Highlights from the June 1, 2021 Regular Council meetings

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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.

Honouring victims of Kamloops Residential School

Council held a 215-second silence, in honour of the 215 children whose remains were found at the Kamloops Residential School. Flags at all Town facilities will be lowered to half-mast for 215 hours. Council has committed to review the <u>Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report</u> and <u>Calls to Action</u> at its June 15 meeting.

Wildlife Feeding Bylaw

Council adopted a <u>bylaw</u> to prohibit the intentional feeding of wildlife within Town limits. This follows a request from Fish and Wildlife for an enforcement tool when education is not enough to prevent individuals from feeding wild animals.

The Bylaw carries fines ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.

Related documents:

<u>Administrative report</u> Prohibition of Wildlife Feeding Bylaw 2021/05

Ice Allocation Policy

Council approved an updated <u>Ice Allocation Policy</u> to guide for the ice allocation process at the arena. The policy ensures responsible management and allocation of facility time that Is equitable, efficient, safe and financially sustainable for the Town of Rocky Mountain House and all user groups. The draft policy was reviewed by all current ice user groups this spring.

Related documents:

<u>Administrative Report</u> Ice Allocation Policy 010/2021

Municipal Assessor appointed

Council appointed Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. as the assessor for the Town of Rocky Mountain House for a four-year term, beginning this year.

Other items of note

Council appointed Weed Inspectors for the Town of Rocky Mountain House, in accordance with the Weed Control Act. <u>Five Clearwater County staff will serve as weed inspectors for the Town</u> for the 2021 season.

Mayor Tammy Burke will attend the <u>Bowden Daze Parade</u> on July 17.

Council reviewed a request from the Town of High River regarding coal mining in the Eastern Slopes. Council has previously <u>sent a letter</u> to Premier Jason Kenney and Minister Sonya Savage, asking for extensive consultation and environmental impact analyses, and will send a copy of the same to the Alberta Coal Policy Committee.



If you have any questions on these or any other items, please contact: Laura Button Communications Coordinator Town of Rocky Mountain House Ibutton@rockymtnhouse.com Main office: 403-845-2866 Direct line: 403-846-4257