

Council highlights

The Willows of River Heights:

- **Bylaw 18/2024: Land Use Amendments**
- **Neighbourhood Plan Amendments**

Administration presented a proposed land use amendment in the community of the Willows of River Heights. The amendment is intended to facilitate the development of low to medium density housing and park space in the western portion of the community.

As this change is not in line with the Willows of River Heights Neighbourhood Plan which speaks to preserving the wetland, a concurrent Neighbourhood Plan amendment was brought forward.

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 18/2024 and established a Public Hearing for May 13 at 5:30pm. Council established a Non-Statutory Public Hearing for the neighbourhood plan amendment on May 13 at 5:30 pm.

Fiscal Health Analysis Project Report

Urban 3 presented the results of the Fiscal Health Analysis project, utilizing data gathered from multiple departments within the organization, to provide Council and Administration with valuable insights for informed, data-driven decision-making.

The project included mapping key data sets to build 3D graphic visualizations of land uses, value per acre, and productivity comparisons.

Council received the report as information.

HWY 22 to Riverview Syphon Project: Additional Budget Request

The twinning of the existing HWY 22 syphon that conveys wastewater from communities north and southwest of HWY 1A and HWY 22 was approved by Council for a 2023/2024 construction. The project was initiated in October 2023 for a planned completion by summer of 2024.

During construction the project team encountered the need to make changes in the project scope. Council approved a \$700,000 increase to the 2024 project budget to be funded from the Wastewater Capital Reserve.

Historic Ranche and Glenbow Pathway/Bridge Budget Adjustments

The project aims to improve connectivity, accessibility, maintenance, and environmental sustainability in these natural areas.

Council approved a budget addition of \$619,212 from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

Jumpstart Multi-Use Court

An accessible multi-sport court facility is being donated to Cochrane by Project Jumpstart with an anticipated construction kickoff date of July 2024. The proposed site location is on the southeast perimeter of the SLS Centre.

A geotechnical investigation demonstrated that unsuitable fill material needs to be addressed as part of the site preparation.

Council approved an additional \$200,000 from the Municipal Infrastructure Capital Reserve to mitigate unforeseen ground conditions at the proposed Jumpstart Court location.

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Budget Task Force Update

The Budget Task Force acts as an advisory board to Council and Administration.

For the 2024 - 2026 Budget cycle, the Task Force recommended the following enhancements, which were approved by Council:

- Enhanced public engagement
- Inclusion of Full-time equivalent counts
- Graphics to improve readability

In the 2025-2027 budget book, Administration will incorporate a number of additional enhancements including:

- Increased level of budget disclosure
- Department/fund relationship
- Three year consolidated & fund financial schedules
- Long range financial plans

Council approved the additional enhancements for the 2025 - 2027 Budget document.

Notice of Motion: Joint High School/Recreation Centre Plan

Mayor Genung brought forward a notice of motion directing Administration explore a partnership with Rocky View School Division to develop concept plans for a joint High School/Recreation Centre at the Horse Creek site.

Benefits of this partnership include cost-sharing opportunities, streamlined project management, and the creation of a vibrant hub that promotes lifelong learning and active living.

Council directed Administration to bring an update back to Council by September 16, 2024.