

# Council highlights

## Delegation: Cochrane Tourism

Jo-Anne Oucharek, Executive Director, Cochrane Tourism Association, provided an update on the projects and programs funded by the Town, including the 2023 report and 2024 tourism plan.

## 2024 Major Capital Projects Update

Administration provided an update on the capital projects portfolio.

### Projects completed in 2023:

- The Station and Cochrane Crossing
- Protective Services Building
- Bow River Flood Recovery & Erosion Control
- Jumping Pound Flood Recovery & Erosion Control
- Established the Water Licence Connection Fee as a new funding mechanism to support Cochrane's Water Supply Strategy.

### 2024 projects:

- Completion of HWY 1A Improvements and wall enhancements
- Centre Avenue Improvements (Phase 3)
- East End Stormwater Improvements
- HWY 22 to Riverview Siphon
- 5th Avenue Servicing – Phase 1

## Historic Ranche & Glenbow Pathway Improvements

This project is intended to address the issues that impact the connectivity, accessibility, maintenance and environmental longevity of these natural spaces.

In 2022, Council endorsed an application securing \$770,400 of funding through the Active Transportation Fund. Subsequently, a

comprehensive review of Glenbow Park revealed a need to repair the bridges.

The projects, included in the 2023 and 2024 approved capital budgets, are brought forward as one project as they impact the same area. The work is planned to minimize disruption and reduce community impact. Work commenced in spring 2023 and is projected to continue until fall 2024.

On April 22, Administration will bring forward a request to Council for an additional \$619,210.75 to account for budget increases due to project timelines, inflation and compliance requirements.

## Bylaw 17/2024: Procedural Bylaw

With Cochrane's ongoing commitment to civic literacy and responsible municipal governance, Administration presented a draft Procedural Bylaw for Council's input ahead of it being brought forward for First Reading.

A procedural bylaw is one of the tools Council uses to ensure effective meetings. As such, direction from Council ensures the bylaw provides clarity on processes are to be followed, as well as how and when residents engage with Council within this forum.

The draft bylaw creates clear vision of Council process, without removing the key tools Council had requested remain intact.