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Non-Statutory Public Hearing – Heritage Hills Stage 2 Neighbourhood Plan Amendment

A non-statutory public hearing was held for proposed amendments to the Heritage Hills Stage 2 Neighbourhood Plan. The developer wishes to proceed with the development of the existing acreage parcel in the north central portion of Heritage Hills, and amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan is the first step towards the development of the parcel.

Council received comments presented during the non-statutory public hearing and adopted for the amended Heritage Hills Stage 2 Neighbourhood Plan.

The Trail Capital Project Request

The Rotary Club of Cochrane requested the addition of "The Trail" capital project to the Town's 2022 Capital Budget. This project is to be funded through contributions from the Calgary Foundation, Rotary Club, Federal and Provincial Grants and currently does not have a financial impact on Cochrane taxpayers. Council approved the addition of this capital project to the 2022 Cochrane Capital Budget to allow flow through funding to the project.

Rocky View Foundation Request for Support

Rocky View Foundation (RVF), with six partnering municipalities, including Cochrane, are coordinating to establish operating and capital funding for seniors housing in Airdrie and Cochrane. Alberta Seniors and Housing has advised that RVF needs to have support from all six partner municipalities to add the Airdrie Lodge to their Ministerial Order. Further, they require that all municipalities approve requisitioning for the 60 units, and agree to requisitions for deficits, should one arise.

Council endorsed Rocky View Foundation's letter of support.

Seniors Property Tax Support Program

At the June 13 Council meeting, Council passed a resolution directing Administration to bring back a report on the utilization of the Seniors Property Tax Support Program and the impact of a \$250 increase to the rebate for Council's consideration.

The Town of Cochrane implemented a Seniors Property Tax Support Program in 2006 to assist low-income eligible senior property owners with a rebate on their taxes. To date, 119 applications have been received this year.

Council directed administration to review the Senior Property Tax Support Program and bring back recommendations for consideration prior to 2023 budget deliberations.

Cochrane 2023-2025 Strategic Plan

Council adopted the 2022-2025 Cochrane Strategic Plan. The 2022-2025 Cochrane Strategic Plan sets a bold vision for the future of Cochrane. These commitments will be reflected as Council sets their priorities, deliberates upcoming budgets and engages with the community.

