



2025

REPORT TO THE

COMMUNITY

BUILDING MOMENTUM TOGETHER

**New roads, new pathways, new art,
new perspectives and a new firetruck...
2025 was quite the year in Cochrane.**

It was a year of steady progress and visible change across our community. From long-term infrastructure investments to new public art and community celebrations, we continued to move forward together while keeping residents informed and involved along the way.



COCHRANE WELCOMED A A NEW COUNCIL

Cochrane began a new chapter in 2025 as residents welcomed a new Mayor and Council to help guide the community's future. The newly elected Council brings fresh perspectives and a shared commitment to supporting a vibrant and connected Cochrane.

Residents came out in strong numbers to help shape the future of their community through the municipal election. With a voter

turnout of 40.1%, the highest in recent years, and strong participation during advance voting, more residents than ever took the opportunity to have their say.

This level of participation reflects a community that is engaged, informed and invested in Cochrane's future.



COUNCILLOR
Laura McDonald

COUNCILLOR
Mikayla Gale

COUNCILLOR
Paul Singh

MAYOR
Morgan Nagel

COUNCILLOR
Patrick Wilson

COUNCILLOR
Tara McFadden

COUNCILLOR
Marni Fedeyko



151 NEW
BUSINESSES
OPENED

2,547
BUSINESS
LICENCES



1,221
HOME SALES

\$653,800
MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE OF
RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY
PROPERTIES IN 2025

913
HOUSING STARTS

37,011
RESIDENTS
2024 MUNICIPAL CENSUS



1,044
TOTAL
ESTABLISHMENTS

1,124
HOME-BASED
BUSINESSES


337 km
OF
ROADWAYS


530
WATER
REBATES
ISSUED


611
SERVICE
REQUESTS
RESPONDED TO
BY FACILITIES


15
TOWN
BUILDINGS

20
WATER/WASTE WATER
BUILDINGS


7,032
IN PERSON AND PHONE
CONTACTS WERE
MADE TO FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY SUPPORT
SERVICES (FCSS).


7,200
PARENTS/CHILDREN
ATTENDED FRN
PROGRAMMING


523
HECTARES OF
GREEN
SPACE


40
PLAYGROUNDS


31,312
FOLLOWERS
ON SOCIAL MEDIA

1,442 
CALLS
RESPONDED
TO BY FIRE SERVICES

3,495 
CALLS/
REQUESTS
RESPONDED
TO BY MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT


6,754
PERMITS
ISSUED

14,501 
SAFETY
CODE
INSPECTIONS
COMPLETED


2,668
RESIDENTS REGISTERED ON
LET'S TALK
COCHRANE

INVESTING IN RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ON GLENPATRICK DRIVE

In 2025, work began on the Glenpatrick Drive infrastructure replacement project, renewing a 50-year-old roadway and the essential underground systems that support homes and businesses in the area.

While much of this work happens below the surface, these upgrades play an important role in everyday life. Replacing aging water, sanitary and storm infrastructure helps improve long-term reliability, reduce the risk of future service disruptions and ensure this area continues to serve residents well for years to come.

Alongside the underground work, key surface improvements were also delivered to enhance safety and mobility. This included a new traffic circle near the school to support safer, calmer traffic flow with new crosswalks, as well as widened roadways and new sidewalks to improve accessibility and support walking, cycling and everyday movement through the neighbourhood.

Ongoing work on the Glenpatrick Drive infrastructure replacement project will replace and improve water, sanitary, storm and roadway infrastructure.

Construction projects like this are impactful for nearby residents, businesses and commuters and we appreciate the community's patience throughout the work. Keeping residents informed remained a priority through regular updates, responsive communication and efforts to reduce impacts wherever possible, including scheduling work near the school during summer break when classes were out.

The second phase of the project will continue through summer 2026, bringing this long-term investment in Glenpatrick Drive to completion.



CELEBRATING PUBLIC ART AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Cochrane Bricolage by Karen Ho Fatt

Cochrane got a little more beautiful with the addition of new public art at The Station at Cochrane Crossing, a space that continues to grow as a gathering place for creativity, connection and community pride.

The unveiling brought residents together to celebrate the work of **Karen Ho Fatt**, along with artists **Malann Klassen** and **Lara Kruger**. Each piece adds something unique to the space, helping tell Cochrane's story through different perspectives, experiences and artistic expression.

These works are now part of our shared public spaces, reflecting Cochrane's identity, diversity and collaborative spirit. They invite people to slow down, look closer and experience the town in a new way.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit The Station, explore the artwork and take in this vibrant community space for themselves.

HONOURING OUR HERITAGE

In September, the community came together for a special moment in our history as we rededicated the Men of Vision statue following repairs after vandalism. One of Cochrane's most iconic and beloved landmarks, the statue continues to hold deep meaning for residents and reflects the spirit and story of our community.

The ceremony honoured the original 1979 unveiling, bringing that moment back to life in a meaningful way. In a nod to Cochrane's western heritage, horses once again played a role in the unveiling, creating a powerful connection between past and present.

Residents, Council, staff and the artist's family gathered on a beautiful fall day to celebrate the restoration of this important landmark. More than a rededication, it was a moment to come together, reflect on where we have come from and recognize the shared identity that continues to shape Cochrane today.





A NEW ADDITION TO FIRE SERVICES

2025 also brought an important boost to local emergency response.

Cochrane Fire Services welcomed an exciting new addition to its fleet with the arrival of a 2025 Rosenbauer Commander pumper.

Built with input from Cochrane firefighters, this pumper was designed specifically for our community, from steep hills to tight neighbourhood streets and everything in between.

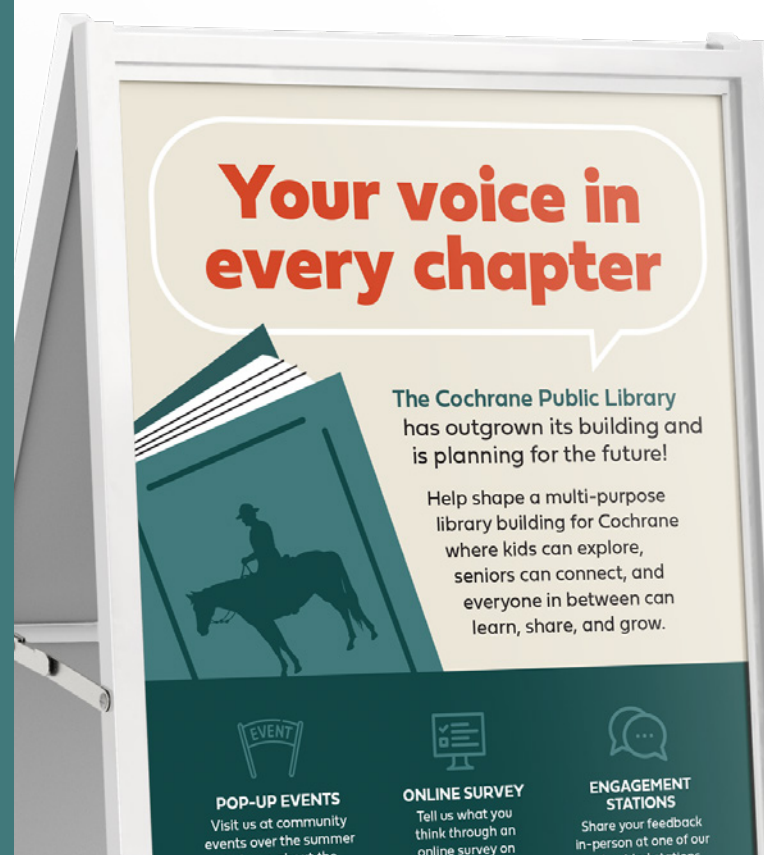
With its upgraded capabilities and smart design, it helps crews respond quickly and work effectively once on scene. It strengthens response times and supports firefighters as they continue to keep our growing community safe.

YOUR VOICE SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Community input played an important role in shaping decisions throughout the year.

Residents shared feedback through several engagement opportunities including the library project, annual budget, Samuel Spicer Park and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan. This input is helping guide future investments in parks, trails, recreation facilities and cultural programs.

Engagement from Cochrane residents continues to grow. Resident feedback is critical to ensuring updated plans will meet the needs of our community. Residents who are interested in providing feedback on future projects can sign up at letstalkcochrane.ca.



PLANNING AHEAD

WITH ASSET MANAGEMENT

As Cochrane continues to grow, so does the need to carefully plan for the infrastructure and services that support everyday life.

In 2025, the Town introduced a new asset management position to help strengthen how we use, plan, maintain and invest in community infrastructure to sustainably and consistently deliver services over the long term.



While the role works mostly behind the scenes, its impact reaches across the community. Residents' ability to travel, work, play, and live safely in the community are supported by a large number of assets and infrastructure. From roads, pathways, and playgrounds to water systems, buildings, and vehicles, asset management helps ensure the Town understands what we have, how it meets our service needs, what condition it is in, the best time to repair or replace it and how to plan responsibly for the future.

This work supports smarter and more transparent decision-making, better long-term budgeting, more efficient use of resources, and more proactive maintenance, helping reduce unexpected costs and service disruptions over time.

By improving how we track and manage community assets today, we are helping protect the services residents rely on while making the most of every tax dollar invested into our community.

Good asset management is about looking ahead, planning responsibly, and balancing today's needs, costs, and risks with those of future generations to ensure infrastructure remains reliable, sustainable, and able to serve residents for years to come.



ADVANCING THE
**HIGHWAY 1A/22
INTERCHANGE**

The Highway 1A/22 interchange has been one of the most significant transportation investments in our region, led by the Province of Alberta in partnership with the Town of Cochrane. Over several years, this project has reshaped how we move through our community and how we connect to the wider region.

In 2022, The Town completed key road work and utility relocations to support the future interchange, including early ramp construction in collaboration with the Province of Alberta. These early stages helped reduce future disruption and kept the project moving forward.

In 2025, work continued on this major project, which has been transforming one of Cochrane’s key travel corridors. As construction progressed, every member of our community felt its impact as we

navigated detours, temporary routes and changing pathways through this central connection point.

While the project has taken place over several years, the long-term benefits for safety, connectivity and traffic flow are now clearly taking shape.

Once finished, the interchange will significantly improve traffic flow, increase safety and make it easier for residents, businesses and visitors to move through Cochrane and connect to the region. Major construction is now complete, and 2026 will focus on the final layer of pavement, landscaping and pathway connections.

KEEPING COCHRANE
**ACTIVE AND
CONNECTED**

Cochrane continued to grow as a community that makes it easy to get outside, get moving and stay connected to the places we love.

We partnered with Jumpstart to bring a new multi-sport court to the community, creating a space where kids, families and neighbours can play, gather and stay active together. In 2025, residents also welcomed new pickleball courts, adding even more opportunities for recreation, social connection and active living for all ages.

At the same time, new pathways were built as part of the interchange project, connecting the Cochrane Ranche to historic downtown. These connections are part of a growing accessible pathway network that makes it easier than ever to get around town on foot, by bike, wheelchair, or scooter.

Today, residents can enjoy a picnic by the creek at the Historic Ranche, wander into downtown, stop by a new playground, or take a walk up the hills to catch a glimpse of the eagles on the breeze and paragliders soaring from the big hill.

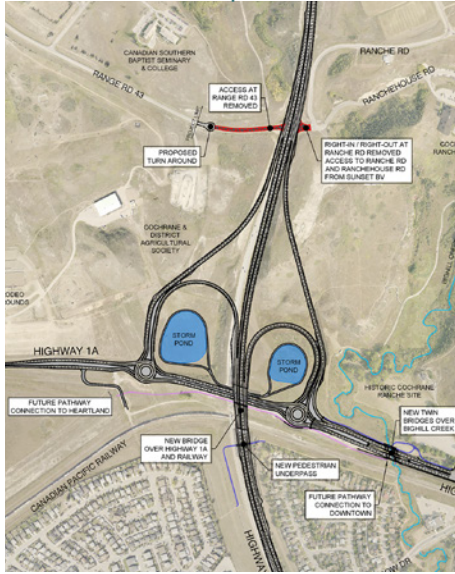
Together, these spaces and connections support everyday recreation, active travel and simple moments of enjoying Cochrane’s natural beauty.



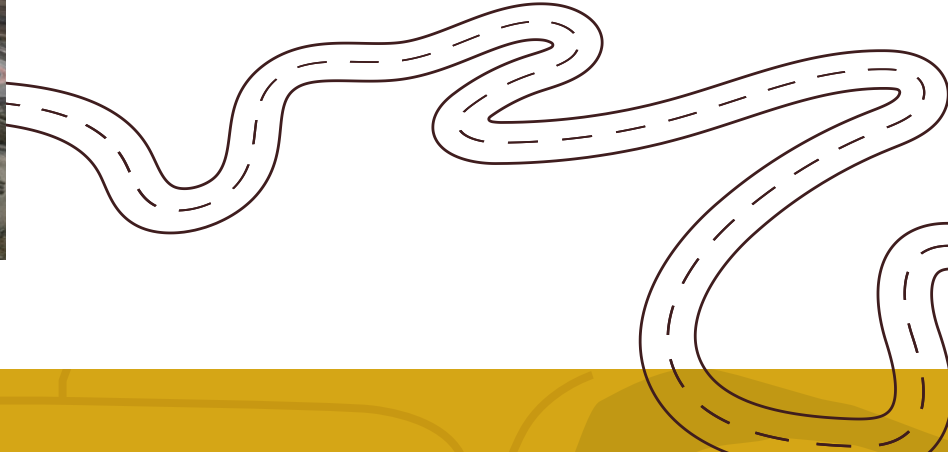
**WHERE WE
STARTED (2021)**



**THE
PLAN**



**WHERE WE
ARE (2025)**





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