

COCHRANE

Council Highlights



December 11, 2023

Public Hearing – Bylaw 24/2023 – 365 Railway Street Land Use Amendment

The purpose of the Land Use Bylaw Amendment would to re-designate 365 Railway Street to a Direct Control (DC-02) District, based on the General Commercial (C-G) District and allow for the continued use of a Greenhouse and Garden Centre as a Permitted Use within the DC-02 District. Council considered comments from all in attendance.

Regular Council Meeting

Bylaw 24/2023 – 365 Railway Street Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Following discussion at the Public Hearing, Council added this item to the agenda for the Regular Council meeting. Council agreed to postpone 2nd and 3rd Reading to the January 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Bylaw 17/2023 ~ Rolling Trails Area Redevelopment Plan

Mark Krysinski, Director, Community Growth requested that Council re-establish a Public hearing for January 22, 2024. The previous Public Hearing scheduled for October 24, 2023 was cancelled due to State of Local Emergency declared by the Town of Cochrane.

Bylaw 17/2023 is for a proposed Area Redevelopment Plan within the communities of Rolling Range Estates and Towers Trail. This Area Redevelopment Plan is intending to facilitate the redevelopment of existing acreages into future commercial and residential development as well as park space. This Area Redevelopment Plan has been named the Rolling Trails Area Redevelopment Plan. Carried unanimously.

COLT Update

Michelle Delorme, Manager, Community Services requested Council approve \$100,000 from reserves to hire a Transit Consultant and a Third-Party Contractor to evaluate the current COLT data and design a new scalable COLT System for Council's consideration. It is anticipated that the findings will be presented back to Council in Q3 of 2024. Councillor Wilson recused himself from the discussion and voting on the COLT request due to a declared conflict of interest. Carried unanimously.

Expense Policy and Reporting

Mike Derricott, CAO presented Council with the 1108-02 Elected Officials Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement Policy. Councillor Wilson brought forward a Notice of Motion at the May 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting and tasked Administration with updating policies related to Council and Administration expenses, conference/travel and training budgets. At the September 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole, Council provided feedback to Administration regarding the guiding principles around this policy. The two changes from the November 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole draft policy were:

- Council members may now offer up to 50% of their training budget to another member of Council (C4).
- Council members are required to provide a brief report of their learnings from developmental activity instead of saying "may provide a brief report" (C5).

Carried unanimously.

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Organizational Updates

Further to Councillor McFadden's Notice of Motion on September 25, 2023, Administration were directed to create a process for quarterly workforce updates to Council to be reviewed by Council by December 31, 2023. Lisa Almond, Director, Organizational Strategy & Culture, requested Council approval of a reporting process beginning in January 2024, that they have Administration report workforce metrics and information to Council each year in January for the annual report, in July for a 6-month report and in October for a 9-month report, with the additional employment engagement survey results being presented every 2 years. Council unanimously approved the reporting schedule.

Envision Cochrane 2050 – Policy Goal Direction

Council was asked to provide the Envision Cochrane 2050 project team with direction on a 25- and 50-year vision, as well as a set of policy scenarios that will guide Growth, Intensification and Land Use, Mobility Choice, and Housing Choice. Council unanimously accepted the report as information.

2024– 2026 Budget Approval

Mike Derricott, CAO, presented Council with the budget summary which reflected the discussion and amendments requested during the budget deliberations held on November 14, 15, 21 and 23, 2023 and the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 4, 2023. Councillor McFadden requested that the budget vote be split into Capital and Operational budgets. Council adopted, by a majority vote the 2024–2026 Operating and Capital budgets along with Schedule B of Bylaw 08/2018, Schedule B of Bylaw 16/2016, Schedule A, B and I of Bylaw 04/2013 and all other 2024–2026 Service Fee increases as detailed in the Operating budget. The approved 2024–2026 budget results in a 3.63% tax increase, an increase of \$8.17 per month for the average residential property. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Fedeyko presented a Notice of Motion that Council direct Administration to investigate the process for establishing a 3rd party Whistleblower Program and Policy and identify next steps for implementation with a draft policy to be brought back to Council for consideration by June 30, 2024. This notice of motion will come to January 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting for Council to debate.