

Council highlights

Active Transportation Fund Application

Council directed Administration to apply for \$17M in funding through the Active Transportation Fund (ATF) to support of Stage 1 of the Trail Project.

The ATF provides funding to support projects that promote active transportation. If successful, this funding would significantly offset costs and position the project for additional provincial and philanthropic contributions.

The Trail MOU #2

Council directed Administration to enter into The Trail Memorandum of Understanding #2 (MOU #2) with the City of Calgary, the Ministry of Forestry and Parks and the Rotary Club of Cochrane.

This MOU will enable collaborative funding applications, ensure alignment with jurisdictional standards, and establish a structure for The Trail's long-term stewardship.

Bylaw 02/2025: Electronic Communications Bylaw

Council adopted the electronic communications bylaw, providing Administration the ability to distribute property assessment notice and property tax bills electronically.

Bylaw 01/2025: Road Closure Bylaw

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 01/2025 which is a road closure bylaw that would close a portion of surplus road right-of-way and consolidate it with the adjacent parcel owned by Rocky View Schools (RVS) located at 129 Powell Street. This closure is part of a land transaction between the Town and RVS that was endorsed by Council in closed session on September 23, 2024.

A public hearing will take place on February 24 at 5:30 p.m..

Bylaw 03/2025: Cochrane Municipal Policing Committee Bylaw

Council adopted the Municipal Policing Committee Bylaw. The bylaw ensures that Cochrane is aligned with the Police Amendment Act requirements.

Bylaw 05/2025: Emergency Management Bylaw Amendment

Council gave first reading to an amendment to the Emergency Management Bylaw. The amendment aims to ensure that the bylaw aligns with legislative requirements, reduces ambiguity, and clearly communicates the responsibilities and procedures for emergency management within the Town of Cochrane.

Bylaw 06/2025: Cochrane Community Standards and Public Safety

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 06/2025.

The bylaw empowers the RCMP and Community Peace Officers to address specific social disorder offences such as public disturbances, vandalism, graffiti, fighting, aggressive panhandling, and public disorder at the municipal level. The new bylaw reduces the over-reliance on the RCMP for minor offences, provides an additional enforcement option to the RCMP and Community Peace Officers and lessens the reliance on an overburdened justice system that delays resolution of low-risk cases.

Council directed Administration to undertake public engagement on this bylaw amendment and present feedback to Council.