

# TOWN OF PENHOLD PUBLIC HEARING



**DATE: Monday, July 8, 2024**

**LOCATION: Penhold Regional Multiplex Club Room**

**TIME: 6:00pm**

## MINUTES

### **In Attendance:**

Mayor Yargeau, Councillors Cunningham, Denson, Galisky, Hamm, Kranenborg, and Muller, Rick Binnendyk, CAO, Trish Willis, Corporate Services Manager, Sean Pendergast, Fire & Protective Services Manager, Brandon Kowalchuk, Operations Manager, Bonnie Stearns, Executive Assistant

### **Guests:**

Lori Wolfe, Melissa Young, Cindy Padley, Dustin Deibert, Jean Orchison, Matt Brideau, Mike Taddeo, Brandon Pringle, Colinda Taddeo, Alicia Dove, Mike Dodman, Dwayne Marsden, P Hussey, Stacey Forth, Darlene Lakatos, Dan Christoph, Pat Christoph, David Bulic, Liz Bulic

### **For the purpose of a Public Hearing for Bylaw 824/2024 Debenture Bylaw**

#### **1. Call the Public Hearing to order.**

Mayor Yargeau called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01 pm.

#### **2. In accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, notice of this Public Hearing was formally advertised as follows:**

- The Reporter – July 2
- Town of Penhold Website (Public Hearing Advertising document attached)
- May 28 brochure delivered to Post Office for distribution
- Posted at the Town Office

#### **3. Section 230 (4) of the Municipal Government Act provides that Council:**

- a) Must hear any person, group of persons, or persons representing them who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw or resolution and who has complied with the procedures outlined by the Council; and
- b) May hear any other person who wishes to make representations and whom the Council agrees to hear.

4. The order of presentations shall be as follows:

CAO Binnendyk – Project Focus  
Sean Pendergast, Fire & Protective Services Manager  
Brandon Kowalchuk, Operations Manager  
Trish Willis, Corporate Services Manager

5. Any person(s) wishing to speak in regards to the proposed Debenture Bylaw 824/2024 is to direct specific questions to the Chair for a notation and response:

**AGAINST:**

Melissa Young: This project is not in the best interest of the community. Financially, lack of transparency; and not looking for alternatives. Taxes will go up. The town does not need these facilities.

Mayor Yargeau allowed audience to pose questions to council state name and comments.

Brandon Pringle – five years resident

- Who did the safety analysis (second opinion)
- How much does it cost for normal or net zero builds; how many bids; who determined is wasn't suitable for net zero.
- What deeply disturbs him about this process is the affidavit and the signatures

Calinda Taddeo

- Why didn't we spend money on improving current conditions before spending money to acquire the 20 acres?
- What are the benefits of solar panels as we don't see any benefits – save money on Multiplex of \$40,000/year.

Liz Bulic

- Lived here and almost paying \$5,000 in taxes; water is horrible
- See money being spent

Melissa Young

- How much debt are we carrying; what do we owe on Multiplex: all our debt is 2.5 million

Brandon Pringle

- When you want to build trust then Council should get out there and answer the communities questions

**IN FAVOUR:**

Jean Orchison – 45-50 years

- Does the province or federal government dictate fire standards: federal
- Infrastructure funding was dropped 40%

- Penhold is one of the few towns where you can go to council meetings and address council at the end of the meeting; really appreciate this opportunity.

Lori Wolfe

- Know the information about the Public Service Building (PSB) first hand by attending council meetings
- In support of the project

Darlene Lakatos

- Wasn't in favour until I started speaking to the people who are impacted and know the information. We need to keep them safe so we can be safe.

**Correspondence received:**

- i. Public Services Building Petition received by CAO Binnendyk, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 4:22 pm at the Town Office.
- ii. CAO Binnendyk – Declaration of Petition  
In review of the information received, and in consultation with Alberta Municipal Affairs, it has been determined that this petition is:  
NOT SUFFICIENT as it does not meet the MGA requirements for a valid petition as outlined within Sections 222 to 226.

Mayor Yargeau thanked the presenters and audience for coming to share their comments / concerns on the bylaw and proposed public services building.

**2024-001**

**Councillor Galisky moved** that council accepts the petition as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Yargeau announced the July 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting will proceed, after a 10 minute break, following the Public Hearing.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Yargeau declared the Public Hearing closed.

**2024-002**

**Councillor Muller moved** to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:24 pm.

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Mayor

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