

Council highlights

Delegation: Route 22 Artist Collective Ltd

Lara Kruger, Executive Director of Route 22 Artist Collective Ltd, provided Council with an update on the organization's financial status and the progress achieved through Town funding and support in 2022 and 2023. This presentation included a request for a 3-year pilot of operating funding. Council accepted the presentation as information and requested that administration bring the funding request for Route 22 to a future meeting for further discussion.

Bylaw 24/2024 – Envision Cochrane 2050

Council gave third reading to Bylaw 24/2024 – Envision Cochrane 2050, finalizing the Town's new Municipal Development Plan (MDP). The Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board (CMRB) completed its review, confirming that EC2050 aligns with the CMRB Growth Plan. With this approval, Bylaw 24/2024 is now adopted.

Bylaw 10/2025 – James Walker Trail Stage 3 Borrowing

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 10/2025, which authorizes borrowing for the James Walker Trail Stage 3 project, a \$17.89 million capital initiative fully funded by off-site levies. The project will extend James Walker Trail to

Southbow Landing and connect to Highway 22. The bylaw allows borrowing for up to 20 years with a maximum interest rate of 6.0% (current rate: 4.94%). Second and third readings are scheduled for April 14, 2025.

Notice of Motion: Backyard Chickens

Council directed Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of allowing backyard chickens in Cochrane, to be presented before April 30, 2025. The report will explore best practices, community impact and regulatory considerations, balancing residents' ability to produce food at home with minimal impact on neighbors and municipal enforcement.