

Council highlights

Delegation ~ Explore Cochrane

Callandra Caufield, Executive Director, Cochrane Tourism Association, presented Council with an update on the projects and programs funded by the Town of Cochrane including the 2025 report and the 2026 tourism plan.

Advocacy Update to Council: Highway 22 South

Kevin Blanchette, Interim Executive Director, Strategic Services, shared that provincial funding has been approved for the engineering and design for the future twinning of the Highway 22 bridge over the Bow River. Advancement to this phase will help define project scope, technical requirements, and cost considerations. It is anticipated that the Engineering RFP will go out in Fall 2026 with construction timing and funding to be determined by the Province.

Council accepted this presentation as information.

Notice of Motion ~ Seasonal Patio Pilot

Council directed Administration to explore the reintroduction of a seasonal patio expansion program, similar to previous years, with appropriate restrictions to maintain safe pedestrian passage, and with consideration for streamlined approvals and clear operational guidelines, and report back to Council with options for a time-limited pilot for the 2026 season by May 4, 2026.

Notice of Motion ~ Seniors Engagement Session Follow-Up

Councillor Singh introduced a motion that would direct Administration to review the questions and concerns raised during the senior engagement session and report back to Council with an action plan outlining potential response, including collaboration with relevant provincial, federal and community partners where applicable, prior to July 13, 2026.

This item will come back to the April 13, 2026 Regular Council meeting.

Closed Session ~ Land Negotiations

Following Closed Session item 11a discussion, Council passed the motion to direct Administration to proceed with the purchase of #601 and #602 - 5 River Heights Drive - Bare Land Unit No. 47 & 48 of Condominium Plan No. 231 0100 for \$650,000 and \$550,000 plus GST respectively to be allocated from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.