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Seven-year-old Cason and his mom Chay Feuser of Sylvan Lake. Cason is recovering from a cougar attack that took place while camping near Rocky on July 31. SUBMITTED

Boy recovering from cougar attack

'He's never lost his sparkle'

BY DIANE SPOOR STAFF REPORTER

"Trying to keep him down has been the hardest challenge."

Chay Feuser said since her seven-year-old son Cason was released from the hospital after being attacked by a cougar near Rocky on July 31 the biggest challenge has been keeping him settled and not too rambunctious, to let his wounds heal.

"We got home Tuesday night (Aug. 2) and he was already trying to do handstands, play hockey and play with nerf guns. He's never lost his sparkle," Feuser said, adding they are really encouraging Lego and Nintendo and screen time.

Feuser said Cason is feeling really good and so they are also trying to carry on with normal life. "We went to a Gulls game Wednesday night and I was totally unprepared to do that. But the trauma nurse said if there are normal things he wants to do, that we have to do that otherwise it will be more damaging for him."

"Healing is going so good." Feuser said. "He has one spot on his cheek that keeps swelling so I'm going to take him and get that checked but it's not hot to the touch and he's on really strong antibiotics. And that is the only thing we are a little concerned about."

Cason will get his staples out on Aug. 16 and Feuser said after that the main

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Town discusses RCMP funding, Clean Energy bylaw

BY GLEN MAZZA EDITOR

The Town of Rocky Mountain House covered a variety of topics at their Aug. 2 meeting and there were several highlights.

CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

A public hearing was held at the Aug. 2 regular council meeting of the Town of Rocky Mountain House for revising the bylaw for the Clean Energy Improvement

Town of Rocky director of corporate services Betty Quinlan said the bylaw is for "laying out the procedures to implement the program." She added that the changes to the bylaw are mainly "housekeeping" to adding definitions and complying with the Municipal Government Act.

In an email, one ratepayer

questioned why he had to fund the program. The town replied stating that the program is not at his expense and is on a cost-recovery basis. The municipality receives a zero-percent loan of up to \$776,400 along with a grant of \$618,800 from the federal Green Municipal Fund. There are nine active applications and the program is not available for non-residential/commercial properties, but that may change in the future.

"The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) is an innovative financing tool for property owners to finance up to 100 per cent of home energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy installations. In the Town of Rocky Mountain House, CEIP offers competitive financing and makes repayment convenient through your property's regular tax bill," the town explained

when they promoted the program in the past.

"Eligible residential upgrade categories include: heating, ventilation, air conditioning, doors, windows, insulation and air sealing, high-efficiency water heating, lighting controls and fixtures, and renewable energy solar photovoltaic and thermal systems," stated the promotion.

A motion passed to amend the bylaw.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Grayham Symko, the town's finance manager, gave a financial update up to June 30.

He said that recreation revenue and expenses are significantly higher than last year because more facilities and programs are running since there aren't

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Stewardship Fair in Nordegg

The Recreational Stewardship Fair was held at the parking lot of the Nordegg Public Services Building on Aug. 6 and it was a chance for the public to learn how to be a better steward of the land. Trout Unlimited representatives Angela Ten and Lili-Maude Craig spoke to visitors and residents of the area. They shared information on a variety of topics including how to keep harmful substances out of waterways and the catch and release program. They also mentioned invasive species like Prussian carp that should be destroyed if caught. More photos on A7.

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County presents draft Municipal Development Plan in Nordegg

BY GLEN MAZZA EDITOR

Clearwater County is presenting its draft Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and one of the public meetings was held at Nordegg on Aug. 6. The MDP has been described as a long-term policy framework meant to inform what the county will look like in the future. It is a requirement of the provincial government and it provides a basis for land use bylaws, subdivisions and development.

Public engagement on the draft MDP provides feedback and a range of options for county council to consider for future possibilities for development. Consultant Liz Armitage, Bill Shaw, interim director of planning, and Amanda Rodriguez, heritage and westcountry coordinator, spoke to a crowd at the Nordegg Public Services Building on Aug. 6. The meeting was attended by residents, numerous county staff, the consultant and all county councillors except one.

It was explained that there are considerations for hamlets along with farm, industrial and residential subdivisions.

After the presentation, many of the comments were specific to Nordegg and not just the draft MDP.

Nordegg residents were concerned with



Clearwater County hosted a public meeting in Nordegg Aug. 6 to present its draft Municipal Development Plan

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residences used as vacation rentals with bylaws for things like fireworks and pets being violated. Also cited were things like the lack of a long-term golf course lease,

public works excavating one area repeatedly, the three-year plan and land use planning. Someone suggested a separate

meeting because the

issues were outside of

the draft MDP discussion which was the focus of the Aug. 6 event. Some Nordegg property owners also want a Nordegg steering committee.

Rodriguez asked attendees to send those concerns to her.

During the discussion of MDP options, the topic of small-scale campgrounds and use of land for private recreational purposes was brought forward. Attendees did not voice opposition to those ideas.

Reeve Daryl Lougheed said he appreciated the "great level of turnout."

"This is your document ... to reflect what you say," he concluded.

As for public input, Shaw spoke and said the staff "try to put this all together on behalf of the community for council." He said if a resident

He said if a resident doesn't like the draft, they should speak up.

Another open house is scheduled for Aug. 10 at Lou Soppit Community Centre in Rocky at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On Aug. 11, there will be an open house at the Caroline Community Centre Hub at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

SURVEY EMPHASIZED

County representatives pushed for everyone to complete the MDP survey. It must be submitted by Aug. 19, 2022 and it is available on paper or online at https://arcg.is/191SWe.



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The Battle of the Rockies World Professional Chuckwagon races return to Rocky Mountain House on Aug. 18–21. **B4/5**.

