

Highlights from the July 2, 2019 regular Council meeting

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Rocky Spray Park Multi-Use Recreation Area

Rocky Mountain House Town Council has approved a \$1,237,000 million multi-use recreation area which will include the Rocky Spray Park, washrooms, changerooms and locker room facilities. Construction will begin this year. The Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County have each contributed \$350,000 to the project. The balance comes from monies raised by the Rocky Spray Park Council, corporate sponsorship, user groups and grants.

The overall project will include a multi-zone splash pad with rubberized surface to accommodate all ages and mobilities, a seasonal washroom which will also serve users of the adjacent Curtis Field and skate park, as well as team locker rooms for field events.

The underground utilities to support the facilities will be installed this year, with above-ground construction due to begin in the spring of 2020. The Town of Rocky Mountain House, the Spray Park Council and all project partners look forward to formal sponsor recognition and the grand opening of the facility in 2020.



Related media and documents:

[Preliminary Site Plan](#)

[Conceptual splash pad design](#)

[Video: Rocky Spray Park delegation presentation](#)

[Video: Council discussion and decision](#)

[News release](#)

Intermunicipal mediation

Rocky Mountain House has requested mediation with Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline to work through regional agreements for fire rescue, solid waste and revenue sharing.

Related documents:

[News release](#)

Habitat for Humanity to purchase Town affordable housing unit

On June 4, Council considered a proposal from Habitat for Humanity regarding that organization assuming ownership and control of the Town's affordable housing units in Creekside. One unit is currently vacant, and Habitat for Humanity has offered to purchase it.

Following a presentation from Habitat for Humanity Northern Development Coordinator Laszlo Bajzar, Council agreed to sell the house at 4409 54 St. to Habitat for Humanity for \$33,000.

Related media and documents:

[Administrative Report re: sale of affordable housing unit](#)

[Habitat for Humanity PowerPoint presentation](#)

[Audio: Habitat for Humanity Delegation](#)

[Video: Council discussion and decision](#)

Tax Recovery

The Town of Rocky Mountain House will proceed with acquiring title to Lot 17, Block 36, Plan 593HW and Lot 30, Block 2, Plan 8621590, these being properties that did not sell at the Tax Recovery Public Auction held June 26, 2019.

The auction was held in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). As per the MGA, the municipality is entitled to possession of the property on the date the parcel is offered for sale at the public auction. The Town may become the owner of the parcel under section 424(1).

If the Town does not take ownership, there is no further recourse in which to receive payment for the outstanding property tax. The two properties owe a combined total of \$55,000 in taxes.

Related Media and documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Video: Administration presentation and Council discussion](#)

Video Lottery Terminals (VLT)

Councillors discussed the history of VLTs in Rocky Mountain House and the merits of allowing their return to Town. The AGLC has not approved any VLT application from Rocky Mountain House establishments since 1997. Councillors will take some time to review the historical documents to discuss again in September.

Related media and documents:

[Administrative report](#)

[Historical information](#)

[Video: Council discussion](#)

Delegation: Rocky Rams Junior Hockey

Council welcomed Ryan Stambaugh Sam Maupin from the [Rocky Rams Junior Hockey Program](#) to outline that organization's efforts in establishing a team in time for the 2019-2020 season of the Heritage Junior Hockey League. Council approved the Rams' request to pay the youth rate for ice times and extra floods, and granted use the old sound room in the Bunch Arena as an office at no charge, for at least the first two years of operation.

Related media and documents:

[Rocky Rams letter to Town of Rocky Mountain House](#)

[Video: Rocky Rams presentation to Council](#)

[Video: Council Discussion and decision](#)

Other Items of note

Council granted Rocky Knights Soccer a small community grant of \$500 in support of the U19 provincial soccer tournament to be held in Rocky Mountain House on July 5, 6 and 7.

Council welcomed [Village of Caroline Mayor John Rimmer](#) to outline the village's plan to establish a [solid waste processing and energy generating facility](#) in that community. Council will consider offering a letter in support of the project later this month.

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



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