

Highlights from the August 4, 2020 Regular Council meeting

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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.

Youth Advisory Council

Council adopted a bylaw to establish a [Youth Advisory Council](#), to promote meaningful engagement and youth-centered feedback and ideas. Any student attending school in Rocky Mountain House between Grade 8 and Grade 12 will be eligible to apply, including homeschool students. The Town of Rocky Mountain House will be seeking applications from interested youth this fall.

Speed Limit Reduction

The Town of Rocky Mountain House will be conducting a six-month speed limit reduction pilot project in Creekside. Beginning Sept. 1, 2020, the speed limit in the Creekside subdivision will be reduced to 40 km/h from 50 km/h. The Creekside Speed Limit Reduction Pilot Project will be monitored by Protective Services and electronic radar.

Residents will be asked for feedback during the last two months of the pilot project. This information will help Council determine if a 40 km/h speed limit should be implemented in all Town residential neighbourhoods.

Related documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Road safety facts](#)

[Map of pilot project area](#)

[Notice to residents](#)

June 2020 financial statements

Council reviewed operating and capital financial statements for 2020 ending June 30. Operating statements show both revenues and expenditures are at 48 per cent of budgeted amounts for the year.

Related documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[June 2020 Operating Statement and Variance Analysis](#)

[June 2020 Capital Statement and Project Listing](#)

Museum expansion land request

Council granted a request for land extension to the Rocky Mountain House Museum. The [3,500-square-foot parcel](#) of land immediately west of the current museum yard will be leased to the Museum to accommodate additional outdoor displays.

Clean Energy Improvement Program bylaw update

Council passed first reading of a [Clean Energy Improvement Program \(CEIP\) Borrowing Bylaw](#). CEIP is a voluntary way for property-owners to finance clean energy improvements to their home or business through their property tax. Council passed a CEIP bylaw in 2019, however recent changes to CEIP necessitate this update. Council will consider second and third reading at its Sept. 1, 2020 regular Council meeting.

Communications policies approved

Council approved two new communications policies that reflect new and current best practices for municipal communications. The [Social Media, Media Relations and Public Statements Policy](#) sets direction for all Town staff on external public communications. The [Corporate Brand and Communications Policy](#) sets direction for how public information materials are developed and disseminated, as well as identifies key roles and responsibilities for communicating with Council and the public.

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



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