



New Year's greetings from Rocky Mountain House Town Council

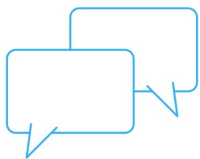
Dear residents,

We hope you all had a restful, joyous holiday season. As we usher in a new year, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about our goals for 2019 and reflect on some achievements over the past 12 months.

Your Rocky Mountain House Town Council has had a busy and productive 2018.

We are proud to have introduced **acknowledgement of indigenous territory** at the first meeting of every month. We created a Town policing committee **to fully understand our municipal police force** contract with the RCMP. In August, we **celebrated long-time staff members** with an employee appreciation luncheon. In September we renewed the **Stronger Together Agreement**, maintaining and strengthening partnerships with our regional neighbours.

Dean Krause joined us as Chief Administrative Officer in January, and 2018 brought **new leadership** to the departments of Engineering and Operations and Planning and Community Development. We are excited to also have a new Economic Development Officer, a new Legislative Coordinator and a new Communications Coordinator in place.



The **Public Participation** Policy 002/2018 adopted last spring ensures residents have every opportunity to give feedback and be truly heard.

Land Use Bylaw amendments to allow **Cannabis** sales, and the Cannabis and Tobacco consumption bylaw, were all developed with public input via an advisory committee and an open call for resident feedback through the spring and summer.

We've demonstrated just how much **we value communication with our residents**, through social media, monthly newsletters, timely website posts and livestreaming of council meetings.



Our **Planning and Community Development** department approved 55 building permits with a total value of \$8,302,708.0. In October, I was invited to speak to developers with **BILD Central Alberta**, sparking interest in our community as a great place to do business.

Council's new **Financial Framework Committee** is advancing long-term financial planning and finance policies for the Town.

Rocky Mountain House Town Council is committed to **maintaining our community's assets**. This is the #1 stated goal of the 2018-2022 strategic plan, and the **Engineering and Operations** department has been tasked with making it a reality.

Our water treatment plant and wastewater lagoon were top-of-mind as we drafted and adopted Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Bylaw 2018/17V. With the Town achieving **full cost recovery on utilities in 2019** we are well positioned to make future investments as needed.



Major infrastructure work in 2018 included the 52 St. rehabilitation project and 14 other paving and repair jobs including the expansion of the Town's Trail network at 50 St and 53 Ave.

Our robust health and safety program is netting real results. The 2018 **external safety audit achieved an amazing score of 91 per cent**. This means dollar savings for the town, but more importantly ensures our employees are going home safely every day.

This past year brought so many noteworthy events: Rocky Pro Rodeo, Canada Day celebrations, Rocky Airshow, Battle of the Rockies, Festival of Trees, and the renaming of 49 St. to honour Sergeant R.L. Zengel on the 100th anniversary of his earning the Victoria Cross.

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A look-ahead at 2019



We are honoured to lead this outstanding community into 2019.



We are **advocating for our energy sector** and have taken the lead to coordinate with other municipalities in requesting a meeting with the Prime Minister.



This year, construction will begin on the **54 St. extension**, to connect our Creekside neighbourhood with downtown.



We will see the development of the **Helen Hunley Park** adjoining the museum, and the tireless work of the **Rocky Spray Park Council** will come to fruition.

We're working hard to **make our community better and to keep costs down**. We conducted a thorough review of our finances in 2018, and the result, we believe, is a better, more concise budget that **prioritizes community growth and pride** in the year ahead.



We will continue to work with Shell Canada on reusing greywater from our wastewater lagoon. In the interest of being an **environmental leader** we will take a closer look at how to reduce environmental and economic costs of solid waste.



The **2019 operating and capital budgets** are being finalized this month, and we look forward to sharing the ultimate document with you all very soon.

We will develop and adopt a **Modernized Land-Use Bylaw** to reflect building and community trends today and for the future. Our Land Development Task Force will ensure land is available for all development, from small homes to industrial and beyond.

Thank you for continuing to make Rocky Mountain House a great place to live. I, along with all of Town Council, wish you all the best for the New Year.



Sincerely,

Mayor Tammy Burke

Building on a successful joint bid with Clearwater County to host the **2019 Alberta Masters Games**, we are looking forward to welcoming 1,200 athletes and their families in August.



*Councillor Jason Alderson Councillor Randy Brown
Councillor Scott Collinson Councillor Merin Fraser
Councillor Michelle Narang Councillor Len Phillips*

Council meetings are open to the public.

Upcoming meetings:

- Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 22 at 1 p.m.
- Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.
- Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

Regular meetings are now being livestreamed.

Follow the link at www.rockymtnhouse.com to watch live, or check back for highlights posted after each meeting.

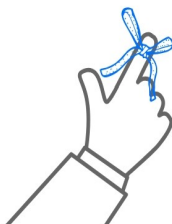
TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18 for

PREVENT FROZEN WATER LINES

In cold temperatures, water service lines can freeze if frost is pushed below the water line. Water lines inside the home and on outside walls can also freeze due to extreme wind chill and cold drafts.



Repair costs associated with frozen pipes are your responsibility. You can help prevent frozen pipes by keeping your home heated at normal levels to avoid cold spots, and:

- **Insulating the outside lines**
- **Drawing water regularly**
- **Turning off outdoor hoses**

The sooner a frozen line is thawed, the better. Over time, freezing will extend further along the line and make thawing more difficult, and potentially more costly.

For more information call Engineering and Operations at 403-845-3220.