

Council Highlights

JUNE 26, 2023

Public Hearing -Bylaw 15/2023 - Land Use Bylaw Amendments

Cochrane's new Land Use Bylaw was approved by Council on February 28, 2022. Since then, a comprehensive review and monitoring program has been carried out to identify where any amendments are required. Bylaw 15/2023 details all the required amendments. Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 15/2023 on June 12 and the Public Hearing was held. This Bylaw will come back for Second and Third Reading on July 10, 2023

Bylaw 16/2023 – Downtown Road Closure

The purpose of the road closure is to close an undeveloped road allowance and consolidate it with 639 First Street East to create one larger parcel for future development. Council gave First Reading of the Bylaw and set the Public Hearing for July 10, 2023.

Bylaw 18/2023 – Water Utility Bylaw Amendment

Pinky De La Cruz, Director, Engineering and Asset Services, requested that Council give First Reading to the Water Utility Bylaw Amendment. The Amendment is required to support Cochrane's 25-year growth and water supply requirements, the Town needs to acquire new water licences. An allowable and defensible mechanism to fund the acquisition of new water licences is the use of Water Licence Connection Fees (Connection Fees). The Connection Fees will be based on the size of the water meter that will be installed in new properties and developments in Cochrane. Administration is recommending the implementation of Connection Fees to start on September 1, 2023. Council gave First reading, and this Bylaw will come back for Second and Third Reading on July 10, 2023

HWY 22 to Riverview Syphon Project - Additional Budget Request

Drew Hyndman, Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services requested Council approve \$1,519,000 of additional funding for the 2023 Highway 22 to Riverview Syphon Capital Project to be 100% funded from off-site levy debt. The existing HWY 22 syphon that conveys wastewater from communities north and west of HWY 22 is only flowing at approximately 30% of its design capacity. Administration explored the installation of maintenance manholes to flush the existing syphon but the received bids from multiple contractors proved to be prohibitive. As an alternative, the project team recommended to construct a secondary (twin) syphon approximately along the existing syphon alignment. Aside from the cost consideration, twinning sanitary syphons is a best practice to improve the resiliency and provide redundancy for a critical component of the wastewater collection system. In addition to the \$1,519,000.00 Council authorized the purchase of \$500,000 worth of materials by early July to be funded from the \$5,151,000 budget already approved for this project, \$300,000 to install maintenance infrastructure in the existing syphon to be funded from capital reserve and \$100,000 to flush the existing syphon to be funded from the Wastewater Utilities operating budget reserve.

Bylaw 19/2023 – Highway 22 to Riverview Syphon Borrowing

As part of this additional funding request Alvin Allim, Director, Financial and Information Services, presented First Reading of Bylaw 19/2023 to Council. This Bylaw will come back for Second and Third Reading at a Council approved, Special Meeting on July 24, 2023.

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Fire Services Level of Service Policy 1402-02 Amendment

Stacey Loe, Executive Director, Protective and Community Services, presented a proposed policy update to the Fire Services Level of Service Policy and Procedure 1402-02. This update would increase Fire Services medical first response level from emergency medical responder to full-scope basic life support at the primary care paramedic level. The changes identified in the Level of Service Policy and Procedure which would increase the level of service to response no greater than full-scope BLS at the primary care paramedic level when available. When full-scope basic life support at the primary care paramedic level is not available, Fire Services will continue to respond to support citizens with the level of service available at the time of service. The finalized document will then be submitted to the Alberta Medical First Response program to formalize the level of service change.



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