

# Council Highlights

**October 17 2022**

**Committee of the Whole**

## **Delegation – Bike Cochrane**

Paul Perrault, Director of Operations from Bike Cochrane provided Council with an update of the Trail Stewardship Program, their Active Transportation Studies and the results of their pilot Bike Park program.

## **Seniors Property Tax Support Program**

Cochrane implemented a Seniors Property Tax Support Program in 2006 to assist low-income eligible senior property owners with a rebate on their taxes. To date, 156 applications have been received.

Administration has conducted a preliminary review of the program and will be adjusting our approach with a transition of the program from Tax and Assessment to Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). This will provide FCSS the opportunity to provide a comprehensive review of the program prior to making recommendations to Council for any changes. This evaluation will look to determine whether the program is meeting its intended goal of ensuring low-income seniors can maintain housing amidst rising costs.

## **Economic Development and Business License Bylaw Update**

Mike Korman, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, provided Council an update on Economic Development initiatives for 2022, including updates to the investment attraction website, and proposed amendments to the Business License Bylaw regarding short term rentals.

## **Land Use Bylaw: Six Month Update**

Cochrane's new Land Use Bylaw was approved by Council on February 28, 2022, following a comprehensive review and rewrite of the original document. The approval of the bylaw commenced a review and monitoring program to evaluate the implementation of the new Land Use Bylaw and ensure the encompassed procedures and regulations were functioning properly.

A one-year bylaw update will be brought forward in spring 2023, along with any necessary amendments. The bylaw will continue to be monitored at one-year increments following that date, to ensure the document is kept current and that any ongoing issues are addressed.



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