## Cochrane Council Highlights

# October 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

### Delegation – Rohit Communities – Heartland Update

Luciano Salvador, Executive Vice President, Rohit Group, introduced the new owners of Heartland, Rohit Group to Committee of the Whole. They provided Committee of the Whole with an update on the current status, goals, and

upcoming production for Heartland over the coming years.

#### **Procedural Bylaw Guiding Principles**

Jaylene Knight, Director, Legislative & Administrative Services, requested input from Committee of the Whole on a revised Procedural Bylaw. With the Town's ongoing commitment to civic literacy and responsible municipal governance, as well as identified challenges with the bylaw being too prescriptive and prone to misinterpretation, Ms. Knight presented some of the themes and challenges identified within the existing bylaw which facilitated the discussion around the principles. This will be brought back to a future Committee of the Whole for consideration.

### **Budget Task Force Update**

Alvin Allim, Interim Chief Financial Officer, provided Committee of the Whole with an update and recommendations brought forward from the Budget Process Task Force. The Task Force conducted a comprehensive review of the current process, gathered information about alternative approaches, and developed improvement recommendations in the following areas:

- Enhanced Public Engagement;
- Inclusion of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Counts, and;
- Added Graphics to Enhance Readability.

Administration intends to take Committee of the Whole's feedback and incorporate any viable suggestions ahead of bringing this topic back to a Regular Council meeting.

#### In Camera

One In Camera item was presented to Committee of the Whole pertaining to the Water Licensing Acquisition, exception under Section 24(1)(g), Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ~ Advice from Officials.

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