

## Highlights from the February 2, 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.

### **Clean Energy Improvement Program**

The Town of Rocky Mountain House has been working closely with Municipal Climate Change Action Center (MCCAC) to develop its Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP). This program is a voluntary way for property owners to finance clean energy improvement in their homes and businesses. The program launch for residential applications is expected this year, and will be the first of its kind in Alberta.

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

[Administrative report](#)

[MCCAC update to Rocky Mountain House](#)

### **Fees Rates and Charges**

Council passed the Town's Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw for 2021. This bylaw consolidates all Town fees and rates in one document for administrative and residents' convenience.

The 2021 bylaw clarifies the residential, non-residential and out-of-town fees for accessing recycling programs at the Eco Centre. Rates are unchanged from 2020 for Town properties, and will soon include residential curbside organics collection service included with the existing fees.

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

[Administrative report](#)

[Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw 2021/01](#)

### **Waste Management Bylaw**

Council passed first reading of a new Waste Management Bylaw, reflecting the recent changes to Waste Collection Services, the upcoming Organics Program, the recent opening of the Town's Eco Centre and the improved recycling services. The bylaw will return for Council's consideration on Feb. 9.

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

[Administrative report](#)

### **Water, Sewer and Storm Utility Bylaw**

Council passed a new Water, Sewer and Storm Utility Bylaw to administer the operation of those utility systems. The new bylaw reflects standard utility service practices and requirements, and replaces the 2019 water, sewer and solid waste bylaw.

**Related documents:**

[Administrative report](#)

[Water, Sewer and Storm Utility Bylaw 2020/11](#)

**Sanitary Sewer Back-up Policy**

Council adopted a Sanitary Sewer Back-up Policy, which identifies responsibility of Town and property-owners in the event of a sewer back-up affecting private property.

**Related documents:**

[Administrative report](#)

[Sanitary Sewer Back-up Policy 002/2021](#)

**Receiving Water Quality Assessment**

Council reviewed a recent Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) request for the Town to conduct an environmental impact study of the water that is discharged back into the river from the Water Treatment Plant. This is part of the current renewal process of the Town's water treatment licence. Council has asked Administration to meet with AEP about the request and bring more details back to Council later this spring.

**Related documents:**

[Administrative report](#)

**Design Guidelines Policy**

Council adopted the Design Guidelines Policy, to correspond with the new Design Guidelines for Rocky Mountain House. Design guidelines provide direction for subdivision and development requirements, required services in subdivisions and the associated technical requirements of new development,

**Related documents:**

[Administrative report](#)

[TRMH Design Guidelines Policy 001/2021](#)

[Town of Rocky Mountain House Design Guidelines](#)

**Engineering Tech/Project Manager**

Council approved a new [Engineering Tech/Project Manager](#) position in the Engineering & Operations Department. This position will oversee the Town's capital projects, valued at over \$30 million this year. The position will be cost-neutral to the Town's operating budget, as having a project manager will save on external engineering consultant fees.



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

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