

Council highlights

Public Hearing ~ Horse Creek Sports Park MR Designation Removal

Administration presented an overview of the purpose for the hearing. The removal of the MR designation is a housekeeping item to allow the initially proposed school parcel to be consolidated back into the remainder of the quarter section to allow for the development of the Horse Creek Sports Park. The preferred new school site has been created and transferred to the School Division. The proposed removal of the MR designation does not negatively impact or change the proposed development of the sports park, it simply aids in cleaning up the initial parcel to help facilitate the development of the sports park.

There were no further presentations in favour or opposition of the MR designation removal.

Alberta Community Partnership Program

Council moved to endorse a grant application under the Alberta Community Partnership Program. The application is intended to support Cochrane and Rocky View County's collaboration on a revised Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) and a new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF).

Cochrane Lions One Time Capital Funding Request

Council approved a 2025 capital funding request totaling \$131,750 for seven near-term safety and accessibility items at the Cochrane Lions Events Centre. The Lions' complete request represents a modest portion of the broader long-term lifecycle needs identified in the Entuitive Reserve Fund Study.

Cochrane Lions 50 Year Agreement

Council directed Administration to enter into a 50-year agreement with the Cochrane Lions Club for the development and operation of Lions Legacy Park.

Telecommunication Tower ~ Type A Letter of Concurrence for 43080 Bow Valley Trail

An application was received for a telecommunication tower within The Cochrane & District Agricultural Society parcel which is in alignment with the Town of Cochrane Telecommunications Antenna Structure Siting Protocol.

Council directed Administration to issue a Letter of Concurrence for the proposed Type A Telecommunication Tower located at 43080 Bow Valley Trail.

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2026 Budget Adoption

Council approved the consolidated Operating Budget, Capital Budget, Service Fee amendments and established a Parks and Recreation Reserve for 2026.

Bylaw 18/2025 ~ Water Utility Bylaw Amendment

Council gave Second and Third readings to Water Utility Bylaw Amendment 18/2025, that reflects proposed rate increases for 2026, as presented during the Special Meeting budget deliberations on November 17 and 20, 2025.

The 2026 rate increases reflect sustainable service delivery, commitment to improving asset management practices while providing continuous operation and maintenance of our water treatment and distribution systems.

Bylaw 19/2025 ~ Sanitary Sewer Bylaw Amendment

Council gave Second and Third readings to Sanitary Sewer Bylaw Amendment 19/2025.

The 2026 rate increases reflect sustainable service delivery, commitment to improving asset management practices while providing continuous operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection system, including transfer to Calgary for wastewater treatment.

Bylaw 20/2025 ~ Waste Management Bylaw Amendment

Council gave Second and Third readings to Bylaw 20/2025 Waste Management Bylaw Amendment.

Adjustments to the Waste Management Bylaw fee schedule were approved to reflect the increased costs for the Waste & Recycling department to provide new and additional waste collection carts to developers and the community.