

Mayor's Report June 14-27

Jun 13, 2022 **Council**

Jun 15, 2022 **Airport Task Force**

- Painting (Blue/Grey) has been completed with minor deficiencies. Looks very bright and appealing.
- New "High Level" airport sign is a very nice addition to the terminal.
- Lighting for the Terminal Kiosks is on order and should be arriving soon.
- New cabinetry is also being completed for the Terminal Kiosks.
- Flooring samples for the Terminal are being ordered and RFD for the flooring will go out in August.
- Budget for updating the Airport Terminal came from both the RATI (Regional Air Transportation Initiative) and from Operations.

Jun 16, 2022 **AUMA Summer Caucus**

1. Clean Energy Improvement Plan (CIEP)

- Interesting discussion on the "**Clean Energy Improvement Plan**"
- **The "Clean Energy Improvement Program"** is an affordable, flexible, and streamlined approach to financing.
- Alberta households spend almost \$5,000 a year on energy costs. There is big money to be saved from sealing leaky windows, insulating attics, and replacing inefficient furnaces. You can save even more by generating your own electricity with rooftop solar panels
- The Clean Energy Improvement Program is a new way to finance energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy upgrades.
- Repayment is made through your regular property tax bill—and the project financing is tied to the property, not the property owner. That means if the property is sold, the new owner assumes repayment (and enjoys the benefits!).
- Enjoy long repayment terms (up to 20 years for some upgrades).
- Pay off the project's balance at any time.

How the program works

- The program is voluntary for municipalities and property owners.
- Municipalities that wish to participate need to pass a bylaw and will work with Energy Efficiency Alberta to develop and deliver the program to residents.
- Energy Efficiency Alberta will administer the program on behalf of the municipality.
- Property owners pay for any clean energy upgrades through their property taxes.
 - The amount can be paid off at any time.
 - Any outstanding repayments remain with the property. If the property is sold, the new owners take on the repayment.

- I have attached Rocky Mountain Houses:Bylaw, Pre-Qualification Form, Terms & Conditions, Eligible Upgrades, to see if this is a program we should pursue for the businesses and residents of High Level.

2. Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program

- The Government of Alberta is providing \$4.5 million for Alberta municipalities and Indigenous communities to assess adaptation measures and to create climate resilience plans.
- The Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program is developed and administered by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre, a partnership of Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Government of Alberta.
- The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre provides up to \$80,000 per project for municipalities and Indigenous communities to invest in climate resilience capacity building. **The following funding streams are now open:**
 1. Planning Stream:
 2. Strategies and Initiatives Stream
 3. Indigenous Climate Resilience Stream
- Before adaptations can be made, it is crucial to do a risk assessment and build an adaptation and resilience plan. This is the **first step that the Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program is designed to support.**
- For participants in the Indigenous Climate Resilience Stream only, we can cover administrative costs incurred through the delivery of the project, up to a maximum of 15 per cent.
- The approval and allocation of eligible funds will occur on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are due by March 31, 2023, and all projects must be completed by March 31, 2024.

RCMP

- Most municipalities strongly oppose a Provincial Police force, but would like changes to allow for better efficiencies in policing.
- One concern for communities is that the Federal Government owes 80,000,000 in back pay and have yet to inform the Province of how that will impact them and consequently the municipalities.

LGFF (Local Government Fiscal Framework) NEW MSI 2024-2025

- **AUMA** does not support allocation of Infrastructure funding based upon the variable Km of roads.

Jun 17, 2022 Beaver First Nation Commemoration

- Attended the very moving commemoration as Beaver First Nations unveiled their monument honouring the resilience of the people and the impact Residential Schools had upon the people of the community.

- The monument entitled "Coming Home" honours the elders who survived residential school as well as those that never made it home.

Jun 22, 2022 **REDI**

- In-camera

Jun 27, 2022 **Inauguration of Chief Wilfred Hooka-Nooza**

Jun 27, 2022 **Council**