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### **Town to resume management of North Saskatchewan River Park**

Rocky Mountain House, Alta. – The Town of Rocky Mountain House Council has agreed to terminate the North Saskatchewan River Park (NSRP) lease agreement with the Rocky Agricultural and Stampede Association (RASA), effective July 14, 2020.

A termination notice has been provided in writing to RASA, in accordance with the termination clause 3.3 of the lease agreement.

As of July 15, 2020, all bookings and operations of the NSRP and rodeo grounds will be handled by the Town of Rocky Mountain House Department of Recreation and Community Services.

The lease agreement allowed RASA the right to manage bookings and operations of the rodeo grounds within the NSRP. However, the facility has evolved beyond the capacity of a volunteer board to manage.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House has consulted with RASA and other user groups over the past four months to review the current agreement and improve the booking/managing process.

Council is responding to community calls for a professionally-managed facility with consistent booking procedures. The Town of Rocky Mountain House aims to move forward in a positive manner with future bookings of the NSRP and rodeo grounds.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House Council also recognizes the many years of volunteer and corporate sponsorship that have supported the park and rodeo grounds. The Town of Rocky Mountain House thanks RASA volunteers and board members for their community service, and looks forward to the continued success of the annual Rocky Professional Rodeo. The new management model will allow RASA and all user groups to focus on what they do best: planning and hosting excellent events in our community.

The North Saskatchewan River Park is a 165-acre recreation facility situated just across the North Saskatchewan River, west of Rocky Mountain House. It hosts a half-mile track and 3,000-seat covered grandstands, rodeo infield, livestock pens, saloon, dry camping, fairgrounds and Demolition Derby pit. Major community events held at the park in 2019 include the Rocky Pro Rodeo, the World Professional Chuckwagon Association Battle of the Rockies, the inaugural Alberta Masters Games and the Rocky Lion's Club Demolition Derby.

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