

# Council highlights

## **Delegation ~ Cochrane Lions Club**

Cochrane Lions club members were in attendance to present an update to the Committee of the Whole on the history of the Lions Club in Cochrane, the impact of their various programs in the community and a vision for the future of the lands located on Fifth Avenue.

## **2024 annual people and culture**

Council received an update on organizational staffing and culture based on data from the 2024 Year in Review New Hire Survey and Q1-Q4 metrics tracked by Human Resources and Occupational Health & Safety. The report also provided insights into 2025.

## **Cochrane community standards bylaw**

Council received an update on the establishment of a Community Standards Bylaw, funded by the provincial Community Justice Grant. The bylaw creates a local framework for addressing minor anti-social behaviors in Cochrane outside of the criminal justice system.

## **Emergency management bylaw amendment**

Council reviewed a proposed amendment to the Emergency Management Bylaw aimed at aligning with legislative requirements, reducing ambiguity, and clarifying responsibilities and procedures for emergency management in Cochrane. Administration sought input from the Committee of the Whole before bringing the amendment forward for formal consideration.

## **Parks, culture & active living masterplan**

Council received an update on the Parks, Culture, and Active Living Master Plan, a long-term strategy guiding future investments, policies, and services

to support a vibrant and connected community. Phase one, completed in late 2024, gathered input from over 2,800 participants through an inclusive engagement process.

The "What We Heard Report" summarizes community feedback on current facilities, desired improvements, and long-term aspirations. This input will help shape the next phases of the plan to ensure Cochrane continues to meet the needs of its growing population.

## **The Trail & active transportation fund application**

Council received an update on The Trail Project, a collaborative initiative led by the Rotary Club of Cochrane in partnership with the Town of Cochrane, Forestry and Parks, and the City of Calgary. The project aims to connect Calgary to Canmore and integrate into the Trans Canada Trail Network.

Key milestones include the adoption of The Trail Plan in July 2024 and the upcoming approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU #2) for long-term stewardship, which will be brought to Council on February 10, 2025.

Council was also informed of an application for federal Active Transportation Fund (ATF) support to help offset costs for Stage 1. Next steps include securing Council's approval for MOU #2 and submitting the ATF funding application.