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Delegation ~ Riversong Community Association

Neil Egsgard, Chair of the Public Space Improvement Working Group, and Andrea Manono, President of the Riversong Community Association presented on behalf of the Riversong Community Association.

The Association is seeking a \$175,000 Town funding commitment, to be coordinated with the developer, to support grant applications toward the estimated \$350,000 project cost for a playground in Precedence. The presentation outlined community consultation, the proposed playground design, and resident concerns regarding the absence of a neighbourhood playground in Precedence.

Council received the report and presentation for information.

Delegation ~ The Common Works Makerspace and Community Arts Centre

Tony Millwater and Stef Leblond, Co-Founders of The Common Works Makerspace and Community Arts Centre, provided Council with an overview of The Common Works, an emerging year-round community hub that offers accessible space for arts, culture, education, entrepreneurship, volunteerism, and social connection. Through community partnerships and locally driven programming, The Common Works supports the Town's objectives of fostering a connected, resilient,

and vibrant community while contributing to Cochrane's cultural, social and economic well-being.

Council received the report and presentation for information.

IRONMAN 2027 Approval

In July 2026, Cochrane hosted its inaugural IRONMAN 70.3 Calgary, attracting 1,308 participants from 19 countries and an estimated total attendance of 2,670 participants, travelling companions, volunteers and event team members. Travel Alberta estimated the event generated approximately \$1.25 million in economic impact while showcasing Cochrane's natural environment, parks, pathways and community to a national and international audience.

Overall, Administration considers the event successful; however, the post-event review identified traffic congestion and neighbourhood access as significant areas requiring improvement.

Council approved IRONMAN 2027 to be hosted in Cochrane on July 25, 2027 subject to working through the Community Event Permit process and with the amendment to exclude the community of Sunet Ridge in the race route.

Water Treatment Plant Funding Request

Administration brought forward a report to Council demonstrating the need for a capital

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investment in Cochrane's water treatment plant.

The Water Supply Strategy (2022), the 2023 Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update, and the Water Treatment Plant Capacity Assessment and Future Upgrades Study (2026) identified the need to upgrade and expand the existing Water Treatment Plant to support near and mid-term growth and maintain a reliable and resilient water supply.

The 2026 capacity study identified that the existing plant is operating near or at its treatment capacity during peak and extreme demand conditions, resulting in operational strain and reduced flexibility.

The proposed expansion will address priority capacity, reliability, redundancy, and asset condition needs at the existing Water Treatment Plant.

Administration will be bringing forward a capital budget request of \$31,917,000 to be funded through grants, reserves and borrowing.

Council deferred the decision on this item to the September 21st, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.