deck gun fully capable as an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle.

Penhold has chosen to be a member to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2018, participating in being part of building tomorrow's Canada.

Development in Penhold has seen a strong improvement over 2016. In 2016 there was a total of \$5,123,129 vs. in 2017 Penhold has seen \$15,223,627 in building permits for 2017. Penhold has seen a strong recovery from 2016.

In 2018 we will see an increase in utility rates. The base fee will have an increase from the present \$42.40 per month to \$48.35 per month. An increase of \$ 5.95 per month fixed fee. The increase is to move our utilities towards a cost recovery system.

THIS CHANGE: reflects a flat fee of \$4.25 per month for storm water systems. The sewer monthly fixed fee will go up by 50 cents and the water fixed fee will see \$1.20 per month increase.

USAGE: Water per cube used will see no change; sewer will have an increase of 10 cents per cube as a direct cost that has been charged to the town from the regional sewer commission. Garbage collection will see no change in cost.

Penhold has successfully obtained licensing for new water well. Alberta Environment & Parks approved the addition of 155,576 cubes of water annually to the town's water licence. This well will assist with the move to the new water reservoir in providing a secure source of water for our community for years into the future. With the approval and once the new reservoir is completed the testing will occur to make this new water source ready for our community's use.

Council had a request for support to Freeman Insurance in obtaining a satellite office for registries in Penhold. Council requested administration to draft a letter in support for a registers office.

Mayor Yargeau brought forward discussion on the recent change to the reporter fees for non profit organizations. Council decided to revert back to the promotional focus and a no fee for non profit organizations within the reporter

Upcoming important Dates/Events:

January 13th – Winter Carnival check out the town's website.

January 26th – Lt Governor Attendance/Presentation Penhold Crossing Secondary School and Town of Penhold.

Council Meetings:

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

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