

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Monday September 13, 2021



## **HERITAGE HILLS STAGE 2 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT: PUBLIC HEARING**

Following a non-statutory public hearing, Council gave second and third reading to the proposed amendments to the Heritage Hills Stage 2 Neighbourhood Plan Amendment.

These amendments provide product types that the developer felt was more in-line with market demand and introduced some changes to the proposed garden lots within the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **COCHRANE TRACK AND FIELD**

Members of the Cochrane Track and Field Association (CTFA) presented Council with a detailed update regarding the multi-purpose turf field. and requested a letter of commitment and a commitment of \$600,000 to be included in the 2022 capital budget for consideration.

Council directed Administration to provide a letter of support to the CTFA for the multi-purpose turf field project and further that Administration include \$600,000 for the project in the 2022 Budget for Council consideration.

## **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION REPORT**

In June 2021, Council directed Administration to prepare a report on how the Town can formalize the commitment to the principles of Truth and Reconciliation and identify the suggested resources required to complete the recommendations for the upcoming year.

Administration highlighted that dedicated resources are required to develop and implement any Truth and Reconciliation strategy and initiatives, including ongoing relationship building, education and cultural consultation with all Indigenous groups and communities.

Council directed administration to include resources required to advance the Truth and Reconciliation recommendations into the 2022 Budget for consideration, and also to consider a working committee as part of the 2022 budget deliberations that includes collaboration from the beginning with Indigenous community members.

## **PROCEDURAL BYLAW AMENDMENT**

The Procedural Bylaw regulates the proceedings and conduct of Council and Council Committee Meetings. Administration brought forward revisions to Procedural Bylaw for Council's consideration, including setting times and dates Council and Committee of the Whole meetings annually as part of the Organization or Inaugural meeting as well as providing clarity on the delegation process. Council deferred second and third reading of this bylaw for consideration by the future Council.

## **AUMA EMERGENT RESOLUTION: AMBULANCE SERVICE DELIVERY**

In advance of the 2021 AUMA Convention in November, a joint emergent resolution has been drafted regarding the degradation of Alberta Health Services Emergency Medical Services specifically related to ambulances and its impact on municipal operations. Council supported this resolution to be brought forward to the AUMA for consideration.

## **2021 MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: UPDATE**

Administration provided an update to Council on four of the Town's significant capital projects:

- Highway 1A improvements project
- New Protective Services Building
- The Station at Cochrane Crossing
- Highway 1A/22 Utility Relocation

Council accepted the report for information.

## **HORSE CREEK SPORTS PARK PROJECT UPDATE**

Administration provided Council with an update on the progress of the work related to the Horse Creek Sports Park and the proposed refinements to the Master Site Plan that were finalized by the Parks & Recreation Committee in August 2021.

A Master Site Plan was originally adopted by Council in 2019, which included a proposal for a development in the northwest portion of the quarter section that never materialized. Recognizing an opportunity to revisit and optimize the design for the proposed sports park, Council approved funding in 2021 for this work.

The Project Team continues to work on a number of other critical matters related to the proposed sports park, including the phasing, project funding and overall project governance. Town Administration plans to work with Rocky View Schools regarding the proposed refinements to the Master Site Plan to gain their support and approval, as well as complete the formal purchase of the property. It is anticipated that this work will proceed throughout the Fall of 2021 and a future update on this important recreation project will be provided to Council in the New Year.

## **PROCLAMATION – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL**

Following a request from the Girl Guides, Council proclaimed October 11<sup>th</sup> as International Day of the Girl. It is a day to honor girls and promote their empowerment and human rights. When girls have access to all these things, they have the potential to change their own lives, the lives of their families and communities, and beyond. When we invest in girls today, we invest in future entrepreneurs, mentors, political leaders, mothers, activists and innovators. The Town of Cochrane proclaimed Oct 11 as International Day of the Girl.

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