

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Monday December 13, 2021



## **DELEGATION: CALGARY METROPOLITAN REGION BOARD**

Greg Clark and Jordon Copping, the Board Chair and Chief Officer, presented an overview of the recently finalized Board Vision, the Board-approved Growth and Servicing Plans, and the dispute resolution mechanism submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in June 2021. They provided an update on next steps and future work of the CMRB.

## **PROCEDURAL BYLAW AMENDMENT**

Council gave second and third reading to the Procedural Bylaw 10/2021. The amendments provide Council with the ability to set Council meeting and Committee of the Whole dates and times annually, removes the Information Request section, and clarifies the process for evaluating when and how delegations come before Council. Council also cancelled the January 4, 2022 Committee of the Whole.

## **COMMITTEE AND PARTNERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**

In June of 2021, Council authorized Administration to dispose of Lot 3PUL, Block 9, Plan 131 1688 (45B Willow Close), an existing Public Utility Lot, for no less than market value. This property was designated as a public utility lot for the purpose of snow storage at the time the neighbourhood was developed. Through internal review, it was determined that the parcel is not required for any municipal purpose, now or into the future.

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 11/2021 and established a Public Hearing for January 10, 2022 at 5:30pm.

## **2021 COMMITTEE REVIEW**

The Procedural Bylaw directs that the Manager of Legislative Services facilitate an annual review by Council of all Committees' Terms of Reference, including consideration of current legislation and comments received from the committee chairs and supporting administration.

Administration recommended amendments to the FCSS Advisory Board Terms of Reference to ensure odd numbering of the committee appointments and remove the United Way Representative appointment. As there is no longer a United Way committee that sits independent of the FCSS Advisory Board, the Board determined that all Public At Large appointments be made via Council resolution. Council endorsed the proposed amendment.

## **2022-2024 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Council adopted the 2022-2024 operating and capital budget. The 2022 operating budget includes \$35 million in planned non-tax revenue and \$68 million in expenses, which will provide the financial resources needed to maintain existing service levels, improve resiliency, address Council's priorities and follow policy, while considering financial viability.

It includes investments, \$29 million in 2022 and a further \$25 million in 2023- 2024, in the capital assets needed to improve transportation infrastructure, protect and improve water and wastewater systems, repair facility infrastructure, acquire equipment tools needed for service delivery, and plan and prepare for future recreation activities.

The 2022-2024 budgets also include changes to service fees. The utility rates are contained in specific bylaws, which require separate Council approval. A change from previous years is to make the new rates effective March 1, 2022 rather than January 1, providing the opportunity to communicate rate changes to our customers in advance.

A final budget book will be posted on the Town's website in January.

## **IN-CAMERA ~ ADVICE FROM OFFICIALS**

Following an In-Camera session, Council passed motions to direct Administration to dispose of the lands required to proceed with the Highway 1A/22 Interchange project at no less than market value and to work with Alberta Transportation on the acquisition of the lands required from the proposed Highway 1A improvements, as well as to dispose of Roll #5400, 320 Powell Street for no less than market value.

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