

## Highlights from the June 8, 2021 Regular Council meetings

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### Support for Rocky Pride Diversity Park

Council welcomed Hayley Hellum from the Rocky Pride Group, who shared the group's plans for a rainbow art installation in support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. [The design will incorporate the Progress Pride Flag and Two-Spirit Pride Flag, as outlined here](#). The group has committed to installing and maintaining the artwork, thanks to volunteer time and donations of supplies. Council supports the Pride, Diversity and Inclusion art installation in front of the Rocky Public Library.

### Animal control

Council reviewed expenses for animal control and kenneling in Rocky Mountain House. The current kenneling contract with the ROAR Society will expire at the end of June. Council instructed Administration to enter a one-year kenneling contract with ROAR for an annual cost of \$15,000. This is an approximate \$15,000 reduction from the previous two years. The cost of animal control and kenneling is recovered through pet licenses.

#### ***Related Documents***

[Administrative Report](#)

[Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw](#)

### Community KICKSTART Grant Program

Council approved a community [Kickstart Grant Program](#) to assist non-profit organizations safely recover from the effects of the covid-19 pandemic. \$100,000 is available to Town-based organizations (up to \$5,000 each) to support public events in taking place in 2021. Events must have a strong local purchasing component, and be held in Town or at a Town-owned facility. The grant funding will be drawn from the Town's accumulated surplus. Applications are open now until Dec. 1, 2021, or whenever the funding runs out.

#### ***Related documents:***

[Administrative report](#)

[KICKSTART Grant Program Application](#)

[KICKSTART Grant Program News Release](#)

### Sponsorship reduction

Council approved a 35 per cent reduction for sponsorship contracts for the 2021 calendar year. This applies to all sponsorship levels at Town facilities. Corporate Services will provide rebates to sponsors who have already paid their 2021 sponsorship agreements.

**Other items of note**

Council received the [RCMP municipal detachment's multi-year financial plan](#) as [information](#). Council directed administration to promote the [Lifesaving Society's](#) National Drowning Prevention Week materials in July.



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

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