

Rocky Mountain House Council highlights from the Jan. 8, 2019 regular meeting

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DELEGATION: MPE Engineering

MPE Engineering reviewed the findings of its regional wastewater treatment facility upgrade feasibility study. Council accepted the study as information and directed administration to initiate planning for the recommended Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) option.

The SBR option is estimated at \$27,223,000 (excluding GST). Up to 75 per cent of the cost could be covered through provincial and federal grant programs.

Related media and documents:

[MPE PowerPoint presentation to council](#)

[Jan. 8 administrative report – request for decision](#)

[Video: MPE delegation to council part 1](#)

[Video: MPE delegation to council part 2](#)

[Video: Administration presentation and council discussion](#)

DELEGATION: ATCO

Council welcomed a delegation from ATCO about combined heat and power (CHP) technology, and its possible applications for the Town of Rocky Mountain House facilities.

Related media and documents:

[ATCO PowerPoint presentation to council](#)

[Video: Atco delegation to council](#)

Council Remuneration

Councillors reviewed recommendations from Town committee members regarding council remuneration considering federal income tax changes. Council adopted a new remuneration policy incorporating the majority of committee recommendations. Under the new policy, council remuneration rates as of Jan. 1, 2019 are as follows:

Mayor - \$ 2,900.00 monthly honoraria

Councillors - \$ 1,200.00 monthly honoraria

Deputy Mayor – additional \$100 monthly honoraria

Per diem rates for approved Town activities:

\$155.00 per day - less than 4 hours

\$240.00 per day - four (4) hours or more in duration

\$330.00 per day - AUMA, RMA and FCM Conferences or when the combined time of two or more meetings is eight hours or greater.

Related media and documents:

[Video: Administration presentation and council discussion](#)

[Jan. 8 administrative report](#)

[Jan. 8 options considered](#)

[Draft Policy 006/2018](#) Note: Council approved this policy with amendments.

Background media and documents:

[Municipalities comparison chart](#)

[VIDEO: Council discussion from Dec. 4](#)

[VIDEO: Council discussion from Oct. 16](#)

Sanitary Sewer Flushing Policy 001/2019

Council adopted Sanitary Sewer Flushing Policy 001/2019 governing routine maintenance of Town sewer mains. Under the policy, critical sewer mains will be cleaned every six or 12 months. All other mains will be flushed every three years.

Related media and documents:

[Video: Administration presentation and council discussion](#)

[Sanitary Sewer Flushing Policy 001/2019](#)

[Sanitary Sewer Flushing Program map](#)

Water rescue service

Councillors have requested more clarification on current water rescue services in the region, as it relates to Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services. The item will be brought back to council in February.

Related media and documents:

[Video: Administration presentation and council discussion](#)

[Jan. 8 administrative report](#)

[Inter-municipal Regional Fire Rescue Services Agreement](#)

[Clearwater Regional Fire Service Review](#)

Support for oil and gas sector

Rocky Mountain House Mayor Tammy Burke has sent a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressing support for the oil and gas sector and requesting a meeting on behalf of other western Alberta municipalities.

Related media and documents:

[Dec. 27 letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau](#)

If you have any questions on these or any other items, please contact:

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