



As a Council we are mindful of the threat COVID-19 poses to our town and residents. Information and strategies are rapidly changing, so we encourage you to visit the Alberta Health Services or Government of Canada websites for the most current information regarding how to protect yourself and others. We are also updating our website and Facebook pages regularly. As a Town, we are following the advice of Alberta Health Services and we encourage you to do the same.

Raymond Council wants you to know that we are here for you. We are finding ways to support you and your business through this crisis. At the April 7, 2020 Council meeting, Council waived penalties on EVERY property tax, utility bill (water/sewer/garbage) and other bills owed to the Town until December 31, 2020.

Covid-19 has also impacted access to our golf course, playgrounds and recreation facilities. As of now, the province has closed all of these facilities. The 2020 Southern Alberta Summer Games has also been cancelled. Council is discussing the option to host the 2022 or 2023 games but this has not yet been decided. By May 5<sup>th</sup>, council is planning to determine the status of Heritage Days (July 1<sup>st</sup>), Aquatic Centre and other summer activities. Stay Tuned to [www.Raymond.ca](http://www.Raymond.ca) for more information on these changes to our services.

Council would like to thank our local health care providers, long-term care workers, school teachers and business owners, along with our Town employees who continue to serve and find ways to both adhere to government directives and maintain our community's values. We will get through this together, as we remain calm and look after one another.

There have been several bylaw changes over the last few months that are aimed at beautifying our community. Here are two that might impact you.

**Bylaw 968-10, Care of Boulevards and Lanes** – Restrictions have been placed to prevent parking on boulevards. People who are currently parking on the boulevard, and have made improvements to the parking area, will be permitted to continue parking there, provided they complete an application with the town's Development Officer. People who continue to park on the boulevard without approval will be contacted by the Peace Officers to either complete the application with the Town, or to cease parking on the boulevard. Please contact the town Development office if you have any questions.

**Bylaw 1048-17, Dangerous and Unsightly Property** – There were several amendments to this bylaw. The most significant change, however, is that people are now limited to two derelict or unregistered vehicles and those vehicles must be in the back yard. For many, compliance to this provision will be a significant undertaking. Council is prepared to give homeowners time to remedy their properties. Please contact the Peace

Officers if you have questions about these amendments, how to go about cleaning up your property, and the expected timeline for cleanup.

**Community Peace Officers New Location!** –The Peace Officers are now



located in the RCMP building, at 179 W 200 N. They can be reached via phone anytime at (587) 813-0791 or email: [cpo@rrpssc.ca](mailto:cpo@rrpssc.ca)

**Knight Residence Designation**



Town Council passed third reading of the Knight Residence Bylaw (1078-19) in December 2019. Bylaw 1078-19 designates the former Knight residence as a Municipal Historic Resource. This designation process is the culmination of several years of work by the Town's Historic Resource Committee to preserve Raymond's history.

The Knight residence is the second property in town to receive this designation; the Museum (former Town Hall) was previously designated through Bylaw 1077-19.

### **Council Committee News**

All of our Town Councillors sit on several committees that the Town has deemed of interest or priority. Here are a few updates.

**Raymond Wellness Coalition** -- In 2019, the Town of Raymond joined the Alberta Healthy Communities Initiative (AHCI). This group is comprised of members of the public, Town Admin and Council. The group will apply a research based/best practices approach to enhance the physical, social and emotional health of our community.

### **Stampede Transition Committee --**

The Stampede Transition Committee's mandate is to develop recommendations for council regarding the relocation of the Stampede Grounds and the redevelopment of the fairgrounds. The committee is made up of members of the Ag Society, Stampede Group and Town Council.

### **Community Engagement Committee –**

The Community Engagement Committee is an ad hoc committee that is comprised of members from Council and the public. This group is currently developing an engagement plan for our new slogan, as well as strategies that will enhance transparency in local-government decision making processes.

### **Achievement Committee**

The Achievement Committee has compiled a list of Raymond athletes who have gone on to the next level of their sport. Please go to the website to view the list, the criteria, or to get a copy of the nomination form to nominate someone they might have missed.

### **Streaming of Council Meetings**

Due to Covid-19, Council has decided to temporarily stream their meetings out on our YouTube channel. Please note we are experimenting with the technical requirements at this time. Please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/TownofRaymondVideos>



## APPROVED Town of Raymond 2020 Capital Spending Plan

TERM PRIORITY	METHOD	PROJECT	Fund	2020
		Community Services		
1	Joint	PROJECT 200N Trail Expansion (Cobblestone to 400E) Phase 2 Pavement	MSI-12242	\$394,000
	Internal	Cobblestone & Pebble Creek Access Corridor Landscaping	MSI-12424	\$100,000
	Internal	PROJECT Fairgrounds 2.0 Land Purchase Phase 1	MSI-12426	\$42,000
	Internal	Beach Volleyball Complex	Donations	\$100,000
	Internal	Cemetery Plaza	MSI-12243	\$40,000
	Joint	Aquatic Centre & Arena Energy Retrofit	MSI-12423	\$70,000
		Operational Services		\$42,000
				\$8,624,250
2	Internal	PROJECT NorthWest Infrastructure - 300W (400N & 500N) Phase 2 Water	GTF-842	\$56,250
3	Joint	Annual Sidewalk Replacement	GTF-834	\$73,000
3	Joint	Annual Curb & Pavement Rehabilitation	MSI-12429	\$60,000
	External	PROJECT 300S (50E & 100E) Phase 1 Utilities & Basing		\$42,000
3	Joint	PROJECT 400N (200E & 250E) Phase 1 Base & Pavement	GTF-833	\$107,000
	Internal	Stonagate Drainage - Cobblestone Lane & West Common Area (Southwest)	GTF-841	\$50,000
Emergent	External	Coopers Drop Raw Water Main Replacement Phase 1	GTF-836	\$129,000
Emergent	Internal	RV Dump Redevelopment Project	GTF-837	\$65,000
	Internal	Water Meter Bulk Purchase	MSI-12425	\$42,000
Emergent	External	Wastewater Treatment System Expansion (Anticipate June Approval)	ICIP/DEBT	\$8,000,000
		Economic & Community Development Services		\$0
		Administrative Services		\$0
		Equipment		\$374,000
	External	Garbage Truck (MSI-12215)	Utility Reserves	\$306,500
	External	Ventrax Mower & Attachments	MSI-12422	\$67,500
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		\$9,392,250
		CAPITAL REVENUE STREAMS		
		GRANTS - GTF	GTF	\$475,650
		GRANTS - MSI	MSI	\$839,736
		GRANTS - PROVINCIAL CAPITAL (MCCAC)	MCCAC	\$15,000
		GRANTS - INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICIP)	ICIP	\$5,866,666
		TRANSFER - FROM TOR OPERATIONS	OPERATIONS	\$307,035
		TRANSFER - FROM DONATIONS/OTHER GOVERNMENT	DONATIONS	\$40,000
		TRANSFER - FROM DEBENTURE	DEBT	\$2,133,334
		TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE		\$9,677,421
		NET REVENUE/DEFICIT		\$285,171