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Glenbow Dam East Option

In 2017, the Bow River Working Group recommended that the Alberta government look at three reservoir options on the Bow River, upstream of Calgary. The reservoir options are intended to build additional flood and drought storage capacity on the Bow River to reduce impacts of severe weather events on Albertans and the economy.

In 2018, the Alberta government initiated the Bow River Reservoir Options (BRRO) project to explore reservoir options located at Morley, Relocated Ghost Dam and Glenbow East.

Urban Systems presented Council with the potential impacts that the Glenbow East Dam option may have on the Town of Cochrane.

2025–2027 Budget Engagement

As part of the 2025–2027 budget process, a survey was conducted to gather feedback from the public on service levels and funding sources. Administration presented the results, which will be used to help guide the budget preparation.

Event Fees

Previously, Councillor Wilson brought forward a notice of motion that Council direct Administration provide a briefing on the different types of fees that could be waived 100% for charitable events.

Administration presented the processes and policies governing events on Town lands, including the Community Event standards and application process, and details the significant role played by the RancheHouse Event Centre in hosting a wide array of community events. It

highlights the financial implications of waiving event permit fees and room rental rates for fundraising events.

Rolling Trails Neighbourhood Plan Community Enhancement Evaluation

The proposed Rolling Trails Neighbourhood Plan includes several parcels of land that are located immediately west of Highway 22, south of the community of Bow Meadows, east of St. Mary's Church and surrounding lands and north of the community of Fireside.

Administration presented Council with the Rolling Trails Neighbourhood Plan in advance of the applicant bringing forward a Community Enhancement Evaluation for Council consideration.

Council Chambers Renovation Update

As part of the 2024–2026 budget, Council approved \$1.25M to complete space renovations at the RancheHouse to accommodate additional workspaces for future growth, develop an expanded Emergency Command Center (ECC), and complete the life-cycle upgrades and space optimization of the Council Chambers.

Pre-construction work is now underway to complete renovations to retrofit additional workspaces and common areas on both the east and west sides of the RancheHouse within the year.

To stay within the approved budget, the development of an expanded ECC will not be pursued at this time. Instead, existing function rooms at the RancheHouse will be outfitted to

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accommodate equipment to support any future activation of the ECC.

Bylaw 1704/2024 – Procedural Bylaw

Further to feedback provided by Council at the May 27, 2024 Regular Meeting, Administration completed additional revisions to Bylaw 17/2024 to align with Council's direction. The bylaw will be brought back to an upcoming Council meeting for consideration of second and third reading.