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## **TOWN ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE TO EXPLORE REGIONAL RESTRUCTURING**

Rocky Mountain House, Alta. – The Town of Rocky Mountain House has received a \$200,000 grant from the Alberta Community Partnership Program to explore municipal restructuring.

This grant, awarded by Minister of Municipal Affairs Kaycee Madu, will allow the Town to conduct a municipal regional governance restructuring study that also considers both Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline.

“Like Minister Madu, the Town of Rocky Mountain House Council recognizes the importance of proactively exploring options for municipal restructuring,” said Mayor Tammy Burke. “I look forward to reaching out to our municipal neighbours to invite their meaningful participation in this project.”

“The Town of Rocky Mountain House values our partnerships with neighbouring municipalities, and understands that residents are asking for efficient, responsible government,” continued Burke. “This grant allows us to explore the best options for our regional community. Ultimately, these are community decisions and residents will have opportunity to participate in the discussions.”

Council will discuss first steps to initiating the regional governance restructuring study at its Aug. 18 regular meeting.

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

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## **BACKGROUND: Town Rocky Mountain House to explore regional restructuring**

The Town of Rocky Mountain House recognizes that the Town Rocky Mountain House, the Village of Caroline and Clearwater County are three municipalities that serve one community.

On Dec. 12, 2019, Rocky Mountain House Town Council unanimously agreed to initiate discussions on regionalization options with Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline. Subsequently, the Town of Rocky Mountain House applied for a \$200,000 grant under the Municipal Restructuring stream of the [Alberta Community Partnership](#) program.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House received [notice of its successful grant application](#) on Aug. 5. Council will discuss first steps to initiating the regional governance restructuring study at its Aug. 18 regular meeting.

In 2013, the Town of Rocky Mountain House, Clearwater County and the Village of Caroline signed a [Stronger Together Agreement](#), which outlines how the municipalities shall work together for the common good of the region.

In addition to this and legislated agreements such as Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks, we currently have 11 intermunicipal agreements that govern essential and recreational service delivery to our residents.

They are: Fire protection, regional waste, library, airport, wastewater, emergency management, museum, FCSS, recreation, visitors information centre and the medical clinic.

These agreements are evidence of our municipalities' mutual respect for community collaboration.

A regional governance restructuring study aligns with the Alberta Community Partnership Program's objective to improve municipal capacity to respond to regional priorities. By engaging a professional municipal consultant to explore restructuring options, our three municipalities will have sound evidence to inform decisions about future regional governance, service delivery and/or amalgamation.