

Council highlights

Bylaw 12/2026 ~ Heartland Stage 2 Area Structure Plan and Bylaw 13/2026 ~ Heartland Phase 14 Land Use Amendment Public Hearings

Public hearings took place for Bylaw 12/2026 and Bylaw 13/2026 proposing amendments to the Heartland Area Structure Plan and Phase 14 land use. The ASP amendment is required to enable the requested land use amendment.

The Land Use Amendment application is proposing a redesignation of the subject site from the Residential Medium Density District (R-MD) to the Neighbourhood Commercial District (C-N).

These bylaws are scheduled to come to Council for Second and Third Readings on October 13th.

Delegation ~ Alberta Wilderness Association

Kennedy Halvorson, Conservation Specialist of the Alberta Wilderness Association appeared in front of Council to present a briefing note, Coal Mining in the Eastern Slopes: Impacts to our Communities, Economy, and Environment. Kennedy explained the risks from new coal development in the Eastern Slopes and asked Council to consider advocating to the Government of Alberta for headwaters protection.

Council received the report and presentation for information.

Riversong Community Association Playground Proposal ~ Next Steps

At a previous meeting of Council, the Riversong Community Association proposed a community-led playground project in Precedence prompting Council's request for additional information on the site's history and park-planning processes. Administration confirmed that Municipal Reserve requirements were met and that the site's previous development as a social gathering space reflected its size, configuration, existing playground access, safety considerations, and review practices at the time. Administration recommends supporting the project through a fundraising and grant-support letter, discussions with the developer regarding a contribution, and consideration of a proposed \$175,000 municipal contribution through the 2027 budget process.

Council directed Administration to provide a letter of support to the Riversong Community Association for the proposed playground project; engage with the developer to explore a financial contribution and/or funding agreement; and include the project as a funding consideration in the 2027 budget for Council's consideration during budget deliberations.

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Alberta Community Partnership ~ Intermunicipal Grant Application

Administration is seeking Council's support to apply for up to \$150,000 through the Alberta Community Partnership – Intermunicipal Collaboration grant to develop a Regional Municipal Enforcement Training, Operational Readiness and Service-Delivery Framework with participating south-central Alberta municipalities. Cochrane would serve as managing partner, subject to grant approval and confirmation of municipal participation, with a maximum municipal contribution of \$5,000 toward the required 10% partner contribution. The initiative is limited to planning and capacity-building; it does not create a shared enforcement service or commit Council to future implementation, governance, or cost-sharing decisions.

Council approved Administration to move forward with the ACP-IC application, authorizing Cochrane to act as managing partner, and approve a municipal contribution of up to \$5,000, subject to grant approval and final partnership confirmation.