



# Council highlights

## Order of Cochrane – 2024 Nominees

Cochrane Council reviewed community nominations for the 2024 Order of Cochrane Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment, vision, and leadership. Eight individuals were nominated, with three receiving multiple nominations. Following a review of the confidential nomination packages, Council held a confidential vote on the 2024 award recipient who will be presented with the Order of Cochrane award at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 30, 2025

## Route 22 request

Administration responded to Route 22's March 10, 2025, funding request of \$75,000 annually for three years, recommending that Route 22 and other organizations be considered for funding under the upcoming Community Investment Operating Grants framework, pending Council's approval of the updated policy in 2025.

## Grandfather tree

The Grandfather Tree was lost during a windstorm on January 16, 2025. In response, a community journal was placed on-site, allowing residents to share memories and reflections. Administration collected commemoration ideas from the public and presented them to Council for feedback on next steps.

## Francophone secondary school

In late 2023, FrancoSud requested a site for a new secondary school in Cochrane. Three options were considered: a vacant school site, expanding École Notre-Dame des Vallées (not feasible due to funding), and a Town-owned 4.5-acre parcel next to the existing school. The latter was chosen as the best option, supported by both the Rocky View and Calgary Catholic School Districts. Administration is moving forward with this site, which is already zoned for school use.