

Council Highlights

November 28 2022

Public Hearings

Two public hearings took place, providing stakeholders the opportunity to comment and provide feedback for Council's consideration.

Bylaw 11/2022 Western Heritage Design Framework

Bylaw 11/2022 Western Heritage Design Framework received second and third readings. The update was undertaken as part of the Land Use Bylaw review project with the purpose of integrating the framework fully into Land Use Bylaw and form part of the Development Permit review process.

Bylaw 17/2022 Greystone Phase 5 Land Use Amendment

Bylaw 17/2022 Greystone Phase 5 Land Use Amendment received second and third readings. This land use amendment is intended to facilitate residential development as well as a large 12-acre park space within the Greystone Community and is in alignment with the Greystone Area C Neighbourhood Plan.

Regular Council

Town of Cochrane – Rocky View County Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement

Council approved the Cochrane and Rocky View County Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement. In early 2022, Cochrane and Rocky View County (RVC) jointly began drafting a new Recreation Services Cost Sharing Agreement with the endorsement of the Intermunicipal Committee (IMC). The agreement supports two funding models over the five-year period:

- From 2023 to 2025, the County shall provide Cochrane with an annual financial contribution of \$100 per household, based on 3004 households. For 2023, the County shall deduct the final debenture payment of \$40,980 from the annual contribution.
- For 2026 and 2027, the County shall provide Cochrane an annual financial contribution based on actual facility data usage and the percentage of County users in proportion of the Town's annual financial contribution



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2022 Fire Engine Replacement Capital Project

Council approved the requested increase of \$250k to the previously approved \$1,000,000 for the 2022 Fire Engine Replacement Capital Project. With the world economy shifting and correlating supply chain impacts, the cost of this key apparatus has increased.

Pricing received to date will only be held until November 30, with an additional known increase of approximately \$50,000 after that date. With build times for the Engine, it is anticipated to be delivered in fall of 2024.

4th Avenue Wall Enhancement

In 2021, Council approved \$1.5M to enhance the Fourth Avenue retaining wall from a basic shotcrete, rough finished wall to a smoother, higher quality cast-in place finished wall. Measuring approximately 100 meters in width and up to 9 meters in height, this provides the opportunity for this wall to be gateway feature that will provide a unique placemaking and community identifier for Cochrane.

Administration explored options to incorporate artistic elements and features to the wall and identified a preferred option which builds on Cochrane's unique identity and western heritage. These artistic features and enhancements would entail an additional budget request of \$250k.

Council directed Administration to bring back a revised strategy related to the decision of the fourth avenue wall enhancements, including public engagement opportunities as well as enhancement options within the existing \$1.5M budget.

Administration presented their revised strategy, including highlighting that the reserve fund for the enhancement was 100% developer funded, and Council approved the additional budget request of \$250,000 which will be drawn from the Arts and Endowment Reserve Fund.

Appointment of Audit Firm

The Town of Cochrane's contract for audit services expired in 2021. The Financial Services team underwent an open competition for audit services for 2022 - 2024. Council approved the appointment of Metrix Group LLP Chartered Professional Accountants (Metrix Group).

