

Council Highlights

October 3 2022

Committee of the Whole

Burnco Delegation

Travis Coates, Senior Manager Land and Resource with BURSCO provided Council with an update on the Cochrane West gravel pit application in Rocky View County.

This project proposes to increase the overall size of an existing BURSCO gravel pit, for an additional 125 hectares of lands through the addition of adjacent land parcels. This will add 6,500,000 tonnes of aggregates. The combined sites are expected to operate for 30 to 35 years.

Local Government Fiscal Framework

Since 2007, the Government of Alberta has provided capital and operating funds to municipalities through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). The MSI program is ending in 2023 and will be replaced with the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) beginning in 2024.

Administration believes there is an opportunity for joint advocacy with our municipal neighbours to request a larger portion of the funding formula for municipalities such as ours which are the economic engines of Alberta.

Fourth Avenue Wall Enhancements

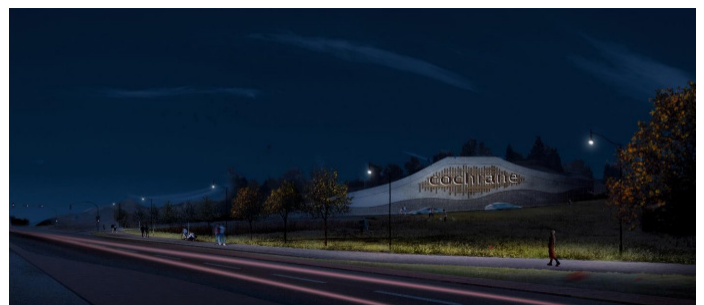
In 2021, Council approved \$1.5M to enhance the Fourth Avenue retaining wall from a basic shotcrete, rough-finished wall to a smoother, higher quality cast-in place finished wall. Measuring approximately 100 meters in width and up to 9 meters in height, this provides the opportunity for this wall to 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 and will be included as a budget request in the 2023-2025 budget cycle. If approved by Council, the project team will incorporate these enhancements in the construction of the wall with a target completion for summer of 2023.

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Western Heritage Design Framework

The proposed Western Heritage Design Framework is an update to the Western Heritage Design Guidelines (2000). The update was undertaken as part of the Land Use Bylaw review project with the purpose of integrating the guidelines fully into Town regulations and form part of the Development Permit review process.

Further consideration has been put into items highlighted from Council's previous review of the document including: Changes to put additional emphasis on First Street; adjustment of the boundaries of the character areas; and, removal of cash-in-lieu policies.

A bylaw amendment will be brought forward for Council's consideration to incorporate the Western Heritage Design Framework into Land Use Bylaw at a future meeting of Council.

