## Highlights from the June 15, 2021 Regular Council meetings

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#### Truth and Reconciliation

Rocky Mountain House Council reviewed the <u>Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report</u> and <u>Calls to Action</u>, and committed to taking steps towards reconciliation. The Town of Rocky Mountain House will:

- invite Victim Services to attend Council as a Delegation, to present information on Victim Services' accessible Aboriginal-specific victim programming (Call to Action #40);
- engage with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding First Nations engagement and participation in the AUMA (Call to Action #47);
- Invite First Nation Councils from Sunchild, O'Chiese and Bighorn to participate in a joint workshop, which would include conversations of interest from each Council (Call to Action #47);
- Implement professional and educational development opportunities for municipal staff, on Indigenous history, rights, law and other applicable training (Call to Action #57);
- contact the Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Alberta, regarding options for their interactive displays (Call to Action #57);
- investigate hosting Indigenous Games or events at the North Saskatchewan River Park (Call to Action #88);
- ask sport leaders in the community what efforts are being made to address anti-racism awareness and training (Call to Action #90);
- send a letter to the provincial and federal governments, requesting a full report, with disclosure and release of documentation, on what actions have been taken to date on the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, as well as a timeline for fulfilling those Calls to Action, which have not been addressed to date; and
- install public land acknowledgment at the Town Office, Council Chambers and recreational facilities.

Administration will report back to council on each of the above items.

## Food security and planting fruit-bearing trees

Council reviewed food security programs currently operating in town and added fruit-bearing trees to the Town's tree-planting policies, to complement the existing programs.

The Town will now offer Ure Pear, Prairie Magic Apple and Evans Cherry trees as options under the Town's Recognition/Memorial Tree Programs.

#### **Related Documents**

<u>Administrative Report – Fruit-bearing trees</u> <u>Administrative Report – Food Security</u>

# Recognition/Memorial Tree Program Policy 009/2018 Council and Members at Large Service Recognition Program Policy 019/2020

## Other items of note

Council welcomed the new RCMP Central Alberta District Commander, Chief Superintendent Darcy Fleury.

Council will extend an invitation to the Rocky Chamber to attend a future meeting, to update Council on its programs and services.



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

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