

Council highlights

Bylaw 25/2024 ~ Southbow Landing Stage 1 Land Use and Neighbourhood Plan Amendments

Administration brought forward a report to Council for proposed Land Use amendments and Neighbourhood Plan amendments in the Southbow Landing community.

The changes to land use include updates to the road and pathway standards, increases to the commercial employment areas, shifting locations of park space and proposed removal of a class III wetland.

The proposed amendments to the neighborhood plan will include updating land use maps within the plan and amending text in line with the proposed land uses.

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 25/2024 and established Public Hearings for Bylaw 25/2024 and the Neighbourhood Plan amendments on Monday December 2, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Adoption of the Cochrane Growth Study

In 2022, Cochrane commissioned a growth study to better understand projected population growth and its implications for municipal development over the next 25 years.

The Study provides the Town with information on:

1. How quickly is our population rising?
2. How much developable land is left within Town boundaries?
3. How much total land will be needed to accommodate growth?
4. Which lands are most suitable and strategic to develop in the near term?
5. What is the anticipated timing of full buildout of all developable lands within the current Town boundaries?

The document will serve as a resource of information to support Envision Cochrane 2050 (the new Municipal Development Plan) and other future plans and policies.

Council adopted the Cochrane Growth Study as presented.

Bylaw 26/2024 ~ Election Bylaw

Council gave first reading to a new Election Bylaw, reflecting the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 20), recent amendments to the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) and incorporates municipal best practices.

Committee Appointment Updates

During the recent Organizational meeting, appointments were made to the Library Board that are in contravention to the Libraries Act. As such, Council rescinded the appointment of Councillor Flowers as an alternate to the Cochrane Library Board to be in accordance with the Libraries Act.