

COCHRANE

Council Highlights



November 27, 2023

Regular Council Meeting

Bylaw 24/2023 – 365 Railway Street Land Use Amendment

Mark Krysinski, Director, Community Growth presented Council with a Land Use Bylaw Amendment which would re-designate this property to Direct Control (DC-02) District, based on the General Commercial (C-G) District and allow for the continued use of a Greenhouse and Garden Centre as a Permitted Use within the DC-02 District. Council gave First Reading of the Bylaw and set the Public Hearing for Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. This was carried unanimously.

Cochrane Advocacy Priorities and Community Campaign

Ms. Kristin Huybrecht, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations & Corporate Communications presented Council with the 2023/2024 Advocacy Priorities and Community Campaign as presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 16, 2023. While Cochrane shares advocacy priorities with other communities, namely through Alberta Municipalities (AB Munis) and the Alberta Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus (MCMC), it is important that Cochrane advocates for its own unique needs.

The recommended advocacy priorities for 2023 and 2024 include:

- water licensing
- community infrastructure
- roadways

As part of building a complete community, Administration recommended prioritization of advocacy efforts on Provincial responsibilities, including:

- health care and EMS
- education

Council approved this unanimously.

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Order of Cochrane

The Order of Cochrane is presented to individuals who, by their commitment, vision, and leadership have created a lasting legacy in the development of our community.

Recipients are nominated by community members, through an online nomination process. The 2022 recipients were nominated in Q1 2023. In Q1 2024, the community will be invited to nominate 2023 recipients.

The 2022 nominees were:

- Robert Hatch
- Stephenie Shelstad
- Renee Delwisch
- Dan Kroffit (nominated twice)
- Councillor Marni Fedeyko

Council each nominated one individual through secret ballot, the award will be presented at a future council meeting.

Rivercrest Signal Funding Request

Drew Hyndman requested that Council direct Administration to withdraw \$150,000 from reserves to contribute to the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of River Heights Drive and Rivercrest Drive. Administration has proposed to enter into a Cost Sharing Agreement with the developers of the Rivercrest community to facilitate the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of River Heights Drive and Rivercrest Drive in 2024. This area of Cochrane has experienced rapid growth and change over the last number of years, particularly following the opening of the Jack Tennant Memorial Bridge that added significant new traffic to the River Heights Drive and existing community. Several residents have expressed their concerns with this traffic and the impacts on the community, requesting Administration provide solutions to this matter. This was carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion

Councillor McFadden presented a Notice of Motion that Administration be directed to prepare a Bylaw requiring a Statement of Disclosure as per Section 171 of the Municipal Government Act and brought back for Council consideration prior to February 28, 2024. The Notice of Motion was carried.

In Camera

Two In-camera items were presented to Council pertaining to Exception under Section 24(1)(a), Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ~ Advice from Officials and pertaining to Exception under Section 24(1)(d), Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ~Advice from Officials.