

Highlights from the May 5, 2020 Special regular Council meeting

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Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples

The Town of Rocky Mountain House wishes to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory and a traditional meeting ground and home for many Indigenous Peoples, including the Blackfoot, Cree, Saulteaux, Stoney and Métis.

Tax Rate Bylaw

The Town of Rocky Mountain House adopted its 2020 tax rate bylaw in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*. Tax Rate Bylaw 2020/12 provides for a levy of \$9,190,027 for municipal purposes. Property-owners should receive their 2020 combined assessment and property tax notice by mid-June. Property-owners have the opportunity to appeal their assessment, or any other assessment on the roll, within 60 days from the date of mailing.

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council has waived tax penalties for the 2020 tax year and postponed the due-date until August 31, 2020. Taxes are due on August 31, however if you cannot pay your taxes in full, you will not incur any late fees this year. Property-owners are encouraged to enroll in a Tax Instalment Payment Plan and pay their entire tax bill, penalty-free, by December 31, 2020.

Related documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Tax Rate Bylaw News release](#)

[Taxes & Assessment information from *www.rockymtnhouse.com*](#)

[Tax Rate Bylaw 2020/12](#)

Restricted/Unrestricted surplus and quarterly financials

Council reallocated restricted and unrestricted surplus funds based on agreements, legislation, policy and the new surplus policy adopted by Council.

Related documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Restricted Surplus Funds Policy](#)

[Reallocation of Restricted/Unrestricted Surplus Funds](#)

Quarterly financials

Council reviewed quarterly finance report covering January to March, 2020. The major variances are outlined in the variance report. Most revenues are on track, at 26 per cent, with some variation in individual accounts. Expenditures are also at 26 per cent, and individual account variances are in a reasonable range.

Related documents:

[Administrative Report](#)

[Statement of Operations as at March 31, 2020](#)

[Variance Analysis as at March 31, 2020](#)

[Capital Statement as at March 31, 2020](#)

[2020 Capital Project Listing](#)

[2019 Capital Project Carryforward Listing](#)

Request to cancel taxes on a manufactured home

Council welcomed a delegation from Evergreen Mobile Home Park who requested that property taxes in arrears of \$3,362.64 be cancelled on a property that is in disrepair. Council requested administration to present more information at its May 19 meeting.

COVID-19 response

Administration [will explore various options for hosting a 2020 edition of Marketplace on Main](#) in light of public health restrictions related to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Council will consider these options at its June 2 meeting.

Council agreed to [delay the implementation of the new fees and rates and booking procedure for the tennis/pickleball courts](#) until public access to recreation facilities is reinstated. Signage will be posted to this effect.

Councillors will conduct an informal telephone poll of residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 community recovery, to inform Council's COVID-19 Community Recovery Task Force.

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



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