

Highlights from the January 18, 2022 Regular Council meeting

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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.

Strategic Plan

Council adopted its [2021-2025 Strategic Plan](#), including the following key statements:

Vision Statement

“BUILDING ON OUR RICH HISTORY; TRAILBLAZING A BRIGHT FUTURE.”

Mission statement

“PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP SHAPING A STRONG, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY.”

Values Statement

PROGRESSIVENESS

COMMUNITY

INCLUSIVENESS

OPPORTUNITY

INTEGRITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

2022 Operating and Capital Budget

Council adopted its 2022 operating budget in the amount of \$22,860,303, a nearly \$500,000 reduction from the previous year. For the fourth year in a row, the Town of Rocky Mountain House will not increase its municipal property tax revenue.

Related documents:

[Budget 2022 news release](#)

Stronger Together Agreement

Council reaffirmed the existing [Stronger Together Agreement](#) between Rocky Mountain House, Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline. The Agreement has been in place since 2013 and commits the municipalities to consultation and communication on Intermunicipal matters. Council met previously with its municipal peers and have agreed to review the 2013 agreement and modernize it as needed. That process will begin at the next Tri-Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee meeting this spring.

Signing Authority Policy update

Council updated its [Signing Authority Policy](#) to include electronic signatures, in accordance with the *Electronic Information and Documents Act*.

Related documents:

[Administrative Report](#)

North Saskatchewan River: Heritage Designation

Council welcomed a virtual delegation from Smoky Lake County to provide an update on the [nomination](#) of the North Saskatchewan River as a [Canadian Heritage River](#). The Town of Rocky Mountain House will provide a letter in support of an Alberta Community Partnership grant application to further a river study and 10-year non statutory management plan.

Safety Audit

The Town of Rocky Mountain House earned 87 per cent in its most recent Safety Audit, completed in fall of 2021.

Other items of note

Council joins the City of Cold Lake in asking the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta consider streamlining the assessment process for internationally-trained physicians to improve the current accreditation process, as a means of addressing the physician shortage in rural Alberta.

Likewise, Council joins the Town of Crowsnest Pass in asking the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta to consider fast-tracking internationally-trained nurses to qualify to work in Alberta in all communities currently facing nursing shortages.

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



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