Cochrane Council Highlights

December 5 2022 Committee of the Whole

2022 RCMP Annual Report

As part of the Municipal Policing agreement and ongoing relationship, each year the RCMP provide a report on the year's policing activities and events for Council's information. Staff Sergeant Fournier presented the 2022 year to date statistical information on policing trends and provided insight into successes and challenges.

Budget Task Force

During Council budget deliberations it was expressed that the budget process should be reviewed to seek opportunities for improvement. Administration is recommending that Council strike a budget process task force that may include the Mayor, two Council members, and select members of Administration to review and make recommendations on potential process adjustments. The Task Force will act as an advisory body to Council and Administration.

A terms of reference will be developed and brought to a January committee meeting for review and then to a Regular Meeting for adoption.

2023-2025 Budget

Administration presented the draft 2023-2025 budget to Council on October 24, 2022. This was followed by special meetings on November 15, 16, and 21, 2022 to provide Council the opportunity to review and debate the draft operating and capital budget.

Following the budget presentation and Council deliberations, Council directed Administration to present options to reduce the overall operating budget with the intent of reducing the increase to property taxes. The overall impact of these amendments to the draft operating budget resulted in a new proposed tax rate increase, net of growth, of 3.7% for 2023.

The budget will come back to Council on December 12, 2022 for formal Council adoption.



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