

# Council highlights

## **2024 Order of Cochrane**

Council presented the 2024 Order of Cochrane award to Don and Shirley Begg.

The Order of Cochrane is presented to individuals who, by their commitment, vision, and leadership have created a lasting legacy in the development of our community. Recipients are nominated by community members, through an online nomination process.

## **Bylaw 12/2025 ~ Southbow Landing Multi-Family Land Use Amendment**

Administration presented a proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment within Southbow Landing, which is intended to rezone two parcels of land at the north end of the community, to allow for future medium density housing and a linear pathway.

A land use amendment application for the subject parcels was previously refused by Council on May 13, 2024, and the applicant has now reapplied with a proposal that integrates Council feedback and responses from further public engagement.

Council gave first reading to the bylaw and set a public hearing for May 12 at 5:30 p.m.

## **Urban Hens Engagement/Pilot Program**

At the March 10, 2025 Council meeting, Councillor Wilson introduced a Notice of Motion to explore backyard chickens. Council directed Administration to bring back a report on Cochrane municipal backyard chickens for consideration before April 30, 2025.

Administration recommended that the municipality undertake a public engagement campaign to determine if an Urban Hen Program would be welcomed, or whether a decision is

made to proceed without public engagement, this report would inform next steps.

Council did not support the recommended action.

## **2024 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Findings**

The 2024 audited financial statements and audit findings were presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

Council received the 2024 Audit Findings Report as information and approved the 2024 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Notice of Motion ~ Pet Licensing**

Following a notice from Councillor McFadden, Council directed Administration to prepare a report on the implications of removing the requirement for pet licensing for dogs and cats in Cochrane.

## **Notice of Motion ~ Civic Leadership & Engagement**

Following a notice of motion from Councillor McFadden, Council directed 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
- 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.