

Council highlights

2026 Cochrane Community Operational Grants

The 2026 Community Operational Grant recommendations implement Council's approved Community Grant Program under Policy 1206-02 and support essential and community-enhancer services within the limits of the 2026 municipal budget.

Council approved the Operational Grants Stream funding recommendations as follows:

Cochrane Women's Emergency Shelter Society – Big Hill Haven – \$45,000.00

Helping Hands Society of Cochrane & Area – \$45,000.00

Cochrane Search & Rescue – \$30,000.00

Cochrane Immigrant Services Committee – \$18,000.00

Route 22 Artist Collective Ltd. – \$33,000.00

Wazin Ichinabi Ti – \$24,000.00

Spray Lakes Society & Recreation Facility Owner Review

The Town of Cochrane and Rocky View County, as joint municipal owners of the Spray Lake Sawmills Centre and Cochrane Arena, are undertaking a collaborative Owner-Led Review in 2026 to establish a shared, evidence-based baseline of facility condition, governance structures, and operational systems providing clarity and a shared understanding that supports long-

term stability and responsible stewardship of the facilities.

Council approved the allocation of \$75,000 from the General Operating Reserve to complete a joint Owner-Led Review of the Spray Lake Sawmills Centre and Cochrane Arena in partnership with Rocky View County.

Travel and Expense Policies for Council and Staff

Administration reviewed the Town of Cochrane's Business Expenses Administrative Directive and the Elected Officials Remuneration & Expense Reimbursement Policy 1108-02 to ensure alignment with current best practices and responsible stewardship of public funds. Recommended changes include commuting where feasible for Town-related travel, updating gratuity limits to reflect industry standards and offering flexibility for accommodations.

Council approved the recommended changes to the 1108-02 Elected Officials Remuneration & Expense Reimbursement Policy as amended.