



December 16, 2025, Regular Council meeting highlights

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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.

Delegation: Rocky Mountain Chuckwagon Association

Council welcomed Rod Tomyne and Lillian Hays with the Rocky Mountain Chuckwagon Association. The Association had suggestions and requests for improvements to the North Saskatchewan River Park, with a view to make it the permanent home of the World Professional Chuckwagon Finals each year.

Council will consider budget implications for their request in the new year.

2026 Budget

Council has adopted its balanced 2026 operating budget in the amount of \$29,761,807 and capital budget of \$5,455,550. The approved budget includes a 2.87% increase in property tax revenue.

[Read more here.](#)

Fees and Rates set for 2026

Council set the 2026 fees and rates for Town services. Utility rates for Water and Wastewater will be increasing as of January 1, with the largest increases coming to the wastewater base rate and septage disposal rate. These increases are a direct result of the new mechanical wastewater treatment plant that will come on stream in 2026.

Utilities operate on a cost-recovery model. This means the Town only charges what it costs to deliver utilities to residents and businesses. Utilities are *not* subsidized by taxation. Only properties that use the municipal water and sewer are invoiced for the service.

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[2026 Fees and Rates](#)

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Travel and Expense Policy

Council reviewed a draft Travel and Expense Policy, focusing on parameters for mileage and meal reimbursement when council and staff travel for Town-related business. The policy will come back for final review in January.

[Administrative Report](#)
[Draft Travel and Expense Policy](#)

Policing Committee Bylaw

Council passed an updated Policing Committee Bylaw, to stay compliant with changes in Provincial legislation. The Policing Committee is made up of Council and public members, and oversees the administration of the police service agreement with the RCMP, and represents public concerns and priorities to the local RCMP detachment.

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Community Growth Committee Bylaw

Council has taken the first steps towards formalizing a committee to engage with stakeholders for the development of land and new businesses. Once established, the committee will be responsible for promoting the Town to various external and local stakeholder, identifying economic opportunities exploring Public Private Partnerships (P3), with a view to spur development of both public and private lands. Council will further discuss the committee on January 6.

[Draft Community Growth Committee bylaw](#)

Visitor Information Centre budget

Council approved an additional \$5,000 for the Visitors Information Centre operated by the Rocky Chamber in the 2024-2025 year, to cover a portion of its operational deficit.

Rocky Public Library board members appointed

Council appointed Clearwater County representatives to the Rocky Mountain House Municipal Public Library Board: Councillor Tyler McCauley and public members Lori Sunde-Cooper and Karen Travis.