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## **New Rocky View County Sworn In Council Elects Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Boards, and Committee Appointments**

**October 28, 2025** – Rocky View County’s new council was sworn in Tuesday by Assistant Chief Justice Eric Tolppanen. Council then conducted the first orders of business with more than 40 appointments to various County boards and committees.

The meeting began with the selection by Council of Reeve Sunny Samra, Division 6 and Deputy Reeve Samantha Wright, Division 4. The Reeve serves as head of Council and chairs Council meetings. Both the Reeve and Deputy Reeve appointments are for one year.

“It is an honour to serve as Reeve on behalf of Rocky View County residents,” said Reeve Sunny Samra. “As Council begins its new term, we will continue to focus on service excellence, responsible growth, and collaboration across our communities. Rocky View County’s strength lies in its people and communities, and we look forward to continuing to build a vibrant, sustainable future together.”

County councillors received applications for board and committee membership in advance, and reviewed the merits of each applicant before voting on the appointments during Tuesday’s meeting. These appointments are from one to four years, and the list of appointees confirmed during the meeting includes:

### **Internal Boards and Committees**

- **Agricultural Service Board / ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee**  
Council Members: Greg Boehlke, Kevin Hanson, Don Kochan  
Member at Large: Angela Bates  
Chair: Councillor Greg Boehlke
- **Assessment Review Board**  
Members at Large: Louis Champagne, Christian Karl, Pat Rozitis, Ken Sawatzky
- **Bragg Creek FireSmart Committee**  
Council Member: Kevin Hanson  
Members at Large: Richard Chambers, Mark Griffiths, Denyse Lepp, Corey Stoneman, Anton van Arendonk  
Chair: Councillor Kevin Hanson

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## **Internal Boards and Committees – *continued***

- **Capital Committee:** Chair: Councillor Don Kochan
- **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
Council Members: Ken Ball, Greg Boehlke, Kevin Hanson, Don Kochan, Alison Whiting
- **Family and Community Support Services Board**  
Council Members: Kevin Hanson, Alison Whiting  
Members at Large: Mark Derry, Inderjit Jaswal  
Chair: Councillor Alison Whiting
- **Governance Committee:** Chair: Councillor Kevin Hanson
- **Public Presentation Committee:** Chair: Councillor Alison Whiting
- **Recreation Governance Committee:** Chair: Councillor Ken Ball
- **Subdivision & Development Appeal Board / Enforcement Review Committee**  
Members at Large: Pip Farrar, Jacek Plonkowski, Dharminder Premi, Jiayi Wang

## **External Boards and Committees**

- **Aqua 7 Water Commission:** Council Member: Greg Boehlke
- **Intermunicipal Committee - Municipal District of Bighorn**  
Council Members: Deputy Reeve Samantha Wright, Alison Whiting
- **Intermunicipal Committee - Kneehill County**  
Council Member: Greg Boehlke, Alternate Councillor Representative: Reeve Sunny Samra
- **Intermunicipal Committee - Mountain View County**  
Council Members: Deputy Reeve Samantha Wright, Greg Boehlke, Alison Whiting
- **Intermunicipal Committee - Wheatland County**  
Council Members: Reeve Sunny Samra, Greg Boehlke
- **K.I.B.A. Beiseker Seed Cleaning Plant:** Council Member: Greg Boehlke
- **Prairie Economic Gateway Oversight Committee**  
Council Members: Reeve Sunny Samra, Deputy Reeve Samantha Wright
- **Rocky View Foundation** Council Members: Ken Ball, Kevin Hanson

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## External Boards and Committees – *continued*

- **Spray Lake Sawmills Recreation Park Society:** Council Member: Alison Whiting
- **Springbank Park for All Seasons Agricultural Society:** Council Member: Kevin Hanson
- **South Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta (SCRMA) District 2 Board:**  
Council Member: Reeve Sunny Samra, Alternate Councillor Representative: Deputy Reeve Samantha Wright

Council also passed a Motion Rising asking for a report in early 2026 that will explore ways to improve how public members are appointed to boards and committees, with the goal of making the process more modern, fair, and effective.

Note that members at large may include residents who are appointed to represent a specific geographic area or community, or to represent a partnering agency in the board or committee.

For more information on any Rocky View County board or committee, visit the Boards and Committees section at [Boards & Committees | Rocky View County](#).

### *Attachments:*

- Photo 1 – Rocky View County Council  
Back, left to right: Councillor Don Kochan, Division 2; Councillor Alison Whiting, Division 3; Councillor Greg Boehlke, Division 5; Councillor Kevin Hanson, Division 1  
Front, left to right: Reeve Sunny Samra, Division 6, Deputy Reeve Samantha Wright, Division 4, Councillor Ken Ball, Division 7
- Photo 2 – Newly sworn-in Reeve Sunny Samra
- Photo 3 – Newly sworn-in Deputy Reeve Samantha Wright

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