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Organizational Meeting

Council adopted the 2027 Council Meeting Calendar and approved appointment of representatives to the 2026-2027 Council Appointments to Standing and External Committees.

Members of Council were appointed to committees as follows:

Mayor Nagel - Cochrane Planning Commission, Emergency Management Committee, Intermunicipal Committee (IMC) with Rocky View County, Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus

Councillor Fedeyko - Cochrane Library Board, Cochrane Planning Commission (CPC), Cochrane Society for Housing Options (CSHO)

Councillor Gale - Parks & Recreation Committee, Intermunicipal Committee (IMC) with Rocky View County, Natural Environment Protection (NEP) Task Force

Councillor McDonald - Rocky View Handibus, Cochrane Tourism Association Board, Natural Environment Protection (NEP) Task Force

Councillor McFadden - Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB), Bow Rivers Edge Campground Society Capital Re-Investment Sub Committee, Spray Lake Sawmill Recreation Park Society

Councillor Singh - Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board, Rocky View Foundation, Cochrane & Area Seniors Advisory Committee Board

Councillor Wilson - Cochrane Municipal Policing Committee (CMPC), Intermunicipal Committee (IMC) with Rocky View County, Cochrane Society for Housing Options Board (CSHO)

Council approved the following Deputy Mayor appointments:

Councillor Wilson – November 2, 2026 to February 28, 2027
Councillor Singh – March 1, 2027 to June 28, 2027
Councillor McFadden – June 29, 2027 to October 18, 2027

Greystone Area C Neighborhood Plan Amendment & Bylaw 15/2026 ~ Greystone Phase 9 Land Use Amendment Public Hearings

Public Hearings took place for the Greystone Area C Neighborhood Plan and Bylaw 15/2026 that propose a land use re-designation at 8 Clarke Terrace from General Industrial District to Business Industrial District.

These bylaws are scheduled to come to Council for Second and Third Readings on November 9, 2026.

Delegation ~ Cochrane Rangers Soccer Club

Don Ross, President of the Cochrane Rangers Soccer Club, was in attendance to provide an overview of the organization's programs,

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community contributions and proposed expansion of its existing soccer facilities.

The Club has identified a need for additional space to accommodate growing participation and future programming opportunities. The proposed expansion would include a 30-metre by 50-metre soccer field immediately west of the existing facilities, which could support additional recreational and competitive programming.

Council received the report and presentation for information.

Change to 2027 Budget Deliberations Date & Time

Council approved amending the previously approved 2027 budget deliberations schedule by rescheduling the November 19, 2026, session to November 23, 2026, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Bylaw 16/2026 ~ Surface Drainage

Surface Drainage Bylaw 16/2026 replaces Bylaw 13-2005 and updates requirements for stormwater management, lot grading, drainage discharge and protection of the Town's storm drainage system.

Key changes include assigning responsibility to the person responsible for an infraction, establishing specified penalties, and clarifying requirements for grading certification, discharge controls and drainage facility maintenance. These changes are intended to protect people, property, infrastructure and the environment while supporting compliance and enforcement.

Council gave Second and Third Reading to Bylaw 16/2026 ~ Surface Drainage.

ATCO & FORTIS Franchise Fees

Council approved initiating the customer notification and Alberta Utilities Commission approval process for the proposed increases to Cochrane's utility franchise fees effective January 1, 2027.

The natural gas franchise fee under the Natural Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., authorized by Bylaw 16/2025, is proposed to increase from 20% to 35%; and the electric franchise fee under the Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement with FortisAlberta Inc., authorized by Bylaw 13/2014, proposes an increase from 17% to 20%.

Both increases remain subject to the applicable Alberta Utilities Commission approval processes, customer notification requirements and Council approval through 2027 Budget deliberations.