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Francophone Secondary School Site

Administration brought forward a request to Council to provide a letter of support for the transfer of interest in a parcel of land adjacent to École Notre-Dame des Vallées, located at 136 Quigley Drive, to the Francophone School Board (FrancoSud).

Currently, École Notre-Dame des Vallées is the only Francophone school in Cochrane. It was originally built for Kindergarten to Grade 6, but it now serves students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. As a result, the school is close to reaching its full capacity and does not have the proper facilities needed for junior high and high school programs, such as science labs, larger classrooms, and a full-size gym.

To help meet this growing need, the Francophone school board is hoping to build a new secondary school for Grades 7 to 12. They have identified a suitable piece of land at 136 Quigley Drive and have asked the Town for support in securing it.

Council voted unanimously to hold off on providing a letter of support until a public hearing can be held to provide the community the opportunity to provide feedback on whether the proposed parcel of land is an appropriate location for a future school site.

Bylaw 10/2025 ~ James Walker Trail Stage 3 Borrowing

Council gave Second and Third Reading to Bylaw 10/2025, supporting the borrowing of \$17.89M to complete this project. The funds will be recovered through off-site levies, ensuring that growth is paying for growth.

The project is anticipated to begin in May and take two years to complete.

2024 Year End Surplus Transfers

Council directed Administration to transfer the 2024 surplus from operations of \$653,947 to the Tax Stabilization Reserve. This aligns with Council's Operating Reserve Policy 1705-01.

CSHO Board ~ Second Council Member Appointment

On February 24th, 2025 Council appointed Councillor Fedeyko to sit on the Cochrane Society for Housing Options Board as a non-voting member and identified a second alternative. Cochrane Society for Housing Options has identified and requested that the second alternative be appointed as an additional non-voting board member.

Council appointed Councillor Flowers to sit on the Cochrane Society for Housing Options Board effective April 14th, 2025 with a term to end October 20, 2025.

Cochrane Municipal Policing Committee Appointments

Council appointed Sid Roy, Thomas Chapman, Zachary Cristea, Marlys Jackson, Gary Carty and Cheryl Whittal to the Cochrane Municipal Policing Committee, effective April 14, 2025 to April 14, 2028.

Council also appointed Councillor Reed as the Council representative for a term to end October 20, 2025.

Notice of Motion ~ Pet Licensing

Councillor McFadden brought forward a notice of motion to direct Administration to prepare a report

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on the implications of removing the requirement for pet licensing for dogs and cats in Cochrane.

Building on the example of the Town of Okotoks, Administration will review the potential to eliminate pet licensing requirements in the Town of Cochrane. The proposed approach would require dogs and cats to wear visible identification instead. Key benefits of removing pet licensing include reduced administrative costs and time, as well as cost savings for residents.

Notice of Motion ~ Civic Leadership & Engagement

Councillor McFadden brought forward a notice of motion directing Administration to bring back a report outlining the feasibility of delivering a suite of municipal civic leadership and engagement opportunities, including the creation of a Leadership Cochrane program, a Terms of Reference for the existing community association/Town of Cochrane engagement sessions, the creation of a Mayor's Youth Council, adding youth members to Council committees, and the creation of a citizen panel.