Safety Codes Section Update

Administration provided Council a summary/update of the Safety Codes area including:

- Safety Codes history and new department structure
- Permit and revenue trends
- Ongoing process efficiencies and improvements
- Overview of draft Safety Codes bylaw

The draft bylaw includes simplified language and references current regulations. It will come forward to Council for consideration at the June 27 Council meeting.

Cochrane Crossing Civic Plaza Art Task Force

Through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF), Cochrane was awarded \$750,000 in federal funding, with \$525,000 allotted for art installation. The CCRF is a two-year program to revitalize communities across Canada. This funding will be used to focus on creating a safe, inclusive, and diverse active space at the Cochrane Crossing Plaza with commissioned artwork and displays, free public wifi, colour controllable ambient lighting, additional built-in seating, and secure bike lockers.

Administration is recommending the creation of a Public Art Task Force to be an impartial advisory body to Council and Administration. The task force will review submissions for eligibility, and provide recommendations on successful proponent(s). A Procedural Bylaw Amendment will come forward at the June 27th Council meeting to formally create the Task Force and recruitment will begin for public at large members, with the goal of having appointments approved by Council in September.

