

Council highlights

Cochrane Policing Study

Jay Judin, Director of Community Safety, presented an independent Police Services Model Review, commissioned through a Provincial Grant, to assess whether Cochrane's current policing arrangements remain effective, sustainable and fiscally responsible.

The review confirms that Cochrane remains a safe community with one of the lowest Crime Severity Indexes in Canada and that maintaining the RCMP as the police service of jurisdiction, combined with strengthened local governance and a phased expansion of the Community Peace Officer (CPO) program, is the most prudent near- to medium-term approach. However, population growth is driving increased service demand, visibility concerns and pressure on policing resources.

Moving forward, updates will be provided to Council every six months.

Strategic Housing Initiatives update

Matt Knox, Director of Social Development, and Gina van den Berg, Housing Strategist, presented an overview of the Strategic Housing Initiatives Section. The presentation highlighted current initiatives, partnerships and preliminary findings from the Community Housing Needs Assessment, demonstrating how the Town is building a strong foundation for future housing decisions and investments.

Capital projects 2025 update

Adam Sullo, Director of Engineering Services, provided an update on key capital projects currently underway in Cochrane, highlighting progress, risks and next steps for 2026. Regular bi-annual updates to Council will be implemented moving forward.