

Council highlights

Public Hearing: Bylaw 15/2025 – Off-Site Levy

A public hearing was held to give community members and affected stakeholders the chance to provide feedback on the proposed updates to Off-Site Levy Bylaw 15/2025.

Delegation – Terry Fox Run Organizing Committee

A short history of the run in Cochrane was presented to Council. “Foxers” are committed to continuing Terry’s legacy of hope for those fighting cancer or who are supporting loved ones with cancer.

Bylaw 15/2025 – Off-Site Levy

Council gave Second and Third reading to Cochrane’s Off-Site Levy Bylaw 15/2025 with amendments that included reverting back to a two-year payment schedule. This updated bylaw ensures that project costs, growth forecasts, and planning assumptions remain current, allowing the Town to effectively plan and deliver essential services such as roads, water, wastewater, stormwater facilities, and community amenities when they are needed.

Cancellation of Meeting

Given that there is not another Regular Council meeting scheduled in September, Council voted to cancel the September 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Administration Update on Notice of Motion

Administration provided an update to Council on timing of information to be released based on legal advice received.

2nd Quarter Financial Report

Administration provided Council with the 2nd Quarter Financial Report for the six months ending June 30, 2025. The update outlined both the operational and capital performance to date as well as a year-end financial forecast.

Bylaw 13/2025 – Traffic Bylaw Amendment

Council gave Second and Third reading to Bylaw 13/2025. The bylaw amendments update and modernize regulations related to bicycles, e-scooters, micromobility devices, and multi-use pathways to align with Cochrane’s Active Transportation Design Guidelines and current transportation needs. The amendment ensures the Town’s regulatory framework keeps pace with community growth, safety, and infrastructure investment.

Bylaw 17/2025 – Parks & Open Spaces Bylaw Amendment

Council gave Second and Third reading to the Bylaw 17/2025. The amendments ensure alignment with the updates made to the Traffic Bylaw.

Active Transportation Standards

Council adopted the Active Transportation Guidelines as the Town’s standard for active transportation.

Withdrawal from ICLEI and PCP

In response to a Notice of Motion brought forward in June, Administration recommended that Council maintain current memberships, including the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP). Council defeated the motion brought forward by Councillor Wilson to withdraw membership from PCP.

Ice Surface(s) Recommendation

In response to Mayor Genung’s notice of motion, Council voted to direct Administration to include costing for the feasibility study of ice facilities, including site analysis, utilization assessment, design, and costing in the 2026 budget for consideration.

Cochrane Library Board Public-at-Large Appointment

Council appointed James Rendell and Elizabeth Tan to the Cochrane Library Board, effective September 9, 2025 for a term to expire December 31, 2027 and Tom Hovland and Chaoran Wang, effective January 1, 2026 for a term to expire December 31, 2028.