



Council highlights

Delegation: Cochrane Historical & Archival Preservation Society

Lynn Ferguson, Museum Committee Chair, Cochrane Historical & Archival Preservation Society (CHAPS), presented Council with a proposal for a statue to be installed at the Cochrane Historic Museum.

The statue would be an opportunity to educate the public on the varied history of the Ranch Site and commemorate the CHAPS 25th Anniversary in 2024. CHAPs plan to unveil the carved statue to the community this summer and will be responsible for design and construction costs.

This will come back to a Regular Council meeting for Council endorsement.

2024 Water Resiliency Action Plan Update

Administration provided Council with an overview and update of the measures which make up Cochrane's Water Resiliency Action Plan.

The plan is comprised of measures and programs which have ensured Cochrane is well positioned and prepared to respond to not only current drought conditions, but other common municipal water resiliency pressures such as growth and aging infrastructure. The plan includes:

- Water Asset Management, Renewal and Optimization Program
- Communication, Civic Literacy and Incentive Programs
- Water License Acquisition
- Water Use Policies and Bylaw Updates
- Water Loss Mitigation Program

While Administration remains committed to continuing to work with our Regional & Provincial partners on drought planning and response, Cochrane's responsible water use strategies & policies have placed us in an excellent position to respond to drought pressures.

To ensure ongoing water conservation success, Administration will focus on ongoing community education and communication saturation.

Statement of Disclosure Bylaw

Councillor McFadden brought forward the following Notice of Motion at the November 27, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council:

"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 29, 2024."

Administration was seeking clarification specific to the intent and mechanism to move forward with the Statement of Disclosure process. Utilizing the feedback received, Administration will consider the discussion from the March 4 Committee of the Whole meeting when preparing updates to the existing Code of Conduct bylaw, which will be brought back to Council for discussion later this year.