



City Council Highlights

July 22, 2025

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Regular Council Meeting

Public Members Appointed to Library Board

Council appointed five public members to the Chestermere Library Board, filling all current vacancies in accordance with the Libraries Act. These appointments help ensure the Board's continued operations and governance capacity.

Returning Officers Appointed for 2025 Municipal Election

Council appointed Vanessa Van der Meer, Manager of Legislative Services, as Returning Officer for the 2025 Municipal Election. Vanna Casement was also appointed as the Presiding Deputy Returning Officer (PDRO). These appointments ensure legislative compliance and provide leadership for the administration of the upcoming election process.

Off-Site Levy Policy Review

Council directed Administration to return with further updates to Policy 320, Off-Site Levy Policy by the end of December 2025. While proposed revisions aimed to improve fairness and consistency, Council requested additional review of the policy's alignment with Bylaw 013-25, its approach to landowner-led development, and the frequency of formal review.

Short-Term Rentals Prohibited in R-1L District

Council passed Bylaw #031-25 (Second and Third Reading), amending the Land Use Bylaw to prohibit short-term rentals in the Residential Lakeshore (R-1L) district. The change reflects public feedback and 2025 Municipal Census data, clarifies land use expectations for homeowners, and reinforces local preferences.

Second Reading of Municipal Development Plan (MDP)

Council gave Second Reading to Bylaw #020-25, the City's updated Municipal Development Plan (MDP), which outlines a 25-year vision for growth and land use. The bylaw is scheduled to return for Third Reading on September 9, 2025.

Chestermere to Join Invest Greater Calgary

Council authorized the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), making Chestermere a founding member of Invest Greater Calgary (IGC). This regional initiative aims to attract investment and support non-residential growth across the Calgary Metropolitan Region through shared resources and collaboration.

New Anti-Bullying and Harassment Bylaw Passed

Council passed Bylaw #011-25 (First, Second, and Third Reading), establishing a new Anti-Bullying and Harassment Bylaw. The bylaw provides enhanced enforcement tools, modernized definitions, and aligns with current legal standards. Administration was also directed to share the bylaw with local schools and school boards in accessible formats.

Community Standards Bylaw

Council passed Bylaw #003-25 (Second and Third Reading), updating the Community Standards Bylaw. The Busing section was removed and will return as a standalone bylaw for review on September 9, 2025.

Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw #034-25, which proposes new rules for temporary signs on highways and City property. The proposed bylaw would establish removal authority for unauthorized signage and align election signage regulations with provincial guidelines.

West Waterford Land Use Amendment

Council accepted the West Waterford Outline Plan for information and gave First Reading to Bylaw #018-25, proposing land use changes in the area. A Public Hearing for Bylaw #018-25 will be held on September 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Transit Feasibility Study Approved

Council directed Administration to proceed with a transit feasibility study using existing funds within the Engineering operating budget. The study will evaluate public transit needs, service options, and associated costs, while gathering public input to guide future planning.

Election Signs Bylaw

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw #008-25, proposing updates to election signage rules within the Land Use Bylaw. A Public Hearing is scheduled for September 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to gather community feedback.

Closed Session Motions

- Council scheduled a Special Meeting of Council for July 29, 2025, at 3 p.m.
- Council, sitting as the Board of Directors, approved an additional payout of \$140,060.48 from 1538974 Alberta Ltd. to Rainbow Falls Development Inc. This payout will settle the lawsuit against the City. The Board also authorized the original settlement amount of \$930,000 to be paid from 1538974 Alberta Ltd.'s general bank account.
- Council rescinded Motion #240109-09 and amended the original 2018 motion to allow 1538974 Alberta Ltd. to assume debt for the purpose of settling legal claims attributable to CUI when funds are insufficient.
- Council accepted the Golf Course presentation for information.