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Cochrane Schools Status Report

Robert Auclair, Manager of Planning Services, provided Council with an update on the status of existing and planned schools in Cochrane for 2026. The presentation also outlined the school site planning process, provincial funding stages, legislative changes affecting school ownership through Bills 50 and 51, school site readiness and typical school planning and construction timelines.

Council received the report and presentation for information.

2026 Water & Wastewater Master Plan Update

Adam Sullo, Executive Director, Planning & Engineering, presented the 2026 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update. The plan provides a comprehensive assessment of the Town's existing utility systems and identifies the infrastructure improvements required to maintain service levels and support future growth within the municipal boundary.

The Master Plan establishes short-, medium-, and long-term infrastructure recommendations, identifies system capacity constraints, and outlines infrastructure improvements required to maintain service levels and accommodate projected growth. Administration recommends that Council adopt the Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update as a guiding document

for future infrastructure planning and investment decisions.

Council adopted the 2026 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update as presented.

Mandatory Capital Projects ~ Long-Term Infrastructure Planning Update

Adam Sullo, Executive Director, Planning & Engineering presented an overview of potential future utility infrastructure projects and long-term planning considerations related to the future capacity, reliability and redundancy of Cochrane's water and wastewater systems.

The report provided an early look at potential infrastructure needs as existing systems approach capacity and outlines projected capital investments between 2027 and 2035. The information will help inform future infrastructure priorities and long-term financial planning. The projects identified are planning considerations only and have not been approved.

Council received the report for information.

Utility Rate Review ~ Preliminary Findings

Administration is currently undertaking a comprehensive Utility Rate Review for water, wastewater, and stormwater services. Kris Nelson and Devon Kraan from Urban Systems presented preliminary financial findings on revenue requirements, cost drivers, capital funding needs, municipal support cost

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allocation, and emerging rate design direction. The review remains grounded in Council's previously endorsed priorities of full cost recovery, revenue stability, resiliency and risk management, transparency, and fairness, but the presentation focused primarily on the financial results emerging from the analysis.

Council received the Utility Rate Review ~ Preliminary Findings report for information.

Notice of Motion ~ Non-Residential Development

Mayor Nagel introduced a motion that would direct Administration to review the current development land use and development permit process and bring back options to expedite and prioritize non-residential applications, to support local economic development and job creation prior to the end of October 2026.

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

Closed Session ~ Personnel

Council directed that the Closed Session discussion remain confidential pursuant to Section 29(1)(d) of the Access to Information Act; and further that Council direct Administration to proceed with Option 1 as presented in Closed Session.