

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Monday June 28, 2021



## **DELEGATION – COCHRANE PRIMARY CARE CENTRE**

At the request of Council, Administration invited Darren Caines, Executive Director of the Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network (PCN) to provide an update on the upcoming closure of the Cochrane Primary Care Centre, the related impacts and continued access to services for Cochrane residents.

## **OFFSITE LEVY BYLAW**

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 09/2021 Offsite Levies and established a non-statutory public hearing on Monday, July 12 at 6PM.

## **ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE**

The Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF) was created by Council during the height of the pandemic to focus on economic recovery in Cochrane, collaborating with local business, community organizations and higher levels of government to create opportunities in support of our local economy. The ERTF provided Council with recommendations that resulted in the creation of multiple projects to assist the Cochrane business community. As the Provincial Government has continued to ease COVID-19 restrictions and businesses are returning to normal operations, it was determined and agreed upon by the Task Force that the mandate set out by Council had been achieved. Council accepted the report for information and did not extend the term of the ERTF.

## **SOCIAL RECOVERY TASK FORCE**

The mandate of the Social Recovery Task Force (SRTF) was to collaborate with local support agencies and Provincial and Federal government to create opportunities to support and enhance the well-being, safety and resilience of Cochrane residents. The SRTF has now met the outcomes outlined in the Terms of Reference and the Task Force members agreed that Council's original mandate has been achieved. FCSS is committed to focusing on the social recovery of our community and will ensure that programs and services continue to support the well-being, safety and resilience of residents. Council accepted the report for information and did not extend the term of the SRTF.

## **COURTESY FLAG POLE POLICY**

With emerging interest in use of the courtesy flagpole in front of the Cochrane RancheHouse Events Centre, Administration drafted a policy to address inquiries in an equitable way. After receiving feedback at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 17, 2021 the policy was revised and presented to Council for consideration. Council approved the policy.

## **LIGHT THE BRIDGE POLICY**

After receiving feedback at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 17, 2021 the Light the Bridge policy was revised, incorporating some of Council's requests, and presented to Council for consideration. Council approved the policy.

## **NON-RESIDENTIAL SUB-CLASS**

At the April 19 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council received information regarding property tax rate-setting that included preliminary information about Alberta Regulation 202/2017, Matters Relating to Assessment Sub-Classes.

Administration researched the regulation to determine if it could be used to shift the property tax burden from small business to other types of businesses. The research shows that the Municipal Government Act and the supporting regulations would not facilitate this.

Council accepted the report for information and supported Administration's recommendation that sub-classes not be pursued at this time.

## **CORRIDOR PLAN: NON-STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST**

The draft Corridor Plan was presented to Council at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, where it was noted that Administration felt a Non-Statutory Public Hearing should be held to allow the opportunity for the public to provide comments directly to Council. Council established a non-statutory public hearing on July 12 at 6pm.

## **COCHRANE CROSSING – REMEDIATION FUNDING REQUEST**

During preliminary onsite excavations at the Cochrane Crossing, crews uncovered a significant area of site contamination. To complete the required site remediation, Council approved a Capital Project of \$800,000 for remediation of the Cochrane Crossing project site to address immediate remediation efforts estimated at \$500,000, and an additional \$300,000 for further site investigation and potential remediation. The funding will be allocated from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital Grant.

## **2021 QUARTER ONE FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Q1 2021 operational and capital results were shared with Council. The report demonstrated that both the Town's operating and capital budgets are on track.

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