

# COCHRANE

# Council Highlights



## Council Highlights – January 15, 2024

### Committee of the Whole Meeting

#### Delegation – Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board

Jordan Copping, Chief Officer and Greg Clark, Chair from Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board presented Committee of the Whole an update on recently approved Board initiatives and an overview of the approved Growth and Servicing Plan and Regional Evaluation Framework.

#### Delegation – Compass Health Services

Karen Parker, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Co-Founder and Medical Director of Compass Health Services, past VP and Independent Practice Director for the Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta (2020-2023) provided Committee of the Whole with information on Alberta Health's recent announcement to publicly fund independent Nurse Practitioners led clinics. An overview of Compass Health Services was provided with a description of their model for NP led, team based primary care delivery. Rationales will be provided on why Cochrane is the ideal setting for the historic first independent NP clinic. Stakeholder engagement from this meeting will be used to help frame the operationalization of this clinic. Coordination of offering of NP primary care services to residents of Cochrane is targeted to coincide with the formal funding agreement release.

#### 2024 Assessment Overview

Gail Butz, Manager, Assessment & Taxation, provided Committee of the Whole with an update on the shifts and changes in values for the 2024 assessment year.

The assessment roll has been prepared and an analysis of the changes and shifts was presented to Council for information. Assessments are legislated under the Municipal Government Act and are prepared on an annual basis. The 2024 assessments are based on the economic conditions of July 1, 2023 and the physical condition of the property as of December 31, 2023. Assessments are prepared using mass appraisal techniques, which determine property values by grouping similar properties as of a specific date. The purpose of assessment is not to reflect a single sale price, but to assess properties at their typical market value on the same valuation date.

- Market conditions continue to be strong, and the average Residential Single-Family assessment is \$615,500, an increase of 9.68% from 2023.
- The growth number is finalized and has resulted in an increase in the assessment base of 4.2%. Predicted growth was estimated to be 3.87%, however with the favorable weather conditions and market demand for housing, projects were finished earlier than anticipated.
- The 2024 Assessment split is Residential 91.27%/Non- Residential 8.73% . This is not factoring in the Community Revitalization Levy (CRL).
- The 2024 Assessment split including the CRL is Residential 89.74%/Non Residential 10.26%.
- There is a new website available for information at [www.cochrane.ca/assessments](http://www.cochrane.ca/assessments)

#### In-Camera

There was one In-Camera item which remains confidential pursuant to Section 24(1)(g), Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ~ Sub-Regional Sanitary Servicing ~ Advice from Officials.