



Council highlights

Transit study: what we heard report

Administration provided an update on the transit study, which has laid the groundwork for an updated COLT network design. The study gathered system data, best practices and feedback from two rounds of community engagement, which reached over 1,200 residents. The what we heard report demonstrated that 71% of respondents supported modest tax and fare increases for enhancements like more buses, longer hours and Sunday service.

The next step in COLT's evolution is a hybrid model of fixed routes and on-demand service. On October 15th, administration will present transit scenarios and the budget impacts to each scenario and associated service level for Council's consideration. Once approved, a draft of the detailed service design and implementation plan will be presented.

Waste management bylaw amendment

Administration presented a proposed bylaw amendment to address the increasing issue of construction waste in developing communities. The amendment has been developed to create clearer community expectations and compliance by builders in how construction waste is managed.

Glenpatrick Drive infrastructure replacement project

Administration provided an update on this project, which includes replacing the water, sanitary, storm and roadway infrastructure from Fifth Ave to the Glenbow Elementary school.

As the current infrastructure has reached the end of its service life span, the project includes

replacing the infrastructure, as well as the installation of new sidewalks and pathways for the future development on the Fifth Ave site (rodeo grounds).

As part of the recommended improvements in Connecting Cochrane, the roadway will be widened in sections and will include traffic calming measures to support the recommended improvements and improve public safety. Additionally, the existing three-way intersection adjacent to Glenbow Elementary school will be replaced with a roundabout to further facilitate public safety within the community.

The project is in the detailed design phase. Pending Council approval in the 2025-2027 budget process, construction could start in spring 2025 with an anticipated completion date of fall 2026.

Notice of motion: Natural environment sustainability task force

In response to a notice of motion by Councillor Reed, Administration presented a draft terms of reference (TOR) for a natural environment protection task force for Council's consideration. Council provided feedback, which will be incorporated into the TOR and brought back to Council for formal consideration at the Regular meeting of Council on October 28, 2024. The meeting will discuss a resolution to form the Task Force and adopt its Terms of Reference.