

Council highlights

Delegation ~ Cochrane's Participation in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program - Serving Local or Global Priorities

Mr. Ron Voss from Dog with A Bone Society discussed with the Committee of the Whole the Town's participation in the Partners in Climate Protection (PCP) program and proposed that Council take steps to withdraw from the PCP program, thereby focusing on locally driven priorities.

accessibility. This stage includes the introduction of a fixed-route network with three primary routes. The proposal does not change the current service span, and no additional service hours will be added in 2025.

To support the continued growth and sustainability of public transit in Cochrane, Administration is exploring funding opportunities through the Rural Transit Solutions Fund.

Administration will return to a future Regular Council meeting to seek support for the 2025 transit plan implementation plan and application to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund.

Intergovernmental Relations Overview

Kevin Blanchette, Cochrane's Director of Strategic Services, presented on Cochrane's new intergovernmental relations (IGR) team. In the 2024 Budget, Council approved a dedicated position for a Senior Advisor of IGR under the Strategic Services Section. Through this position, Cochrane can enhance its ability to advocate for policies and funding supports, recommend regulatory changes, and collaborate on regional issues.

Transit Study Final Report & Funding Opportunities

Michelle Delorme, Director of Parks & Active Living, and Matt Knox, Director of Social Development, presented the final summary of the final COLT Transit Study and outlined the implementation timeline for the recommended transit network changes.

The 2025 transit plan implementation represents the initial stage of a broader five-year plan to enhance COLT services and expand transit