

# Council Highlights

**May 15 2023**

## **Committee of the Whole**

### **Delegation – Bike Cochrane**

Paul Perrault, Director of Operations, Robert Martens, President and Jim Rooney, Vice President of Finance from Bike Cochrane presented their proposed multi-use trails in Rivercrest/South Bow River area. Bike Cochrane's vision is to develop a cycling-friendly culture in Cochrane through the implementation of safe infrastructure for transportation, recreation and competition.

Bike Cochrane would like to participate regularly as a recognized stakeholder group in road and community planning, park (re)development, construction projects and area transportation plans, work with public and private landowners and managers to allow public cycling trails and assist in providing and maintaining access to cycle pathways, trails and facilities, for use by the public.

### **Budget Task Force**

During the 2023-2025 budget deliberations, members of Council expressed an interest in considering budget process improvements and Administration recommended a task force. The task force was struck to review the current process, obtain information about alternative processes, review the information, and use it to develop improvement recommendations that will be brought back to Council for consideration.

CAO Derricott provided an update on the Budget Process Task Force discussions to date and an overview of next steps.

### **Greystone Development Updates**

Following the adoption of the Greystone Area Structure Plan and Neighbourhood Plan, Burnswest has begun the development of the Greystone community. The Developer of Burnswest provided Council with an update on Phases 1-6 of Greystone as well as plans for 2023 and current and future investments within the Greystone community.

### **COLT Direction**

In follow up to the March 20 Council Report which addressed several key questions raised about transit in Cochrane, Administration presented a report with several recommendations and proposed operational changes. Accommodating demand remains a significant challenge for COLT. Improving system efficiency and scale to supply demand remain top priorities, while also managing associated costs. Administration will bring back another report which will include funding methodology for any service delivery adjustments. It is estimated that the proposed high-priority and mid-term service enhancements together will result in a \$503,985 increase to the 2023 Operating Budget.