



## 2026 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Rocky Mountain House Council has adopted its balanced 2026 operating budget in the amount of \$29,761,807, and capital budget of \$5,455,550.

The 2026 budget provides Council's direction on spending for the coming and future years and allows administration to implement Council's directed service levels for the municipality.

The 2026 operating budget continues to focus on economic growth through development incentives and the rural renewal stream program. The cost of governance (Council) is forecasted at \$498,740 or 1.7 per cent of the overall operating budget.

### Property taxes

A 2.87 per cent overall tax increase will collect an additional \$415,323 in property tax revenue this year. This includes taxation on new assessment and the reduction in commercial taxation as a result of Council's development incentives.

Actual property tax rates will be set in the spring after the Town receives its updated property assessment roll.

Though these rates may change slightly once the final assessment is received, the average single family residential property owner can expect to pay an additional \$80 per year or \$6.67 per month in property taxes next year.

### Capital projects highlights include:

- Completion of the new wastewater treatment plant
- Replacement of financial software due to end of life for the existing system (\$500,000);
- Website redesign for improved user experience (\$100,000);
- An engineering plan based on the Riverview Concept plan with the intent to create an affordable area for new residential development (\$200,000);
- A new quonset in the public works yard (\$350,000);
- The final lift for 43 Street and 47 Avenue paving in the industrial area (\$450,000);
- A new airport runway sweeper (\$475,000);
- Replacement of the water, sewer and road at 49 Street and 40 Avenue (\$1,815,000);
- Playground upgrades (\$100,000);
- Outdoor washroom near the new bike park (\$120,000);
- Roofing repairs in the arena complex to maintain the structural integrity of the building (\$470,000); and
- Continued development of multipurpose trails (\$80,000).

Council will also carry-forward two projects from 2025: money that had been allotted for civic building design and recreation centre expansion concept drawings in 2025 has now been combined and repurposed. In 2026, the \$300,000 will be instead used to complete concept drawings for a combined civic/recreation centre expansion.

## NEW UTILITY RATES

New rates for Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste came into effect on January 1, 2026.

The largest increases will be to the wastewater base rate and septage disposal rate. These increases are a direct result of the new mechanical wastewater treatment plant that will come on stream in 2026.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House does not make a profit on utilities. The Town only charges what it costs to deliver utilities to residents and businesses. Utilities are not subsidized by taxation, and only properties that use the municipal water and sewer are invoiced for the service.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House fee structure includes base rates as well as consumption rates.

The base rates cover the standard operating and capital costs of the water and wastewater treatment plants and the distribution and collection infrastructure. The consumption rates covers the cost of treating the water and wastewater.

With the split base and consumption rates, households and businesses that moderate their water use can have more control over their bill.

Visit [www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/utility-rate-faq](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/utility-rate-faq) for more.

New water and sewer rates are as follows:

Service	2025 Rate	As of Jan. 1, 2026
Water base rate	\$33.42/mo	\$33.11/mo
Metered water consumption	\$1.91/m <sup>3</sup>	\$1.99/m <sup>3</sup>
Sewer base rate	\$25.11/mo	\$27.64/mo
Sewer consumption	\$2.34/m <sup>3</sup>	\$2.81/m <sup>3</sup>
Bulk water	\$6.41/m <sup>3</sup>	\$7.18/m <sup>3</sup>
Septage Disposal	\$8.20/m <sup>3</sup>	\$9.84/m <sup>3</sup>

### How much more will my bill be?

The average residential property consuming 14 m<sup>3</sup> of water per month will see a \$10 increase in monthly billing for water and wastewater.

The new rates take effect January 1, and will be reflected on your February bill.

Solid Waste fees (garbage, recycling, organics and Eco Centre fees) remain unchanged.

## RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 	6	7 	8 	9 	10
11	12	13	14 	15 	16	17
18	19 	20	21 	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28 	29 	30	31

### February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 	3	4 	5 	6	7
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### March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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### CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



The Town of Rocky Mountain House has low-interest, long-term financing available to upgrade your home with energy-efficient technology and improvements!

The last day to submit a pre-qualification to participate in the CEIP is January 31, 2026.

Learn more at: [www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/ceip](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/ceip)

### STAY UP-TO-DATE

[www.rockymtnhouse.com](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com)

### CARE AND KEEPING OF TREES



As per Tree Bylaw 2012/04V, trees or shrubs growing on private property must be properly trimmed for overhead clearance, sightlines and disease (e.g. Black Knot, Dutch Elm Disease).

During the course of inspecting public trees this year, Town staff will notify residents if they observe a tree on their property showing signs of disease or overhang.

Learn more at:

[www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/tree-health](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/tree-health)

### SNOW & ICE CONTROL



Winters are safer and more manageable when everyone pitches in to clear snow and ice.

While the Town does its part clearing roads and designated sidewalks, the Traffic Bylaw requires property owners to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks bordering their private property within 48 hours of a snowfall ending.

Property owners who do not comply may be charged by the Town for clearing snow on their behalf.

Learn more at:

[www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/snow-removal](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/snow-removal)

### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

View agendas, minutes and livestream Council meetings:

[www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/council-meetings](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com/p/council-meetings)

Regular Council Meeting	Jan 20	9:00 AM
Regular Council Meeting	Feb 3	9:00 AM
Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting	Feb 10	1:00 PM

Council meetings are open to the public.