

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Council Meeting

May 25, 2021



DELEGATION: COCHRANE TRACK & FIELD ASSOCIATION

Members of the Cochrane Track and Field Association (CTFA) presented to Council on their vision for the tri-school field redesign.

The redesign includes the grass field located at the tri-school site (Elizabeth Barrett, Manachaban and Cochrane High).

Phase 1 includes an artificial turf field, bleachers, lighting and a score clock. Phase two includes a four lane oval running track.

The total project budget is estimated at \$3.5M. The Association requested Town support through a \$250,000 donation for phase 2.

Administration will review the request and bring recommendations back to Council for their consideration at a future Council meeting.

JOHN ROBINSON PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT

In 2017, the Town entered into a Road Dedication, Construction and Access Agreement with Mr. Robinson whereby for the next six years the property taxes paid on the land formally used for gravel extraction operations would be taxed at its 2018 assessed value.

Council approved a \$24,210.80 reduction in taxes in compliance with the agreement.

VANTAGE LAND CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT

In 2010, the Town entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Springwood Developments Inc. (Vantage Land Corporation) including terms to encourage the developer to proceed with remediation and development of the Quarry.

The terms allow the undeveloped portions of the site to be taxed as brownfield status until development permits are issued on the site. There is currently only 2.25 acres of the Quarry undeveloped. This agreement will end upon full build out of the Quarry.

Council approved a \$71,066.99 reduction in 2021 Community Revitalization Levy property taxes for Vantage Land Corporation in compliance with the agreement.

TOWN PROJECTS: APPLICATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST

The Town is currently working on several major capital projects. Two of those capital projects—the Protective Services Building and the Transit Hub & Innovation Centre—require the completion of a Development and Building Permit application and associated fee.

In an effort to reduce red tape, Council directed Administration to waive the applicable Development Permit and Building Permit fees for the Town's Protective Services Building and Transit Hub & Innovation Centre projects.

In the future, Administration will bring forward a policy recommending that all Town projects not be subject to these fees for Council's consideration.

2022-2024 BUDGET PROCESS

Council supported the following budget schedule:

- April-May 14: Public Budget Survey
- June 21: Survey results to Council
- Sep 7: Partner organization budget requests due
- Nov 8: Draft budget presented to Council
- Nov 9-11: Public Comment Period
- Nov 15: Council review and debate
- Nov 16: Council review and debate
- Nov 22: Council review and debate
- Nov 25: Council review and debate
- Dec 6: Amended budgets presented to Council
- Dec 13: Adoption of 2022-2024 budgets
- Jan 10: Final budget book published

PROCLAMATION

Council proclaimed June 7-13, 2021 Senior's Week in Cochrane.

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