



Council highlights

Delegation ~ Cochrane Library

Tom Hovland, Christina Caouette, Vice Chair, and Melissa Legacy, Library Director, provided an update to Council on several items including staffing, 2025 highlights and priorities for 2026.

Municipal Land Transfer Request ~ Homestead Property

On March 2, 2026, the Cochrane Society for Housing Options (CSHO) requested that the municipal lands associated with the Homestead property be transferred to the organization. Administration completed a review of the existing leasehold structure, potential fee simple ownership transfer, lease-based alternatives, municipal financial support mechanisms, and other funding and partnership approaches that could support affordable housing objectives.

Based on the information available, Administration recommended maintaining the existing leasehold structure while continuing to explore other tools that may provide a stronger connection between municipal support and measurable affordable housing outcomes.

Council directed that the Town retain ownership, at this time, of the municipal lands associated with the Homestead property. Council further directed Administration to continue working collaboratively with CSHO to

explore alternative funding, financing, lease-based partnership, and project-specific approaches that support the long-term sustainability and expansion of affordable housing in the community.

Captain Huw Jeffries Park

Administration recommended that the park located at 59 Emberside Green in Fireside be officially named "Captain Huw Jeffries Park" in recognition of Captain Huw Jeffries' longstanding service and contributions to the Cochrane community.

Council approved that the park at 59 Emberside Green in Fireside will be named "Captain Huw Jeffries Park".

2027-2029 Budget Engagement

In support of Administration's preparation of the draft 2027-2029 budget for Council's consideration and forthcoming budget deliberations, the Town conducted a comprehensive public engagement process designed to gather meaningful input from residents about budget priorities and values. The survey and focus group findings provide insight into resident priorities, perceptions and expectations regarding municipal services, infrastructure investment, taxation, growth and long-term financial sustainability.

Council received the 2026 Budget Engagement report and presentation for information.



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Council Strategic Plan

The Council Strategic Plan establishes Council's strategic direction and priorities for Administration. The Plan reflects commitments made during the election campaign, ongoing feedback from the community, and insights gathered through recent public engagement activities, including budget engagement.

Council approved the foundational elements of the Council Strategic Plan, including the vision, mission, promise to the community, strategic priorities and objectives; and further, directed Administration to return in Fall 2026 with a comprehensive corporate business plan and implementation framework incorporating key supporting projects, initiatives and anticipated timelines for Council's consideration.

2027 Budget Draft Principles

The budget principles presented were developed through an intentional process including ELT input and resident engagement, and are designed to function as practical decision rules, not aspirational statements. They give Administration a consistent basis for evaluating and prioritizing requests throughout the budget cycle, connecting day-to-day decisions to Council's adopted strategic priorities.

Council endorsed the 2027 Budget Principles as presented.