

Highlights from the Oct. 1, 2019 regular Council meeting

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[Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples](#)

2018 Audited Financial Statements

Wade Noble & Partners delivered a clean opinion of the Town's 2018 finances. Councillors accepted the 2018 Audited Financial Statements.

Related media and documents:

[Video: Auditor's presentation and council discussion](#)

[2018 Financial Statements](#)

Public engagement ahead of 2020 budget

Council reviewed results of its 2020 pre-budget public input survey, conducted between Sept. 3 and Sept. 20. A total of 44 surveys were completed, that included a range of [comments](#) and [questions](#) on Town operations and services.

Council will consider all feedback during its 2020 budget deliberations, and continue to offer public engagement opportunities.

Related media and documents:

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

[Administrative report](#)

[Summary of survey responses](#)

[Budget Q&A: Answers to questions received during the budget engagement process](#)

ATCO and Fortis Franchise Fees

Council reviewed franchise fees for both ATCO and Fortis utilities. Franchise fees are charged by municipalities to grant a utility-provider exclusive access to distribute services inside of corporate limits. These fees are reviewed annually. Rocky Mountain House will maintain the franchise fees at existing rates of 30 per cent for ATCO (below the maximum 35 percent threshold) and 12 per cent for Fortis (below the maximum 20 per cent threshold).

Related media and documents:

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

[ATCO Franchise Fees Administrative Report](#)

[Fortis Franchise Fees Administrative Report](#)

Clean Energy Improvement Program

The Town of Rocky Mountain House continues to develop a Clean Energy Improvement Program, in accordance with [new provincial legislation](#). Clean Energy Improvement Programs – also called PACE – are a voluntary way for property-owners to finance clean energy investments for their homes or commercial properties.

Council reviewed an initial draft bylaw outlining eligibility criteria and eligible projects. Administration will bring the bylaw back to Council for consideration of first reading later this fall.

Related media and documents:

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

[Administrative report](#)

[What is PACE?](#)

Other items of notes

Council approved the [Clearwater Regional FCSS 2018 surplus spending plan](#). The plan, [which has been already approved by the province](#), allots funds that carried over from 2018.

Council [renewed](#) the Town's membership in the [North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance](#).

Council set [an interim Day Rate](#) for the NSRP to allow the Junior Forest Wardens to host its national camp [next summer](#).

Council gave its approval to the [Parkland Regional Library proposed 2020 budget](#).

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



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