

December 4, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Delegation – Route 22

Lara Kruger, Executive Director, Route 22 Artist Collective Ltd., provided Committee of the Whole with an update on their financial status and progress achieved through the funding and support received from the Town of Cochrane in 2022 and 2023.

Draft Budget 2024–2026

Following Draft Budget deliberations, Council directed Administration to make amendments to the Draft 2024–2026 Budget. Mike Derricott, CAO, provided an update to the draft budget summary that reflects these amendments for Committee of the Whole to review ahead of December 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Envision Cochrane 2050 – Policy Goal Discussion

Mark Krysiniski, Director, Community Growth and Rachelle Dillon, O2, presented Committee of the Whole with the main issues that have emerged from the Phase 1 engagement process of Envision Cochrane 2050 and with a set of alternative policy scenarios and 25-to-50-year visions statements to guide the policy goals for the next phases of Envision Cochrane 2050. Council is to consider these options over the course of one week before the December 11, 2023, Regular Council meeting, at this meeting Council will deliberate and make their decision on each set of policy goal options.

Cochrane Growth Study Update

John Popoff, Manager, Planning Services introduced Jennifer Comrie, Justin Barer and Kris Nelson from Urban Systems who presented Committee of the Whole with an update on the Cochrane Growth Study. The Cochrane Growth Study (CGS) is being prepared to provide Administration, Council, the public and all municipal stakeholders with foundational information about how much growth is anticipated over the next 25 years, what land is available and suitable for growth, and what growth could look like in four different scenarios based on different decision-making options. Although not a strategic or policy-making document, the new CGS will replace the Growth Management Strategy (2013) for providing reasonably accurate estimates for population projections and associated land needs.

In-Camera

There were two In-Camera items both remain confidential pursuant to Section 24(1)(g), Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ~ Advice from Officials.