

Public Hearing

Bylaw 1269, 2026 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Council held a public hearing regarding Bylaw 1269, 2026, to redesignate a portion of Lot 51, Block 1, Southmore Drive, Plan 0812254, from the Urban Tourism Accommodation and Recreation (UTAR) District to the Comprehensive Ski Village (CSV) District.

The revised proposal consists of two residential homes, six short-term rental units and one rental office, replacing the original proposal for eight short-term rental units.

Delegation

Bringing Hearts Home Campaign

Crystal Elliott, CEO of the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation, presented information on the Bringing Hearts Home Campaign, which supports development of the Southern Alberta Cardiac Centre of Excellence.

Elliott said residents of southern Alberta often travel approximately three hours to access cardiac diagnostics, critical care and treatment. She said the project is intended to create a comprehensive regional cardiac system that will provide:

- Advanced cardiac diagnostics
- Interventional cardiology
- Expanded intensive care and critical care capacity
- CT and MRI imaging
- Heart function clinics
- Cardiac monitoring
- A full continuum of care from diagnosis through recovery

Elliott said the Alberta government committed \$51 million over the next three years toward the estimated \$445-million project in the 2026 provincial budget. She added that approximately \$28.8 million has been raised through community donations and fundraising.

The foundation is asking municipalities to support the campaign through advocacy and donations of approximately \$5 to \$7 per resident.

Coun. Dean Ward noted council could not make a funding decision during the delegation but said administration could bring the matter forward during future budget deliberations.

Ward asked whether the province is expected to fund the remaining balance of the project. Elliott said it is anticipated the province will fund the remaining costs and that continued advocacy will help keep the project a priority.

Ward also asked whether other municipalities had committed funding. Elliott said contributions have already been received from the Town of Pincher Creek, the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, Willow Creek and Cardston County.

Ward asked whether Elk Valley Resources had made a commitment. Elliott said representatives had been invited to discussions but no commitment had been made.

Coun. Vastenhout asked whether improvements would be made at the Crowsnest Pass hospital. Elliott said additional diagnostic equipment, including Holter monitors, is expected to improve early detection of heart conditions, but no renovations are planned for the local hospital.

Business Items

Bylaw 1248, 2025 – Proposed Road Closure

Council approved the proposed road closure.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bylaw 1269, 2026 – Second and Third Readings

Council considered second and third readings of the land use bylaw amendment.

The development will include:

- Two residential homes
- Six short-term rental units
- One rental office

Second reading passed 5-1, with Coun. Doreen Johnson opposed.

Third reading passed 5-1, with Coun. Doreen Johnson opposed.

2026 Property Tax Public Auction Date and Reserve Bids

Council approved Oct. 8, 2029, as the public auction date for four properties with taxes in arrears for three years.

The motion carried unanimously.

Request for One-Time Funding – ARCH

Council considered a request from ARCH, dated June 15, 2026, for \$7,000 in one-time funding.

Couns. Glavin and Vastenhout recommended approving \$5,000 from reserve funds and encouraging ARCH to apply for grant funding in the fall.

Council approved the \$5,000 allocation.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports

Forestry Update

Council received an update regarding plans to develop an additional hiking and mountain biking trail system behind Pass Powderkeg.

The proposed trail network would total approximately 35 to 40 kilometres and is expected to be completed by 2028.

Notice of Motion

Council directed administration to present a baseline budget for the 2027 budget process by July 7, 2026.

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