

Council highlights

Seniors for Kids Society

Lynn Noble, Program Coordinator, and Renita Bartlett, Board Member, from Seniors for Kids Society (Cochrane), presented an overview of the 14 programs they facilitate in Cochrane and the surrounding areas.

Cochrane Public Library

Monique Fiedler-Sills, Library Director for the Cochrane Public Library, thanked Council for the 2024 location appropriation and presented a request for additional interim funds in 2024 to support a new full-time position and a Facility Needs Assessment. The Assessment will be the first step in addressing the library's urgent need for more space.

Administration will bring back a report for Council's consideration at an upcoming Council meeting.

Bylaw 21/2024: Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

Council received the first draft of Bylaw 21/2024-Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) for information. As per section 627 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the Town is legislatively obligated to establish a bylaw for a SDAB. The goal of the bylaw updates was to make it easy to follow and reflect the current practice for any SDAB activities.

Bylaw 20/2024: Assessment Review Board

Council received a draft of Bylaw 20/2024 – Assessment Review Board (ARB). With the last review of the ARB bylaw being conducted in 2016, Administration has made some updates to reflect current practices and to update the ARB bylaw at the same time as the SDAB proposed bylaw.

Bylaw 19/2024 Greystone Phase 10 Land Use Amendment

Administration brought forward a proposed land use amendment within Greystone Phase 10. This land use amendment is intended to facilitate low to medium density residential development and park space in the north and central portions of the community, and is in line with the Greystone Area C Neighbourhood Plan.

2025–2027 Budget: Draft Principles & Process

In preparation for the 2025–2027 Budget and based upon the work of the Budget Task Force and strategic sessions with Council, Administration presented draft principles upon which the 2025–2027 Budget will be developed, along with the draft budget process timeline for Council's consideration and feedback.

Envision Cochrane 2050 – Policy Goal Discussion

Administration presented a set of alternative policy scenarios for certain topics in Envision Cochrane 2050. These topics included: Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, Arts and Culture, and Economic Vitality.

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Council will deliberate and provide feedback at the May 13 regular Council meeting. The information will be used to inform the relevant sections of the draft Envision Cochrane 2050 document.

Whistleblower Program and Policy

Resulting from a Notice of Motion brought forward by Councillor Fedeyko at the January 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting, Council directed Administration to investigate the process of establishing a 3rd party Whistleblower Program and Policy and identify next steps for implementation with a draft policy to be brought back to Council for consideration by June 30, 2024.

Administration provided preliminary information gathered to date, discussed specific topics deliberated during the January 8, 2024 Notice of Motion debate and garnered additional feedback and direction from Council.