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TOWN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE AWARDED FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Rocky Mountain House, Alta. – The Town of Rocky Mountain House is this year’s recipient of the Community Development and Inclusive Community Award from Spinal Cord Injury Alberta (SCI AB).

This award recognizes the Town’s efforts to reduce barriers to recreation for persons with disabilities through renovations and upgrades to the Christenson Sports and Wellness Centre and the Credit Union Co-op Aquatic Centre.

“We conducted an accessibility audit in 2019, and with a few modest improvements our recreation facilities now meet or exceed all of the Barrier Free Guidelines of the Alberta Safety Code Council,” said Mayor Tammy Burke. “The Town of Rocky Mountain House supports an environment of inclusivity and accessibility that improves the quality of life for all residents and visitors.”

SCI AB’s mission is to empower persons with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities to achieve independence and full community participation.

Mayor Tammy Burke accepted the award on Saturday, Feb. 8, from SCI AB Regional Program Coordinator Doug Manderville.



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For more information, please refer to the attached backgrounder or contact:

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[Spinal Cord Injury Alberta](https://sci-ab.ca/) (<https://sci-ab.ca/>) mission is to empower persons with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities to achieve independence and full community participation.

SCI Alberta strives to achieve its mission and provide the best service possible through a focus on five core service areas which include:

- Client Support and Service Coordination
- Community Development and Systemic Change
- Peer Program
- Information Services
- Active Living
- Adaptive equipment and accessible features at our recreation facilities.

List of accessibly/barrier-free features at Town of Rocky Mountain House recreation facilities:

Credit-Union Co-op Aquatic Centre

- Overhead hydraulic shower lift in private stall
- Adult-sized change table
- Zero-depth entry to leisure pool and hot tubs
- Aquatic wheelchair
- Main pool lift
- Dropped counters, sinks and angled mirrors

Christenson Sports and Wellness Centre

- Wheelchair-accessible gym equipment
- Roll-in and roll-out showers
- Accessible washrooms on both floors
- Elevator
- Barrier-free viewing areas in both the Bunch and Quick Lane arenas
- Dropped counters, sinks and angled mirrors

