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## Delegation ~ Innovate Cochrane

Nathan Klassen, Board Chair, Innovate Cochrane, provided an overview of Innovate Cochrane, an organization dedicated to fostering connected, entrepreneurial and innovation-focused culture in Cochrane. The presentation highlighted the organization's alignment for a vibrant community as articulated in Envision Cochrane 2050. Mr. Klassen provided details on the impact of the \$25,000 investment from Economic Development.

## Temporary Outdoor Program

On April 7, 2026, Council directed Administration to explore the reintroduction of a seasonal patio expansion program and report back to Council by April 30, 2026.

Administration reviewed the temporary outdoor patio guidelines and agreement as well as the review/approval process for improvements. Specifically, Administration gathered comments from internal departments regarding potential improvements to the program to ensure alignment with Town Bylaws.

Council directed Administration to continue processing temporary outdoor patio applications and pursue opportunities to identify and implement continual improvement and increase awareness of the availability of this application type.

## Community Housing Needs Assessment ~ What We Heard Report

As part of the forthcoming Housing Needs Assessment, the Town of Cochrane completed a community engagement campaign in early 2026 to understand local housing experiences and identify gaps in the current housing system. Engagement included surveys, focus groups, interviews, pop-up events, and stakeholder meetings, with more than 676 participants contributing input. The findings in the 'What We Heard Report' were presented to Council and will help inform the final Housing Needs Assessment and guide future housing policy, planning, and partnership decisions.

Council received the Community Housing Needs Assessment What We Heard Report for information.

## IDP & ICF Terms of Reference

The Minister of Municipal Affairs mandated that all former Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) municipalities adopt both IDPs and ICFs by November 30, 2027.

The Terms of Reference sets the framework for how Cochrane and Rocky View County will collaborate to develop the IDP and the ICF. They define the shared principles and goals guiding the projects and clarify the roles and responsibilities of Administration, the Intermunicipal Committee, and Council. They



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also set out the project backgrounds, scopes, budgets, and dispute resolution processes.

Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Intermunicipal Development Plan and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework, as presented.