



Council highlights

Bylaw 24/2024 ~ Envision Cochrane 2050

A Public Hearing was held for the proposed Envision Cochrane 2050 plan, which would replace the current Cochrane Municipal Development Plan (MDP) from 2008.

Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application

Council provided their support to pursue a grant application under the Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant. This project will be in partnership with the municipalities of Diamond Valley, Cochrane, and the MD of Bighorn, with a focus on enhancing our municipal emergency management programs and strengthening intermunicipal collaboration.

Bylaw 05/2024: Water Utility Bylaw Amendment

Council gave First Reading to the 2024 Water Utility Bylaw Amendment that reflects proposed rate increases for 2025. Based on the average monthly water use of 13.5 cubic metres, the proposed monthly increase is \$2.76.

The proposed increases will support the costs associated with enhanced system maintenance and repairs; utility rate study; increase to water conservation rebate program funding; inflationary increases for materials, electricity, natural gas, gasoline; and an additional contribution to capital.

The bylaw will come back to Council for second and third reading on December 9, 2024.

Bylaw 06/2024: Sanitary Sewer Bylaw Amendment

Council gave First Reading to the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Bylaw Amendment, which reflects proposed rate increases for 2025. Based on an average monthly wastewater use of 13.5 cubic metres, the proposed monthly increase is \$4.42.

The proposed increases will support the costs associated with the City of Calgary rate increase; utility rate study; enhanced system maintenance and repairs; water meter replacement; inflationary increases for materials,

electricity, natural gas, gasoline; and an additional contribution to capital.

The bylaw will come back to Council for second and third reading on December 9, 2024.

Bylaw 07/2024: Waste Management Bylaw Amendment

Administration recommended adjustments to the Waste Management Bylaw fee schedule to reflect the increased costs for the Waste & Recycling department to provide new and additional waste collection carts to developers and the community.

Council gave First Reading to the bylaw. The bylaw will come back to Council for second and third reading, prior to proposed implementation on January 1, 2025.

Bylaw 26/2024: Election Bylaw

Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 26/2024. The Election Bylaw reflects the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 20), recent amendments of the Local Authorities Election Act, and incorporates municipal best practices ahead of the 2025 general municipal election.

South Saskatchewan Regional Plan review engagement

The Government of Alberta is currently completing a public engagement on the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan review. Council will be sending a letter to the Minister, providing feedback on behalf of Cochrane.

All Alberta residents are invited to find out more and provide their feedback:

[South Saskatchewan Regional Plan review engagement | Alberta.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/engagement/south-saskatchewan-regional-plan-review)