

# Council highlights

## Alberta Municipalities Resolution Submission 2026

Administration presented three separate resolutions for Council's endorsement for consideration at the 2026 ABMunis convention. ABMunis resolutions are a key advocacy tool that enable member municipalities to collectively advance policy and funding priorities.

Each proposed resolution responds to a distinct policy or funding gap impacting municipalities across Alberta and are used to engage on issues of shared municipal importance to collectively advance policy and funding priorities.

Council made the following resolutions to be submitted to the ABMunis Board for consideration:

1. That Council sponsor the Broadening Scope of Off-Site Levies
2. That Council sponsor the Restoring Provincial Support for Perpetual Conservation Easements
3. That Council co-sponsor the Budget Surplus and Municipal Infrastructure Investment

## Colt Transit System Performance Update

Administration provided Council with a detailed update on the system performance, financial considerations, and future opportunities, including planned service expansion and fleet optimization strategies

on the Colt transit system following the transition to a hybrid service model.

Council received this report for information.

## Bylaw 05/2026 ~ Annual Tax Rate Bylaw

Council adopted the Annual Tax Rate Bylaw. Residential taxable assessment increased by 8.0%, while non-residential taxable assessment increased by 10.0%. Of the \$43,188,793 in municipal taxes to be collected, 85% will be paid by residential property owners and 15% by non-residential property owners. This tax split remains unchanged since 2018.

Administration will distribute property tax bills to Cochrane property owners by May 29, 2026.

## Bylaw 06/2026 ~ Annual Community Revitalization Levy (CRL) Tax Rate Bylaw

Council adopted the CRL Tax Rate Bylaw.

Cochrane is one of the few municipalities with a community revitalization levy. This levy provides Cochrane with the opportunity to collect the education proportion of property taxes for specific properties and use those funds to support revitalization projects within the CRL plan area.

CRL revenue of \$1,641,841 in 2026 will go toward downtown revitalization projects.



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## **Bylaw 07/2026 ~ Supplementary Community Revitalization Levy (CRL)**

Council adopted the Supplementary Community Revitalization Levy Bylaw.

Bylaw 07/2026 will permit the supplementary taxation of new Community Revitalization Levy (CRL) properties in the same way other new properties are supplementary taxed upon completion.

## **Closed Session ~ Personnel**

Council directed that the Closed Session discussion remain confidential pursuant to Section 29(1)(d) of the Access to Information Act; and further that Council direct Administration to proceed with Option 1 as presented in Closed Session.