

Council Highlights

February 21, 2023 Committee of the Whole

University District

Senior Development Manager for the University of Calgary Properties Group, Travis Oberg, presented Council with an overview on the history and development of University District in Calgary. Senior Administration engaged Mr. Oberg to provide this presentation to Council as an opportunity to learn from his experience and determine if there were elements of their community, and best practices, that could be incorporated into future developments in Cochrane.

Growth Study

Administration presented Council with an update on the Cochrane Growth Study (CGS). The study provides foundational information about anticipated growth over the next 25 years, land availability and, and what growth could look like (in three different scenarios) based on decision-making options.

The new CGS will replace the Growth Management Strategy from 2013, providing reasonably accurate estimates for population projections and associated land needs. The document will serve as a resource of information to support the preparation of a new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and other future master plans.

Historic Ranche and Glenbow Pathway Improvements

In March 2022, Council resolved to support the application to the Active Transportation Fund and approve up to \$550,000 to support the 60% matching funding from Infrastructure Canada.

Unfortunately the \$550,000 was not reflected accurately in the 2023 capital budget as it neglected to include the appropriate match-funding for the wayfinding project component. The total funding identified in the Budget document was reflected as \$1,150,000, inclusive of the funding from Infrastructure Canada. With the inclusion of the Wayfinding Project in the 2023 capital budget, an additional \$150,000 is required to align with the \$770,400 grant request.

Cochrane Ranche Clubhouse

Administration presented Council with information regarding the potential of maintaining a regular leaseholder in the Clubhouse facility during periods of low utilization to increase revenue and give potential businesses the opportunity to operate out of the site.

Administration reviewed the current operating model and created a business plan to evaluate options that would increase the use of the facility and maximize the potential of this community asset. Council provided Administration with guidance on utilization of the Clubhouse. Administration will bring back a report for Council's consideration based on that feedback for formal adoption at a future Council meeting.

