

Council Highlights

September 11, 2023

Regular Council

Introductions

Stacey Loe, Executive Director, Protective & Community Services, introduced Jay Judin, Director, Protective Services to Council.

FireSmart Grant Application

Chief Polley was seeking Council's support for the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) FireSmart Grant. The FRIAA FireSmart Program helps communities and residents manage and reduce the threat of wildfire. The program supports communities in carrying out activities aimed at reducing the threat of wildfire. As forests age and communities grow our community can take steps to reduce the effects of a serious wildfire causing significant damage to property and infrastructure. In 2018/2019 Cochrane received grant funding for \$35,000, Cochrane is now ready to apply for further grant funding to commence vegetation management in several priority locations. The first phase of the process is to apply through the Expression of Interest process where it will be determined if Cochrane is chosen to proceed to the stage of formal grant application. If successful in the Request for Expression of Interest, further information will be brought forward to Council.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Nagel presented a Notice of Motion that Council direct Administration to provide Council with information and options to update the permitted uses available on 365 Railway Street West, to be aligned with the historical land use of the property, and to accommodate the landowner's past and ongoing commercial and/or industrial activities. Council voted by 2/3 majority to vote on the Motion immediately and the motion was passed, unanimously. Administration will bring their report back to the September 25, 2025

Councillor Fedeyko provided Council with notice of forthcoming Notice of Motion requesting that Council hold a public vote on whether each Council member remains confident in the leadership direction under CAO, Mike Derricott. This Notice of Motion will be brought forward at the September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting.

In Camera

Three In-Camera items were presented to Council pertaining to Personnel, and Advice from Officials. After the Advice from Officials In Camera presentation, Council returned to the Regular Meeting and directed that the In Camera meeting discussion and documents remain confidential pursuant to Sections 24 (1)(g) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and Council directed Administration to proceed with Option 1 as presented during the In Camera session.