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Delegation ~ Big Hill Creek Preservation Society

Gerry Bietz, President, Bighill Creek Preservation Society, presented the Society's current plan and longer-term objectives as well as shared the value the Society brings to the Town and its residents.

Bylaw 01/2026 ~ Procedural Bylaw & Council Schedule Amendments

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 01/2026 and approved the amended 2026 meeting schedule.

FCSS Advisory Board Recommendations for the 2026 FCSS/United Way Partnership Grant Funding

The Town of Cochrane and United Way of Calgary and Area have a formal partnership agreement to provide grant funding to support local community programs. The FCSS Advisory Board has been delegated the authority to recommend allocations for both the FCSS and the United Way grant funds.

Council approved the grant funding recommendations outlined by the Cochrane FCSS Advisory Board as presented.

Big Hill Haven - \$6,770.00

Cochrane Immigrant Services Committee - \$10,000.00

Cochrane & Area Hospice Society - \$2,500.00

Cochrane & Area Men's Shed - \$5,000.00

Cochrane Society for Housing Options - \$13,000.00

Helping Hands Society of Cochrane & Area - \$22,000.00

Good Vibes Memory Choir - \$5,000.00

Seniors for Kids Society - \$21,351.00

359 First Street E ~ Affordable Housing Assessment

Matt Knox, Director, Social Development, presented an affordable housing opportunity at 359 First Street East.

Council directed Administration to enter into the initial Agreement of Purchase & Sale for 359 First Street East and framework agreements, subject to satisfactory legal review, and a return to Council for review of the expression of interest and final approval prior to land transfer.

2026 Environmental Assessments & Education Initiatives ~ Reserve Funding Request

Council approved the allocation of \$120,000 from the General Operating Reserve to complete environmental assessments and environmental education initiatives in alignment with the Natural Environment Protection Task Force 2026 Work Plan.

ABMunis Resolutions Process & Timeline

Kevin Blanchette, Acting Executive Director, Corporate Services, presented the proposed



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process and timeline to support Council in determining whether the Town of Cochrane will submit one or more resolutions to Alberta Municipalities (ABMunis) for consideration at the 2026 Fall Convention. Early identification of potential topics will allow Administration sufficient time to evaluate alignment with Council priorities, assess impacts, and secure the required seconder prior to the May 31, 2026, submission deadline.