

JANUARY 15, 2012



# Council Newsletter

## Town of Rocky Mountain House

The Regular Council meeting scheduled for: **Tuesday January 17, 2012** has been rescheduled to: **Tuesday January 24, 2012.** The meeting will start at **10:30 am in the Council Chambers.**

The regular schedule will continue in **February** which is the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of each month starting at **10:30 am in the Council Chambers.**

There will be no **Policies, Procedures and Priorities** meeting in **January.** The next one will be **February 14, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.** in the **Council Chambers.** The **Public is welcomed to attend.**

**UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
January 24  
February 7  
February 14 – *Policy Review*  
February 21  
March 6  
March 13 – *Policy Review*  
March 20

### NEWSLETTER

If you have suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in the Council newsletter please contact any member of Council or advise Town office staff.

### TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Town Office will be closed on **Monday February 20, 2012** for Family Day.



## NEW OUTDOOR RINK OPEN



The Town of Rocky Mountain House Recreation Department is proud to say that the NEW Outdoor Rink is OPEN for Business. It is fully equipped right from a fully enclosed rink with puck board to hockey nets. Maintenance is done Monday – Friday (weather dependant of course -- but we are doing good to date). The feedback from the public has been awesome and we hope that everyone will get a chance to play a game of shinny or to just check it out with the kids over the winter.

Play Safe and Play Smart! Remember to always wear your personal protective equipment.

Also do not forget about the Oval Skating Rink located at Curtis Field. We are now able to get the Olympia on it and the ice is looking great.

Take sometime this winter season to get out and enjoy the Skating Areas Rocky has to offer. DO NOT get the winter blues and enjoy the fresh air.



### Effective January 1, 2012

The two hour parking restriction for Downtown has been extended to three hours for a nine month trial basis.



### REMINDER:

THERE WILL BE AN 8% PENALTY ADDED TO ALL UNPAID TAXES ON FEBRUARY 1, 2012



## 2012 BUDGET

The 2012 budget was approved with an overall budget increase of approximately 2.125% which is \$127,125 for municipal purposes. Assuming your assessment remains the same, this represents an approximate overall tax increase of 1.51% as the municipal portion of your tax bill is approximately 71% of the entire bill. As an example, a 1.51% increase applied to a \$3,000 annual residential property tax bill will be an additional \$45.30 for the entire year if there are no changes to the provincial education requisition. Participants in the monthly payment program will see an increase of approximately \$3.78 per month. This budget maintains present service levels in all areas.

To date the Town has not been advised by the Provincial Government whether education taxes will increase or decrease in 2012. It should be noted that Town Council does not control the education portion of the tax bill.



E-MAIL:

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR  
SIDEWALK CLEAN

As per Bylaw 06/27V the Town may after the expiration of the 24 hours remove and clear away any snow, ice, dirt, gravel, concrete, material, equipment, or other obstruction required to be removed and the costs incurred are charged to the owner who has placed, caused, or allowed to be placed the snow, ice, dirt, gravel, concrete, material, equipment or other obstruction upon the highway or Town property.

Pre-Authorized  
Tax Payment Plan

The pre-authorized tax payment plan may be a benefit to you. The following are some of the highlights of the plan:

- Your installments will be based on your previous year's taxes (e.g. taxes divided by 12 equal monthly payments.)
- When taxes are levied, for current year, your monthly payment will be adjusted to pay the balance owing by December 31, of that year.
- There will be no penalty levied on unpaid current taxes for those participating in the plan.
- On signing an authorization form, your monthly payments will automatically be deducted from your bank account. All tax arrears must be paid before you can participate in the plan.

For more information please call 403-845-2866.

ALBERTA ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

(cats, dogs & skunks)

For questions and concerns during office hours, please call toll free 1-866-340-2388.



Office hours are:

Monday to Friday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays closed and closed on all statutory holidays

In case of an emergency related to animal control please call 1-866-340-2388.

Animal Licensing Tags can be purchased at the Town Office in Rocky Mountain House at 5116—50 Avenue. Purchase of licensing tags for cats and dogs made between December 1, 2011 to

January 31, 2012 will be the following rate:

**Spayed or neutered \$15.00**

**Not Spayed or neutered \$40.00.**

Purchase of licensing tags made after January 31, 2012 will be the following rates:

**Spayed or neutered \$30.00 Not Spayed or neutered \$60.00.**

If you have lost your pet you can check their website: [www.albertaanimalservices.ca](http://www.albertaanimalservices.ca) and then

NOTICE

There is a 72-hour parking limit for all vehicles on public roadways in Town.

Please follow the bylaw or you will/may be ticketed and/or your vehicle may be towed at your expense.



SNOW REMOVAL

The continued cooperation of the public is respectfully requested to assist Town staff in snow removal.

You can assist by:

- ✓ Obeying “No Parking” signs for snow removal.
- ✓ Removing inoperative vehicles from streets.
- ✓ Shoveling snow onto your own property; please do not shovel snow onto Town streets.
- ✓ Call 403-845-3220 to report any problem areas on Town sidewalks.
- ✓ Call 403-845-3720 to report any problem areas on trail system.

To see the snow removal policy and map for snow clearing go to the Town's website at [www.rockymtnhouse.com](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com) and click on Winter Maintenance Manual or Winter Maintenance Policy.

DO YOU NEED A BUSINESS LICENSE?

To conduct business in the Town of Rocky Mountain House you require a Town Business License. A Business License signifies that you have met the Town of Rocky Mountain House licensing and land use requirements and are permitted to operate your particular business within Rocky Mountain House.

The 2012 business license invoices have been mailed out to current business license holders. Upon receipt of payment a new business license, 2012 sticker and your receipt will be sent to you.

If you have questions please contact the Planning Department at 403-847-5260.