

Council highlights

Delegation ~ STARS Air Ambulance

Jackie Seely, Donor Relations & Development Officer for STARS Air Ambulance presented an overview of STARS, missions within Cochrane and area, and provided a funding request to Council.

Council received the report and presentation for information.

Regional Tourism Partnership

Council considered a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Towns of Cochrane and Sundre, the Cochrane Tourism Association (Explore Cochrane) and the Sundre Tourism Association. Following new provincial legislation on Destination Marketing Organizations, the two tourism associations are looking at a possible regional model. Cochrane Tourism plans to apply for this provincial designation by October 1, 2026.

The MOU sets out a shared understanding while that work continues, without committing the Town to any funding, partnership or governance role. Administration recommended amendments that clarify the Town's limited role, keep future funding decisions with Council, and protect the Town's upcoming Tourism Strategy.

Council endorsed the Town's participation in the Cochrane–Sundre Tourism Corridor Regional Destination Marketing Organization

MOU, subject to the amendments identified by Administration.

Water Treatment Plant Funding Request

Council approved a capital budget of up to \$31,917,000 for the upgrade and expansion of the existing Water Treatment Plant, funded by \$6,674,900 million in grants and reserves and borrowing of up to \$25,242,100. Council further directed Administration to bring forward the required borrowing bylaw, with the borrowing to be repaid through off-site levy collections.

Bylaw 14/2026 ~ Water Treatment Plant Expansion Borrowing – First Reading and Grant Application Endorsement

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 14/2026 and endorsed the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Grant application for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

Notice of Motion Introduction ~ Legal Reimbursement

Councillor Fedeyko introduced a Notice of Motion directing Administration to reimburse Councillor Fedeyko \$107,282.36 in legal expenses that were incurred during the 2021–2025 Council term following formal complaints and investigations.

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