



## TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

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July 8, 2021

Honourable Jason Nixon  
Minister of Environment & Parks  
323 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Email: [aep.minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:aep.minister@gov.ab.ca)

**RE: Cancellation of Household Hazardous Waste Funding**

Dear Minister Nixon,

Under the Town of Rocky Mountain House Strategic Plan, Council is committed to being an environmental leader. Our municipality has focused on waste reduction and diversion, with the notable recent achievements of opening the Town of Rocky Mountain Eco Centre and launching a residential curbside organics collection program. Our 6,800 residents have embraced these programs and households are taking careful stewardship of their waste.

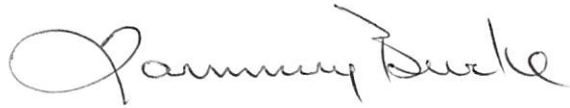
It is in this context that we were disappointed to learn the Government of Alberta ceased disposal funding for the provincial Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program as of June 1, 2021. Alberta Environment and Parks' grant provided for the safe collection and transportation of these goods, while Alberta Infrastructure waived disposal fees at the Swan Hills Treatment Centre.

This action burdens municipalities with a \$2 million annual cost to safely dispose of HHW. Given the financial strain on municipalities affected by the global pandemic, this decision by the Alberta Government will force Albertans to take a step backwards in responsible waste disposal.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House urges you to take a long view of responsible waste management. With the pending transition to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Alberta, we encourage you to either reinstate HHW funding for municipalities or expedite the implementation of EPR for HHW – thus mitigating the HHW disposal financial burden on municipalities.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [tburke@rockymtnhouse.com](mailto:tburke@rockymtnhouse.com) or by phone at 403-846-8129. Alternately, you may contact our Chief Administrative Officer, Dean Krause at [dkrause@rockymtnhouse.com](mailto:dkrause@rockymtnhouse.com) or by phone at 403-844-3431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tammy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Burke".

Mayor Tammy Burke

CC: Hon. Prasad Panda, Minister, Alberta Infrastructure  
RCA President, Jodi Tomchyshyn London  
Town Council  
CAO, Dean Krause  
Alberta Municipalities