# **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Monday January 17, 2022



## ASSESSMENT REPORT

Council was provided with an update on the 2022 property assessment notices, which will be mailed to residents later this week. This year, the average residential single-family assessment increased by 8.73%, while the average nonresidential assessment increased by 1.66%.

#### **PROCUREMENT POLICY**

The current Purchasing Policy was last updated in 2015 and contains limited direction for the procurement of goods, services, and construction. Since that time, changes to the requirements of various Trade Agreements have occurred and the prices for goods and services have increased, thus creating inefficiencies for acquiring low value goods and/or services.

For these reasons, Administration is recommending a wholesale update and name change to the policy.

The draft policy was presented for discussion. Feedback will be used to guide modifications before an updated version is brought to Council for adoption.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Intergovernmental relations and Provincial advocacy have consistently been a priority of Cochrane Town Council. As this work has evolved in recent years, the Committee of the Whole meetings provide an opportunity to provide Council with regular updates on this work and ensure alignment with Council priorities. This will be facilitated through Council in regards to defining and approving policy, setting priority, and engagement in building and maintaining strategic relationships.

## INDIGENOUS PLACEMAKING INITIATIVE

The Rotary Club of Cochrane has been working on an indigenous placemaking initiative of reconciliation and partnership with indigenous people in this region and is asking if a member of Council would like to join their steering committee.

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