



February 18, 2025 Council Meeting

## **‘Emergent Business Item’**

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Letter of Support for Cochrane’s Active Transportation Fund  
Grant Application

**(Intergovernmental Services & Regional Planning)**

“R. McCullough”

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Chief Administrative Officer

**Emergent business items are matters that were not included on a meeting agenda but due to time constraints or unusual circumstances must be considered at a specific meeting.**



Letter of Support for Cochrane’s Active Transportation Fund Grant Application

Electoral Division: 2/3

File:

Date:	February 18, 2025
Presenter:	Keagan Andrew, Intergovernmental Advisor
Department:	Intergovernmental Services and Regional Planning

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider Council approval of a letter of support for the Town of Cochrane’s application for grant funding to support the development of active transportation infrastructure connecting the Town of Cochrane to the City of Calgary.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide a letter of support for the Town of Cochrane’s 2025 Active Transportation Fund application to support the development of the Trans Canada Trail project.

BACKGROUND

Cochrane is collaborating with the Trail Owners Council organization on the proposed Trans Canada Trail to connect the City of Calgary to Cochrane through Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park. To facilitate the construction of this project, Cochrane is applying to the federal Active Transportation Fund grant program on behalf of the Trail Owners Council and has requested County support to strengthen the application. The request was received on February 6, 2025, and a response is due by February 19, 2025, before the next regular Council Meeting on March 4, 2025.

ANALYSIS

Funding received from the Active Transportation Fund grant program will be used to support significant infrastructure improvements to facilitate the construction of the Trans Canada Trail project. These include the development of a pedestrian bridge over the Bow River, which will allow the connection of downtown Cochrane to the City of Calgary through Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park. The trail will provide new recreational opportunities for County residents in addition to residents of Calgary and Cochrane, and boost tourist connections for all three municipalities. Administration recommends that Council provide a support letter for the Town’s application.

COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT

No communication or engagement is required.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

There are no financial implications associated with this request.

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## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

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Key Performance Indicators		Strategic Alignment
Effective Service Delivery	SD2: Services are resourced and delivered to specific groups as intended, and citizens are satisfied with the outcomes	A letter in support of a grant to facilitate the construction of the Trans Canada Trail project will provide new active transportation opportunities for County residents and boost tourist connections.

## ALTERNATE DIRECTION

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THAT the request from the Town of Cochrane for a letter of support for the Active Transportation Fund Grant application for the Trans Canada Trail project be received for information.

## ATTACHMENTS

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There are no attachments.

## APPROVALS

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Manager:	Amy Zaluski, Director, Intergovernmental and Regional Services
Executive Director/Director:	Amy Zaluski, Director, Intergovernmental and Regional Services
Chief Administrative Officer:	Reegan McCullough, Chief Administrative Officer