

Highlights from the April 20, 2021 Regular Council meetings

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Open Pit Coal Mining

Rocky Mountain House Councillors welcomed three presentations from [Mr. Jim Stelfox](#), [Mr. Colton Vessey](#) and [Ms. Brenda McKenzie](#), who are all concerned about potential open pit coal mining in the Eastern slopes of Alberta and particularly in David Thompson Country.

Council will send a letter to Premier Jason Kenney, asking for detailed proposals and meaningful consultation before any project goes ahead. Specifically, Rocky Mountain House Council will ask for extensive consultation with the public, First Nations and industry to ensure environmental impacts including land disruption, water quality, air quality and potential health impacts to both humans and wildlife are considered. Council will also ask the province to consider a cost-benefit analysis encompassing employment in the industry, economic revenue, effect on tourism and potential recreational development, and ensure all existing environmental regulations are being enforced.

Criminal Record Checks

The Town of Rocky Mountain House will not implement fees for criminal record checks.

The Rocky RCMP serves as the municipal police force for the Town of Rocky Mountain House. Staff Sergeant Dinsdale had requested Council consider charging an administrative fee for people to obtain criminal record and vulnerable sector checks from the RCMP, given the administrative burden and high number of checks that are requested but never picked up. After reviewing other municipalities' practices and the type and number of requests to the local detachment, Council decided not to implement a fee for this service.

Related documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Municipal comparisons](#)

Aerodrome Winter Maintenance Policy

Council approved a policy for winter maintenance at the Rocky Mountain House Airport. The Aerodrome Winter Maintenance Policy 007/2021 outlines time standards and minimum snow depths for staff to maintain the runway and aprons during and after snowfall. The policy was recommended to Council by the Airport Committee earlier this month, and reflects current maintenance practices at the Airport.

Related documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Aerodrome Winter Maintenance Policy 007/2021](#)

Creekside speed limit

Council reviewed results of the Creekside Speed Limit Reduction pilot project. [Last September, the neighbourhood speed limit was reduced to 40 km/h](#) from 50 km/h. Residents' feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the lower speed limit in place. The 40 km/h limit in Creekside will

remain, and Council will consider a town-wide residential speed limit reduction at its next Service Level Review.

Related documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Electronic Speed Sign data](#)

[Public feedback](#)

Other items of Note

Council reviewed the final report from the AUMA's [Economic Resiliency and Recovery Task Force](#) .

Council will write a letter in support of the Âsokêwin Friendship Centre's Alberta Culture Days grant application.

Council received an invitation to attend the Bowden Daze Parade on July 17. Council will consider the invitation in June against covid-19 guidelines at that time.

Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at 12 p.m. for the purpose of adopting the 2020 Audited Financial Statements.

Council authorized Mayor and CAO to sign several intermunicipal agreements with Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline regarding regional waste and intermunicipal collaboration. The agreements will be signed publicly on Friday, April 24.



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

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