

Council highlights

Cochrane minor hockey association delegation

Scott McCulloch, Director of Development, and Ashley Rabbis, VP of Operations with the Cochrane Minor Hockey Association, attended the Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an overview of the Association's programming.

Their presentation included an overview of registration highlights, which has tripled over the past 12 years, with a third of members 5-8 years old. They are currently at max capacity for ice space, with a current growth rate of 8% per annum.

Short term Cochrane Minor Hockey Association asked Administration to construct one more ice sheet to be operational by 2026 fall season, with a long-term goal to construct a new multi-sheet facility to support on-going association growth.

Active transportation standards draft review

Administration presented the draft Active Transportation Guidelines and received feedback from the Committee of the Whole before the final draft returns for adoption in June 2025. The Active Transportation Guidelines were developed to provide consistent, modern and adaptable design guidance to support walking, wheeling and cycling as viable and desirable modes of transportation in Cochrane.

The document provides comprehensive guidelines for integrating active transportation considerations into all new development and redevelopment projects. It has been entirely funded through the Active Transportation Planning Fund.

If adopted, the Active Transportation Guidelines will be implemented in a phased approach, beginning with any new area structure plans or redevelopment plans.

Council evolution

Council reviewed a report following recent Strategic Planning Session discussions about the evolving expectations placed on elected officials.

The report aimed to gather Council's feedback on potential changes to current practices, with the goal of setting the next Council up for success by ensuring future candidates understand the time commitment involved.

Administration specifically sought direction on two items: introducing attendance transparency reporting and adjusting Council meeting start times to earlier in the day.

Program and service status reports to Council

Council received an update from Administration on the efforts to establish a regular reporting cycle for program and service delivery updates.

While a full 2025 schedule is still in development due to current workplan demands and meeting timelines, Council was provided with an overview of what to expect through September.

The item was presented for information only. Administration has committed to bringing forward a proposed updated schedule for 2026 before the end of 2025.