

Highlights from the October 6, 2020 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.

Utility franchise fees

Council reviewed [Fortis franchise fees](#) for 2021. Franchise fees are charged by municipalities to grant a utility-provider exclusive access to distribute services inside of corporate limits. These fees are reviewed annually. Rocky Mountain House will maintain the franchise fees at the existing rate of 12 per cent for Fortis (below the maximum 20 per cent threshold).

Clean Energy Improvement Program bylaw update

Council amended its [Clean Energy Improvement Program \(CEIP\) Tax Bylaw](#). CEIP is a voluntary way for property-owners to finance clean energy improvements to their home or business through their property tax. Council passed a CEIP bylaw in 2019, however recent changes to CEIP administration on a provincial level meant the Town's bylaw had to be updated to reflect Municipal Climate Change Action Centre as the program administrator.

Parkland Regional Library

Council approved the [2021 budget request from Parkland Regional Library](#) with no increase over 2020. In Rocky Mountain House, that means a \$8.55 per capita contribution to the regional library service that supports the Rocky Mountain House Public Library.

Affordable Housing unit to be sold

Council agreed to sell one of its [Creekside affordable housing units to Habitat for Humanity](#), for \$33,000. The home, at 4411 54 St., is currently vacant, and costs the Town approximately \$5,500 in annual maintenance. The sale is in accordance with the Town's [Sale of Town-Owned Land policy](#).

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



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