



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 8, 2020

The Town of Didsbury Council held the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday December 8, 2020 via ZOOM Meetings.

- With the 2021 Municipal Election set for October 18, 2021, the Elections bylaw was required to be updated to include the changes made to the *Local Authorities Election Act*. Council gave second and third and final reading to Bylaw 2020-14 Municipal elections.
- Council rescinded the appointment of Maxine Moreau as *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* Coordinator. This position has been delegated by the CAO to Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services.
- In preparation for the 2021 Municipal Election, Council appointed Luana Smith as Returning Officer and Deborah Porath as Substitute Returning Officer.
- Council appointed members of Council to the newly established Governance Committees. They are as follows:

Strategic Planning	Performance Evaluation	Policy & Governance
Mayor Hunter	Council Engel	Councillor Windsor
Councillor Moore	Councillor Crothers	Councillor Baswick
Councillor Windsor	Councillor Poggemiller	Councillor Moore

The Policy and Governance Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on January 12, 2021 via ZOOM meetings.

- In accordance with section 242(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council must adopt an operating budget for the calendar year; and may adopt an interim budget for part of a calendar year. Council adopted the 2020 operating budget as the 2021 interim operating budget with total revenues including municipal taxation of \$11,523,862 and total expenditures of \$11,523,862 until the 2021 operating budget is passed.
- In response to the measures put in place due to COVID-19, Council approved to waive business license fees, development permit fees and animal license fees for the period January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 the cost of which will be covered from the MOST grant program.
- Council approved to support to the 2021/22 ACP Municipal Internship Program application and will include \$17,000 towards salaries and benefits for the Intern, including \$12,750 as part of the 2021 budget and \$4,250 as part of the 2022 budget.
- On December 8, 2020 Premier Jason Kenney announced new restrictions and measures relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In response to this, Council delegated the authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to use discretion about the availability of Town facilities, and that it be reviewed at the January 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. through ZOOM Meetings.