



## **TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE ADOPTS ENERGY POLICY**

The Town of Rocky Mountain House has adopted an energy policy to ensure energy costs and efficient technologies are considered across all existing Town facilities and new projects.

It's the culmination of a year as part of the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) Municipal Energy Manager program.

As Town facilities age, they become more challenging to operate efficiently. Through the program, the Town has become more proactive in managing aging facilities, reducing emergency repairs and extending asset life.

Rocky Mountain House received a grant through MCCAC to assess the Town's current energy consumption and energy management practices and identify the major energy users. Based on this assessment, Municipal Energy Manager Gord Laird developed an energy policy, energy team charter and an energy management plan for Town facilities.

In May 2025, the Town's cost of electricity and natural gas for all facilities was \$109,208.49, broken down as follows:

- 50 per cent Rocky Regional Recreation Centre
- 25 per cent Cooperative Aquatic Centre
- 25 per cent all remaining Town facilities (Town Office, Lou Soppit Community Centre, Engineering & Operations, etc.)

With the energy assessments and newly adopted policy, the Town of Rocky Mountain House hopes to reduce energy costs by 10 per cent over three years.

Some low-cost upgrades will include:

- Exterior door seals and sweeps
- Installing timers to eliminate fans running 24/7.
- LED lighting
- Fine-tuning building management systems to reduce energy draws when buildings are unoccupied.



Further upgrades will be considered during annual budget planning, and strive for a balance between economics and energy savings.

The program also identified that the Cooperative Aquatic Centre consumes six times the national average of energy use for square meter when compared to other swimming pool facilities in Canada. Through a partnership with Polar Engineering, Rocky Mountain House had received a grant from Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) for an efficiency and dehumidification study at the Co-operative Aquatic Centre.

Funding for the Municipal Energy Manager Program was provided by the Government of Alberta. The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is a partnership of Alberta Municipalities, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Government of Alberta.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House is thankful for the opportunity to work with the staff at the MCCAC who helped guide us toward becoming a more energy conscious organization.

**Read more:**

[Town of Rocky Mountain House Energy Policy](#)

[Municipal Climate Change Action Centre Municipal Energy Manager Program](#)

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