

## Highlights from the April 6, 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.

### **Criminal Record Checks**

The Rocky RCMP serves as the municipal police force for the Town of Rocky Mountain House. Staff Sergeant Dinsdale has requested Council consider charging an administrative fee for people to obtain criminal record and vulnerable sector checks from the RCMP. Council has requested more details on the number and nature of requests.

### **Emergency vac truck repair**

Council authorized a \$35,000 budget allocation from the Water Utility Reserve for the replacement of the auxiliary engine in the vac truck. The vac truck is an essential piece of Town maintenance equipment, and its rear auxiliary engine failed during a [major water main repair in March](#).

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

[Administrative report](#)

[One bad Break: story of a major water main repair](#)

### **Grants In Lieu of Taxes**

Council [cancelled \\$57,817 of remaining property tax balances](#) on tax rolls owned by the Province. The Government of Alberta has decreased funding for Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) in each of the past two years.

### **Economic Development Strategy**

Council approved the 2021-2025 Economic Development Strategy. The strategy has been developed over the past 5 months with input from councillors, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. The strategy outlines tasks and projects for the Economic Development Officer, with priorities to be determined by Council.

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

[Administrative Report](#)

[Economic Development Strategy \(draft\)](#)

### **Aquatic Centre Re-opening plan**

Council approved a plan to reopen the Credit Union Co-op Aquatic Centre in a limited capacity and in compliance with all public health orders. Private lessons, organized youth recreation programs, school groups, low-intensity aquafit classes and family groups will be able to access the facility by appointment only. Council also approved a temporary fee reduction for single family pool rentals of \$35/hour. The

targeted reopening will be the week of April 19. Details will be posted to the Town's website and social media channels.

***Related documents:***

[\*Administrative Report\*](#)

**Indoor use of Arena**

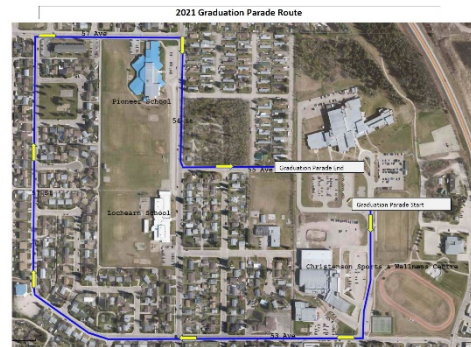
Outdoor recreation groups may request to use indoor facilities (such as the arena dry floor) during inclement weather. In these cases, Council approved charging the outdoor facility rate for indoor use.

***Related documents:***

[\*Administrative report\*](#)

**2021 Graduation Support**

Council will support the 2021 Graduation Parade, scheduled for Tuesday, June 29. The parade will follow the same route as last year, and give the community a chance to congratulate 2021 high school graduates.



*2021 Graduation Parade Route*

**National Suicide Prevention Hotline**

Town of Rocky Mountain House Council will support the campaign for a national three-digit Suicide Prevention Hotline. Rocky Mountain House joins other municipalities across Alberta and Canada in calling for 988 to be established as a national suicide prevention hotline.



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

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