



TOWN OF DIDSBURY AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Approval of Minutes
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	3.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The following minutes are being presented to Council for their review and approval:

- September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

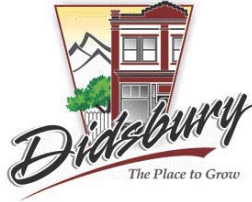
Please see attached minutes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engaged Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to approve the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
September 8, 2020

The regular meeting of Council for the municipality of the Town of Didsbury was held electronically through "ZOOM Meeting" Tuesday, September 8, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Hunter
Deputy Mayor E. Poggemiller
Councillor J. Baswick
Councillor M. Crothers
Councillor C. Engel
Councillor D. Moore
Councillor B. Windsor

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer - E. Gerner
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer - A. Riley
Manager of Community Services - N. Aasen
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer - L. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add item 6.3 Bylaw 2020-11 (2nd Reading)

Res. 320-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 321-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to approve the August 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

DELEGATION

Executive Director Kimberley Worthington and Board Chair John Vandermeer of CAEP

Res. 322-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to accept the presentation from the Central Alberta Economic Partnership as information.

Carried

After presentation concluded, there were questions and answers until 6:52 p.m.

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw 2020-06 Emergency Management

Res. 323-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant first reading to Bylaw 2020-06 a bylaw to establish an Emergency Advisory Committee, an Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Management Protocol, and that it be referred to Committee.

Carried

Amending Bylaw 2020-13 Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee

Res. 324-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel to grant first reading to amending Bylaw 2020-13 a bylaw to amend the membership portion of the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee and that it be referred to Committee.

Carried

Res. 325-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor that advertising for the youth member and members at large on the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory committee commence.

Carried

Bylaw 2020-11 Committees of Council

Res. 326-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel that Council grant second reading to Bylaw 2020-11 a bylaw to establish Council Committees of the Town of Didsbury, and that it be referred to Committee.

Carried

BUSINESS

Contingency Plan for Council Chambers

Res. 327-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the use of ZOOM Meeting if the attendance of individuals in Council Chambers exceeds the capacity under the public health order recommendations.

Carried

Skatepark Update

Res. 328-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the Town of Didsbury commit to construction of the new skatepark in Round Two construction period of 2021 and further, that Administration be directed to send a letter to New Line Skateparks to notify them of this commitment and book construction dates.

Carried

Changes to Linear Assessment

Res. 329-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the letter from Mountain View County and the information from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association on the Impacts of Assessment Model Changes on Municipalities as information.

Carried

Res. 330-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor that a letter be sent on behalf of Council to MLA Nathan Cooper on the Impacts of Assessment Model Changes on Municipalities and copied to the appropriate ministries.

Carried

MDP Timeline Extension

Res. 331-20 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the extension of the Municipal Development Plan update after the Intermunicipal Development Plan has been adopted by the Town of Didsbury and Mountain View County Councils, and that Administration bring back more information on the MDP project status.

Carried

Assessment Management Grant Support

Res. 332-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to approve for Administration to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for an Asset Management Plan for our Pathways, Play Structures and Parks thus committing the Town of Didsbury to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- The Collection of Inventory Data on our Pathways, Play Structures, Sports Fields and other park equipment.
- Condition Assessment of each group of assets stated above;
- Developing an Open Space Asset Management Plan, which addresses annual maintenance and capital costs for our Open Spaces.

Be it further resolved that the Town of Didsbury commit up to \$10,000 of staff time from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.

Carried

Fall Cleanup –September 29-October 3, 2020

In addition to residents cleaning up their yards and homes, individuals and community groups are encouraged to join the Town-wide Cleanup from September 29 to October 3. In addition, residents can register and pay for the following services:

- September 29 – Appliance Day (\$15.00 per appliance)
- September 30 – Senior & Disabled Curbside Pick (\$10.00)
- September 28 – Oct. 3 - Landfill Tickets \$10 per load

Res. 333-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers that the Fall Cleanup program be accepted as presented.

Carried

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer Report

Res. 334-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report for September 8, 2020 as information.

Carried

Res. 335-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers that the demolition of the old fire hall be retendered.

Carried

Council Reports (Verbal)

Res. 336-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the Council Reports for September 8, 2020 as information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE - None

EMAIL QUESTIONS The Mayor addressed one email question.

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 337-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to go into Closed Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Carried

Council took a 5-minute break

The following people, including Council, attended the closed meeting session:

Staff: Ethan Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
Amanda Riley, Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services

Topics of Closed Meeting

Sec. 24(1) Advice from Officials
Sec. 24(1) Advice from Officials
Sec. 23(1) Local Public Body Confidences
Sec. 24(1) Advice from Officials
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Sec. 23(1) Local Public Body Confidences

RECONVENE

Res. 338-20 MOVED by Councillor Engel that Council reconvene from closed meeting to open meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Carried

Res. 339-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to extend the council meeting to 9:30 p.m.

Carried unanimously

Res. 340-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to return to closed meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENE

Res. 341-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to reconvene from Closed Meeting to Open Meeting 9:28 p.m.

Carried

Res. 342-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor for Council to extend to 9:35 p.m.

Carried unanimously

Re. 343-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to bring back to Council the 2019 Capital Budget revision on the Camera Silent Partner/Radar item.

Carried

Res. 344-20 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to have the Economic Development Officer bring a report on remaining as members with Central Alberta Economic Partnership to a meeting in January 2021.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 345-20 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Carried

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer - Ethan Gorner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Bylaw 2020-14 Municipal Elections
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Municipal Elections Bylaw 2020-14 is a bylaw to establish certain election procedures.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Bill 29: *The Local Authorities Election Amendment Act* (LAEA) was passed on July 21, 2020 to make further amendments to the LAEA.

Some of the notable changes are the campaign period, registering as a candidate and adding the position of “Substitute Returning Officer” and clarifying terminology regarding “Incapacitated Elector at Home”.

Handing in nomination papers are no longer restricted to a 2 hour period, 4 weeks prior to election day. Nomination papers will now be accepted at the beginning of the campaign period, which is January 1 in the year of an election up to 6 weeks prior to election day.

There several changes relating to campaign finance and contribution disclosure requirements. These are not part of the bylaw but will be included in the candidate package.

Administration is recommending not charging a nomination deposit. There are stipulations for returning the deposit (Sec. 30 (2); and in most cases, all the deposits are returned. Rather than continue with taking and returning deposits, Administration is suggesting it be removed from the bylaw.

Bylaw 2007-01 which was amended in March 2013 is included with changes and additions noted in red or strikethrough.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant first reading to Bylaw 2020-14, a bylaw to establish election procedures, and that it be referred to committee for review.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
BYLAW 2020-14

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO PROVIDE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS it is the desire of Council to establish certain election procedures;

AND WHEREAS to the *Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000*, and amendments thereto and the *Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26, of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000* and amendments thereto provides authority for the Town of Didsbury to regulate such matters;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assemble, hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 Title

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Municipal Election Bylaw”.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 In this Bylaw:

Act means the *Local Authorities Election Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter L-21 as amended from time to time.

Advance Vote means a vote taken in advance of Election Day;

Campaign period is one year (January 1 through December 31) of a general election year.

Council means the municipal council of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta;

Candidate means any person who is nominated for election as a councillor/mayor of the municipality.

Elector means a person eligible to vote at an election;

Election means a general election, by-election, or a vote on a bylaw or question;

Election Day means the date fixed for voting at an election;

Incapacitated Elector at Home means a voter who is unable to leave their place of residence to attend to a voting station or an advance voting station to vote who may require assistance during the voting process by either a friend/relative or an election worker;

Institutional Vote means a voter who is unable to leave their institutional residence setting to attend to a voting station or an advance voting station in the usual manner.

Local Jurisdiction means a municipality or district or a division as defined in the *School Act*, as the case may be;

Nomination Day means the day set 6 weeks before Election Day to receive nominations of candidates;

Nomination Form means the form as prescribed under the *Local Authorities Election Forms Regulation 106/2007*.

Nomination Period means the beginning of the campaign period (January 1 in the year of an election) to 6 weeks prior to Election Day.

Returning Officer means a person appointed under the *Local Authorities Election Act, 2000*,

Municipal Election Bylaw 2020-14

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Chapter L-21 as amended from time to time and includes a person acting in the Returning Officer's place;

Substitute Returning Officer means a person appointed by Council at the time a returning officer is appointed who will act in the Returning Officer's place.

Voter has the same meaning as "Elector" under the *Local Authorities Election Act*;

Voting Station means the place where an Elector votes.

3.0 Returning Officer

- 3.1 The Chief Administrative Officer will recommend to Council the appointment of the Returning Officer for the Town of Didsbury (hereinafter referred to as the "Returning Officer") for the purpose of conducting elections under the Act.
- 3.2 The Chief Administrative Officer will recommend to Council the appointment of a "Substitute" Returning Officer.
- 3.3 The Returning Officer shall appoint presiding deputy, deputies, constables and other persons required to work municipal elections.

4.0 Nominations Period, Definition Of A Candidate And Campaign Period

- 4.1 Nomination papers will be accepted by the Town of Didsbury at the beginning of the campaign period (January 1 in the year of an election) to 6 weeks prior to election day.
- 4.2 Nomination day (which is the final day to accept nominations) is 6 weeks before election day (*s.25{1} LAEA*).
- 4.3 The Returning Officer will receive nominations of Candidates for the Town of Didsbury Council elections at the Town of Didsbury Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Nomination Day and on any subsequent day to which the time for receipt of nominations is adjourned.
- 4.4 In the case of a by-election, the nomination period will commence the day following the resolution of council setting the date of the by-election. Nominations will be accepted up until 6 weeks prior to the date of the by-election.

5.0 Rejection of Nomination Paper

- 5.1 The Returning Officer is required to refuse a nomination paper if it has not been signed by five eligible electors and is not sworn/affirmed by the candidate.

6.0 Voting Stations – Modified Voting Procedure

- 6.1 In accordance with Ministerial Order 160(2) the Returning Officer may designate the location of the voting station and the location of more than one voting station may be designated for each voting subdivision.

7.0 Advance Voting:

- 7.1 The holding of an Advance Vote on any Vote held in an Election for the Local Jurisdiction is hereby authorized.
- 7.2 In accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act*, the Returning Officer will determine the location, days and hours when an Advance Vote will be held.

8.0 Incapacitated Elector at Home:

- 8.1 During the hours an Advance Voting Station is open or other times as arranged, two (2) Deputies will attend at the residence of an Elector, in order to take the vote of an Elector who is unable to attend a Voting Station or an Advance Voting Station to vote and may require assistance during the voting process by either a friend/relative or an election worker.

9.0 Institutional Vote:

- 9.1 During the hours an Advance Voting Station is open or other times as arranged, two (2) Deputies will attend at the institutional residence of an Elector, in order to take the votes of an Elector who are unable to attend a Voting Station or an Advance Voting Station to vote in the usual manner.

10.0 Voting Hours on Election Day:

- 10.1 The Voting Stations in the Town of Didsbury shall be open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

11.0 Authorized Elector Identification

- 11.1 As per Section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, Voter identification will be required for local authority elections where a list of Electors is not prepared. The identification will consist of government issued identification containing the Elector's photograph, current address and name. This includes an Operator's (Driver's) License or an Alberta Identification Card.
- 11.2 If the Elector is unable to produce government issued identification, they must produce two (2) pieces of identification. Both pieces of identification must establish the Elector's name. One piece must establish the Elector's current address.

12.0 Effective Date

- 12.1 The Bylaw comes into full force and effect upon third and final reading;

13.0 Repeal

- 13.1 Bylaw 2007-01 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed on the date that this Bylaw comes into full force and effect.

Read a first time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Read a second time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Read a third and final time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor – Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner

**BYLAW NO. 2007-01
TOWN OF DIDSBURY
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
Amended March 26, 2013**

BEING A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY.

WHEREAS it is the desire of Council to establish certain election procedures;

AND WHEREAS to the *Local Authorities Election Act*, being Chapter L-21, of the *Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000*, and amendments thereto and the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26, of the *Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000* and amendments thereto provides authority for the Town to regulate such matters;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assemble, **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

TITLE:

101. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Election Bylaw”.

DEFINITIONS:

201. In this Bylaw:

- (a) “Act” means the *Local Authorities Election Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter L-21 as amended from time to time.
- (b) “Advance Vote” means a vote taken in advance of Election Day;
- (c) “Council” means the municipal council of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta;

Campaign period is one year (January 1 through December 31) of a general election year.

Candidate means any person who is nominated for election as a councillor/mayor of the municipality.

- (d) “Elector” means a person eligible to vote at an election;
- (e) “Election” means a general election, by-election or a vote on a bylaw of question;
- (f) “Election Day” means the date fixed for voting at an election;

Incapacitated Elector at Home means a voter who unable to leave their place of residence to attend to a voting station or an advance voting station to vote who may require assistance during the voting process by either a friend/relative or an election worker;

Institutional Vote means a voter who is unable to leave their institutional residence setting to attend to a voting station or an advance voting station in the usual manner.

- (g) “Local Jurisdiction” means a municipality or a district or a division as defined in the *School Act*, as the case may be;
- (h) “Nomination Day” means the day set ~~4~~ 6 weeks before Election Day to receive nominations of candidates;
- (h) “Nomination Form” means the form as prescribed under the *Local Authorities Election Forms Regulation 378/2003*: 106/2007.
Nomination Period means the beginning of the campaign period (January 1 in the year of an election) to 6 weeks prior to Election Day.
- (i) “Returning Officer” means a person appointed under the *Local Authorities Election Act, 2000, Chapter L-21* as amended from time to time and includes a person acting in the returning officer’s place;
Substitute Returning Officer means a person appointed by Council at the time a returning officer is appointed;
- ~~(j) “Senior’s accommodation facility means: (institutional voting station)~~
 - ~~(i) lodge accommodation as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act*, or~~
 - ~~(ii) a facility for seniors that provides accommodation at a location for 10 or more persons who are 65 years of age or older;~~
- (k) “Voter” has the same meaning as "elector" under the *Local Authorities Election Act*.
- (l) “Voting Station” means the place where an elector votes.

Returning Officer:

301. The Chief Administrative Officer will recommend to Council the appointment of the Returning Officer for Town of Didsbury (hereinafter referred to as the “Returning Officer”) for the purpose of conducting elections under the Act.

The Chief Administrative Officer will recommend to Council the appointment of a "Substitute" Returning Officer.

Nominations Hours:

- ~~401. The Returning Officer will receive nominations of candidates for Town of Didsbury Council elections at the Town of Didsbury office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Nomination Day and on any subsequent day to which the time for receipt of nominations is adjourned.~~

Nominations Period, Definition Of A Candidate And Campaign Period

Nomination papers will be accepted by the Town of Didsbury at the beginning of the campaign period (January 1 in the year of an election) to 6 weeks prior to election day (s. 24(2)(a) LAEA) Nominations Day/Hours:

Nomination day (which is the final day to accept nominations) is 6 weeks before election day (s.25{1} LAEA).

The Returning Officer will receive nominations of Candidates for the Town of Didsbury Council elections at the Town of Didsbury Office between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Nomination Day and on any subsequent day to which the time for receipt of nominations is adjourned.

In the case of a by-election, the nomination period will commence the day following the resolution of council setting the date of the by-election. Nominations will be accepted up until 6 weeks prior to the date of the by-election (s.25(2)(b) LAEA).

Nomination Deposit:

- ~~501. Every Nomination Form for a candidate for the position as a member of Council for the Town of Didsbury shall be accompanied by a deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).~~
- ~~502. The deposit shall be in cash, or certified cheque or money order payable to the Town of Didsbury.~~
- ~~503. A candidate's deposit will be returned to him/her in accordance with Section 30 of the Act.~~

Rejection of Nomination Paper

The Returning Officer is required to refuse a nomination paper if it has not been signed by five eligible electors and is not sworn/affirmed by the candidate.

Modified Voting Procedure:

601. In accordance with Ministerial Order Number 532/86 the Town of Didsbury hereby adopts the modified system of conducting an Election as prescribed by Alberta Regulation 170/2000 to designate the locations of more than one voting station within the Town of Didsbury.
602. The modified voting procedure shall be used for the purpose of conducting elections pursuant to the provision of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

Incapacitated Elector at Home:

During the hours an Advance Voting Station is open or other times as arranged, two (2) Deputies will attend at the residence of an Elector, in order to take the vote of an Elector who is unable to attend a Voting Station or an Advance Voting Station to vote and may require assistance during the voting process by either a friend/relative or an election worker.

Institutional Voting Stations:

- ~~701. The Returning Officer is authorized to designate the location of one or more Institutional Voting Stations for an Election.~~

Institutional Vote:

During the hours an Advance Voting Station is open or other times as arranged, two (2) Deputies will attend at the institutional residence of an Elector, in order to take the votes of an Elector who are unable to attend a Voting Station or an Advance Voting Station to vote in the usual manner.

~~702. — An Elector who on Election Day~~

~~(a) — is confined to a hospital, auxiliary hospital or nursing home in the local jurisdiction, or~~

~~(b) — is a resident in the local jurisdiction in a Senior's Accommodation Facility~~

~~— that is established as an Institutional Voting Station for the Election is eligible to Vote at that Institutional Voting Station.~~

Advance Voting: *(different order in proposed bylaw but same information)*

801. The holding of an Advance Vote on any Vote held in an Election for the Local Jurisdiction is hereby authorized.

802. In accordance with the Act the Returning Officer will determine the location, days and hours when an Advance Vote will be held.

Voting Hours on Election Day: *(council may wish to leave at 7:00 the Act says 10:00 am unless stated otherwise in the Bylaw, Didsbury made it earlier for convenience of those who work).*

901. The Voting Stations in the Town of Didsbury shall be open from ~~7:00~~ 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Authorized Elector Identification

1001. As per Section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, voter identification will be required for local authority elections where a list of electors is not prepared. The identification will consist of government issued identification containing the elector's photograph, current address and name. This includes an Operator's License (Driver's) License or an Alberta Identification Card.

If they are unable to produce government issued identification, they must produce two (2) pieces of identification. Both pieces of identification must establish the elector's name. One piece must establish the elector's current address.

ENACTMENT

2001. This Bylaw comes into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 23rd day of April 2013

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 23rd day of April 2013

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 23rd day of April 2013



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Amending Bylaw 2020-13 – Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee (DEDAC)
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.2

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Bylaw 2020-13 is a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-05 Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Section 5 Membership requires some clarification on the members of the Executive Committee of the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce.

Council gave first reading to this bylaw on September 8th and was further discussed during the committee meeting on Sept. 22nd.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 1. Economic Prosperity

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant second reading to Bylaw 2020-13 a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-05 Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee, and that it be referred to Committee.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
BYLAW 2020-13

DIDSBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AMENDING BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M-26-1, OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, TO AMEND DIDSBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAW 2020-05.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Didsbury deems it necessary to amend Bylaw 2020-05: Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts the following:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee Amending Bylaw No. 2020-13.
2. Bylaw 2020-05, being a bylaw to set the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee for the Town of Didsbury, is hereby amended as follows:

MEMBERSHIP:

- 5.1 *The Town of Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee (DEDAC) shall consist of a minimum of eleven (11) members. Membership shall comprise the following:*
 - a. *Two (2) Town of Didsbury Councillors;*
 - b. *Two (2) Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce Executive Members;*
 - c. *A minimum of eight (8) voting members of the public at large; that have experience in or a passion for business, innovation or economic development. Backgrounds in, but not limited to the following, are beneficial:*
 - *Didsbury area business owner and operator (non-Executive Member of Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce);*
 - ~~*Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce executive member;*~~
 - *Entrepreneur;*
 - *Investor/financier;*
 - *Commercial realty;*
 - *Land development;*
 - *Tourism operator;*
 - d. *President of the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce (non-voting ex-officio);*
 - e. *Mayor of the Town of Didsbury non-voting ex-officio);*
 - f. *A youth voting member (target age Grade 11 or 12).*

3. This By-Law shall take effect upon the final passing.

Read a first time on this 8th day of September 2020

Read a second time on this day of 2020

Read a third time on the this day of 2020

Mayor Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Gorner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	2019 Capital Budget Amendment
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	ACAO/CFO
AGENDA ITEM	7.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Included in the 2019 Capital Budget was \$15,000 for the Municipal Enforcement Department to purchase a Camera/Silent Partner Partition/Radar.

One reason the item was put forward is that there was an expectation that the CPO Bridging Program, which transitions a CPO 2 to a CPO 1 would be rolled out. This program did not roll out until late in 2019, and it has been determined that the CPO 2s have until December 31, 2022 to complete that transition program. Once our CPO 2 has transitioned to a CPO 1 the additional equipment would be used in a vehicle.

Secondly after reviewing the fleet renewal schedule for this department it is expected that the vehicle replacement will come forward to Council for consideration at a capital budget meeting prior to 2022. When this item comes forward it would include the special equipment listed above.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

For these reasons Administration is recommending the 2019 capital budget be amended to remove the Camera/Silent Partner Partition/Radar item listed for \$15,000.

The item was originally planned to be funded from municipal enforcement reserves. Since the funds have not been expended the funds will remain in the reserves.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend the 2019 capital budget to remove the Camera/Silent Partner Partition/Radar item for \$15,000.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Municipal Stimulus Program Project
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	ACAO/CFO
AGENDA ITEM	7.2

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

On July 28, 2020 the Alberta Government announced the Municipal Stimulus Program. The letter previously sent by the Town with shovel ready infrastructure projects was used to help the Government understand the capacity of municipalities to take on additional infrastructure projects and the types of projects that could be started this year.

The objectives of this program are:

- To sustain and create local jobs.
- To enhance provincial competitiveness and productivity.
- To position communities to participate in future economic growth.
- To reduce municipal red tape to promote job creating private sector investment.

These objectives must be taken into consideration when determining which projects to put forward.

Funding is allocated to the Town using the same formula as the Gas Tax Fund and it follows a similar structure to the MSI program. The funding allocated to Didsbury is \$626,202.

The stipulations are:

1. Applications must be submitted before October 1, 2020 and are encouraged to be submitted ASAP.
2. Projects must begin construction in 2020 or 2021.
3. All funds must be expended before December 31, 2021, or repaid to the Province. Projects may continue past this date using other sources of funding.
4. Projects must not result in municipal tax increases.
5. Projects must result in the construction or major rehabilitation of a capital asset that falls within one of the eligible categories.
6. Municipalities must commit to further supporting growth in their local economies by reducing municipal red tape (must submit a 2020 and 2021 Red Tape Reduction report).
7. Projects must not create new operational funding requirements for the province.
8. Projects previously approved for MSI or GTF funding are not eligible.
9. The project would not have gone ahead this year or next year in the absence of support through the stimulus program.

An RFD with several options was presented to Council on September 8, 2020. Council discussed the options presented by Administration and it was determined that the majority of Councilors preferred the following projects, listed in order of preference, and requested clarification on each project.

1. 20th Street Stormwater and Surface Improvements
2. 23rd Street/Highway 582 intersection improvement



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

1. **20th Street Storm water and Surface Improvements** – In summary, this project would use the full amount of MSP funding and would improve drainage on the south end of the main street which is home to a number of businesses. This project would run from 15th Ave and bring a new storm waterline north to 17th Avenue, improving asphalt, curbs and gutters and sidewalks along main street.

When the project was originally approved in 2019 it had a plan for the storm water from 20th Street to spill onto CPR lands and then rely on culverts owned and maintained by CPR to convey the storm water to the coulee. Therefore, discussions with CPR were required. That project was cancelled due to an alternative drainage method being recommended.

The 2020 capital budget include the 15th Avenue project that is currently ongoing. This project resolves the storm water drainage issues as a storm water main is being installed. Therefore, the 20th Street Storm water and Surface Improvements project in 2021 is now viable.

2. **23rd Street/Highway 582 intersection improvement** – In summary, this project would either see a Type IIC or Type IIID intersection upgrade at the corner of Highway 582 and 23rd Street in Didsbury costing between \$1.1M to \$1.3M.

Discussions with Alberta Transportation are still ongoing, and are not expected to be resolved quickly. This project would also require discussions with adjacent land owners which may be time consuming. In addition, the majority of design work by the engineers is still required. Because of these issues, experts are advising that this project is not something that would meet the timeframes required by the MSP grants.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Infrastructure and Asset Management

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the 20th Street Storm water and Surface Improvements project to be funded from the MSP grant for \$626,202.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Utility Budget Options
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	ACAO/CFO
AGENDA ITEM	7.3

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

On June 9, 2020 Council passed resolution #225-20 requesting utility budget options be brought back in September.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Currently utility revenues are trending higher than expected due to higher water consumption. Expenses are currently trending low, but these funds are expected to be spent later in 2020.

Further, the Province recently announced operating funding related to the Canada-Alberta Safe Restart Agreement. The program design is currently pending approval, and is expected to be simple and straightforward.

We anticipate that this information may provide us with additional options for Council to consider, therefore Administration is recommending that this item be postponed until more information is made available.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to extend the return of utility budget options until more information is available.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Community Profile
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services/Economic Development/Communications
AGENDA ITEM	7.4

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Each year members of the Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) create and provide a community profile document. The Town of Didsbury Communications department in conjunction with the Economic Development Officer enhanced the document branding it with the Town's design standards and include local photos and other information that is pertinent to the Town.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Please find attached the finalized document, which will be put on the Town of Didsbury website on the Economic Development page.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 1. Economic Prosperity

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to approve the Community Profile for 2020 as presented.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY 2020

Community Profile



Didsbury

The Place to Grow



Version 1.0

AUGUST 2020

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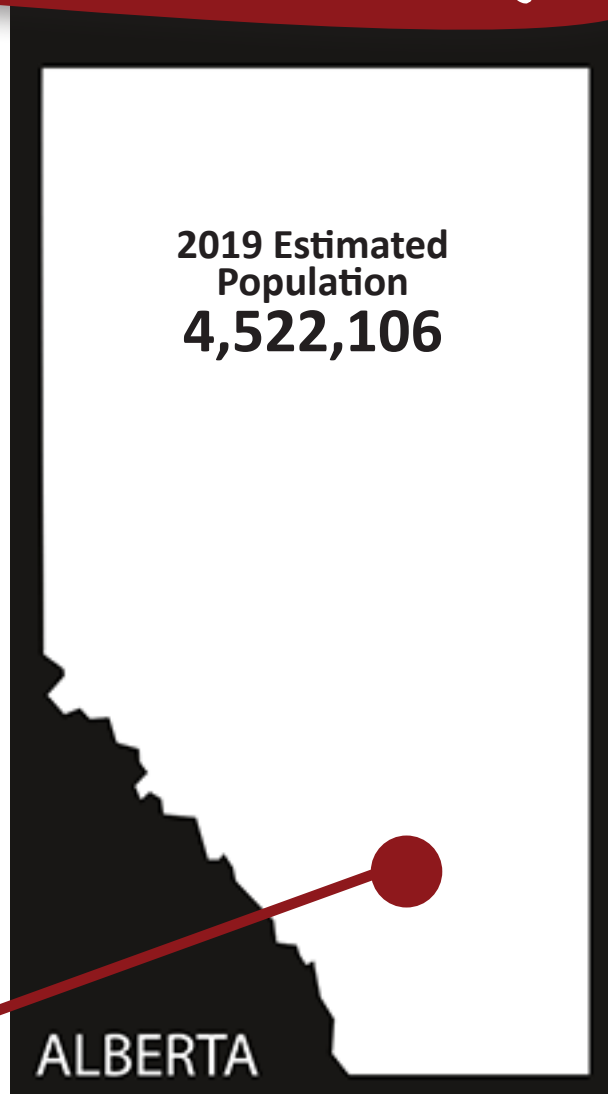
A SNAPSHOT OF *Didsbury*

Didsbury is a town in central Alberta, Canada, at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It is located next to Alberta Highway 2A, and near the Queen Elizabeth II Highway. Didsbury is within the Calgary-Edmonton corridor. Didsbury is approximately the half-way point between the cities of Calgary and Red Deer.

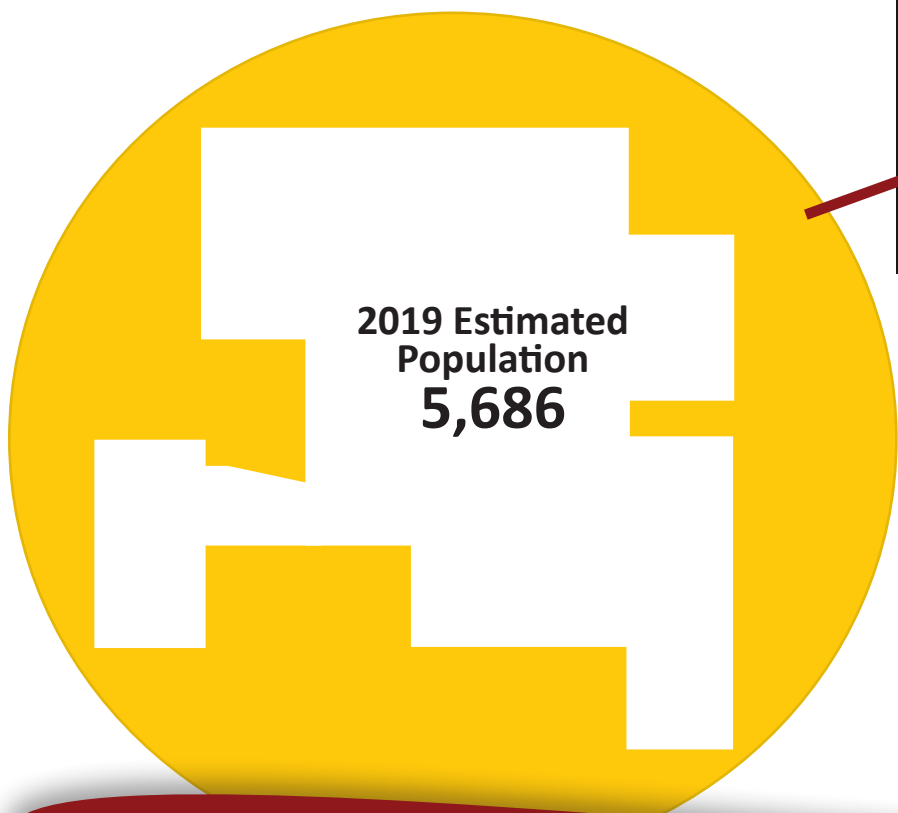
The town is named after the township of Didsbury, now a suburban area in Manchester, England. With its many historical structures, as well as its more contemporary buildings, Didsbury is where old meets new in a wonderful mix of traditional values and community progress!

Local attractions include, and are not limited to: the Didsbury Golf Club, the Didsbury Museum, the Didsbury Memorial Complex, the Didsbury Fair and FCA Rodeo, and Didsbury's Annual Art, Travel and Trade Expo.

2019 Estimated
Population
4,522,106



2019 Estimated
Population
5,686



MARKET ACCESS

Edmonton	232 km
Calgary	83 km
Saskatoon	556 km
Canada/US Border	333 km
Vancouver	1019 km

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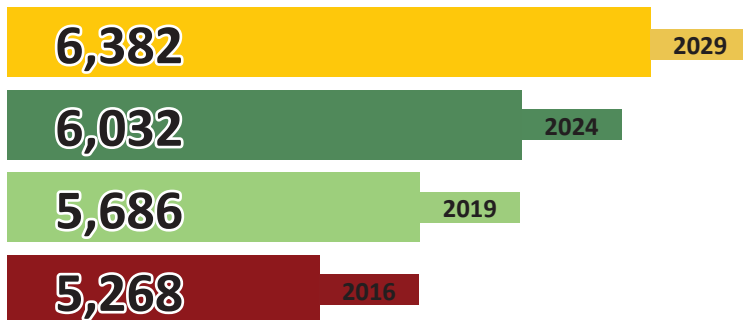
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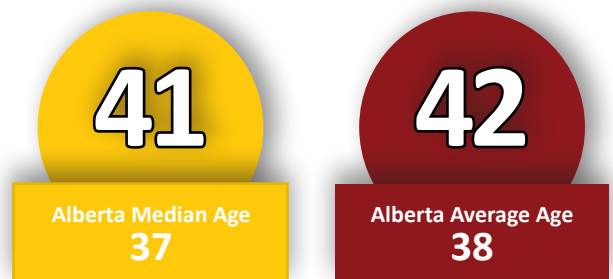
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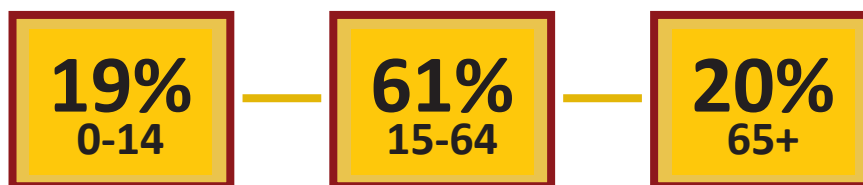
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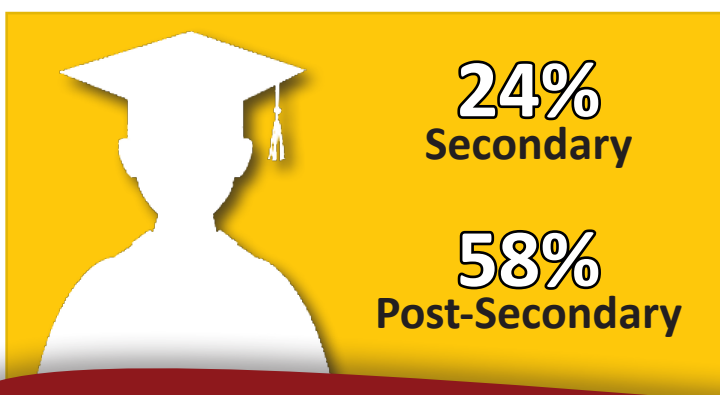
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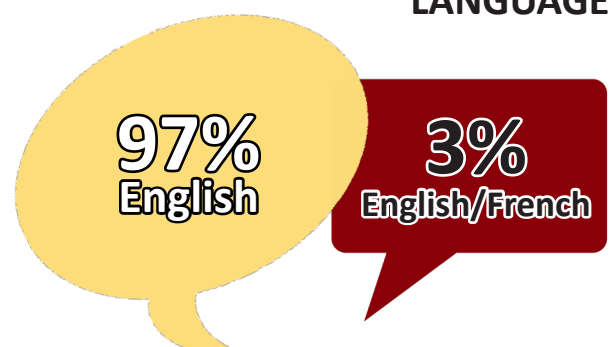
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EDUCATION LEVEL PERSONS AGE 24-65



LANGUAGE



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LABOUR FORCE

PARTICIPATION

65.8%

ALBERTA
71.8%

EMPLOYMENT

63.0%

ALBERTA
66.7%

UNEMPLOYMENT

4.2%

ALBERTA
7.1%

Median
Employment
Income
\$39,744



Average
Employment
Income
\$48,954

ALBERTA MEDIAN
\$48,190

ALBERTA AVERAGE
\$69,431

RESIDENT LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYMENT

TOP 5 INDUSTRIES**



14%
Transportation
& Warehousing



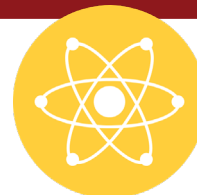
13%
Construction



12%
Health Care &
Social Assistance



10%
Retail Trade



6%
Professional,
Scientific & IT
Services

TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS**



25%
Trades, Transport
& Equipment
Operators



19%
Sales & Services



13%
Business,
Finance &
Administration



11%
Education, Law
and Social,
Community &
Government



9%
Management

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**By Labor Force Employment

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1. DATA SOURCES

Please note that every effort has been made to use the most current data available. The major sources of information for this document are:

- The 2006, 2011, and 2016 Census from Statistics Canada;
- Government of Alberta Interpolated Weather Data Since 1961 for Alberta Townships; and
- SuperDemographics 2019 from Manifold Data Mining Inc.

The most recent Census was conducted in May 2016. SuperDemographics 2019 is the most up to date estimation of population characteristics, based on mathematical models that draw from various data sources.

Manifold Projection Method:

Manifold estimates demographic data annually, including population projections for 5 and 10 years in the future. Manifold methodologies are based on the following techniques:

- Enhanced cohort survival methods;
- Nearest neighbourhood and regression techniques; and
- Structural coherence techniques.

Manifold Data Sources include:

Statistics Canada
Health Canada
Regional Health Ministries
Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Regional School Boards
Brisic International Inc.
Flyer Distribution Association

Real Estate Boards/Companies
Canadian Bankers Association
Bank of Canada
Canada Post Corporation
Consumer and business directories books
Publications of hospitals, CMHC, BBM and partners
Proprietary survey and research



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2. INTRODUCTION

Didsbury is within the Calgary-Edmonton corridor. Didsbury is approximately the half-way point between the cities of Calgary and Red Deer. Didsbury, Alberta derived its name from the Town of Didsbury in Manchester, England. Like many settlements in the early west, Didsbury grew along the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The first settlers were Dutch Mennonites who left their homes in Pennsylvania and emigrated as United Empire Loyalists to Waterloo County, Ontario. They were granted the area around Didsbury in 1894 by the government of Sir John A. Macdonald.

1897 saw the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which pushed forward the town's development. The CPR constructed a station in the town in 1904. Didsbury was incorporated as a village in 1905 and as a town on September 6, 1906. While in the early twentieth century Didsbury's economy was primarily agricultural, oil and gas extraction and related service industries are now the main economic drivers of Didsbury, followed by agriculture, forestry and tourism. Didsbury was ranked by Alberta Venture magazine as one of Alberta's "Top 5 Communities to do Business" in 2009 and one of the "Top 5 Growth Communities" in 2010.

Target Sectors/Industries

1. Commercial Business
2. Oilfield Services
3. Film Production
4. Agriculture
5. Health Services

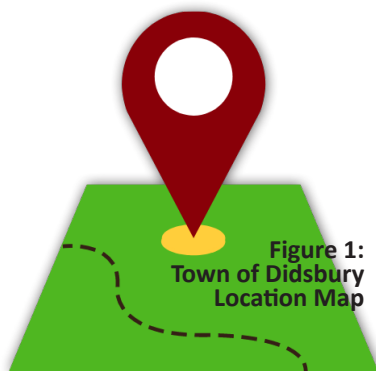


Figure 1:
Town of Didsbury
Location Map



Source: Google Maps

2.1 Location

The Town of Didsbury is located along Highway 2A between Alberta's two most populated urban communities, Calgary and Edmonton, just 80 kilometers south of Red Deer and 82 kilometers north of Calgary.

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2.2 Largest Employers

Tables 1 and 2 identify some of the largest private and public employers located in the Town of Didsbury. The industries they operate in are most commonly abided by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, and employment level.

Table 1: Largest Private Sector Employers

EMPLOYER NAME	INDUSTRY (NAICS) CODE	# OF EMPLOYEES (Approximate)
West-Can Seal Coating Inc.	Highway, street & bridge construction (2373)	200
Bethany Care Society	Services for elderly and persons with disabilities (624120)	157
Tanas Concrete	Ready-mix concrete manufacturing (32732)	101
Train Oilfield Services Ltd.	Support activities for mining, and oil/gas extraction (21311)	65
Didsbury AG Foods	Supermarkets & grocery (excludes convenience) stores (44511)	55
Tara Oilfield Services	Research & development for physical, engineering and life sciences (54171)	35
Rubydale Asphalt Works	Highway, street & bridge construction (2373)	25

Table 2: Largest Public Sector Employers

EMPLOYER NAME	INDUSTRY (NAICS) CODE	# OF EMPLOYEES (Approximate)
Didsbury District Health Services	Home Health Care Services (6216)	280
Mountain View County	Local, municipal, regional public administration (913)	120
Chinooks Edge School Division	Elementary and secondary schools (6111)	117
Aspen Ridge Lodge	Services for elderly and persons with disabilities (624120)	70
Town of Didsbury	OTHER Local, municipal, regional public administration (9139)	67
RCMP	Federal Police Services (91123)	16

Source: Town of Didsbury 2019

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2.3 Climate

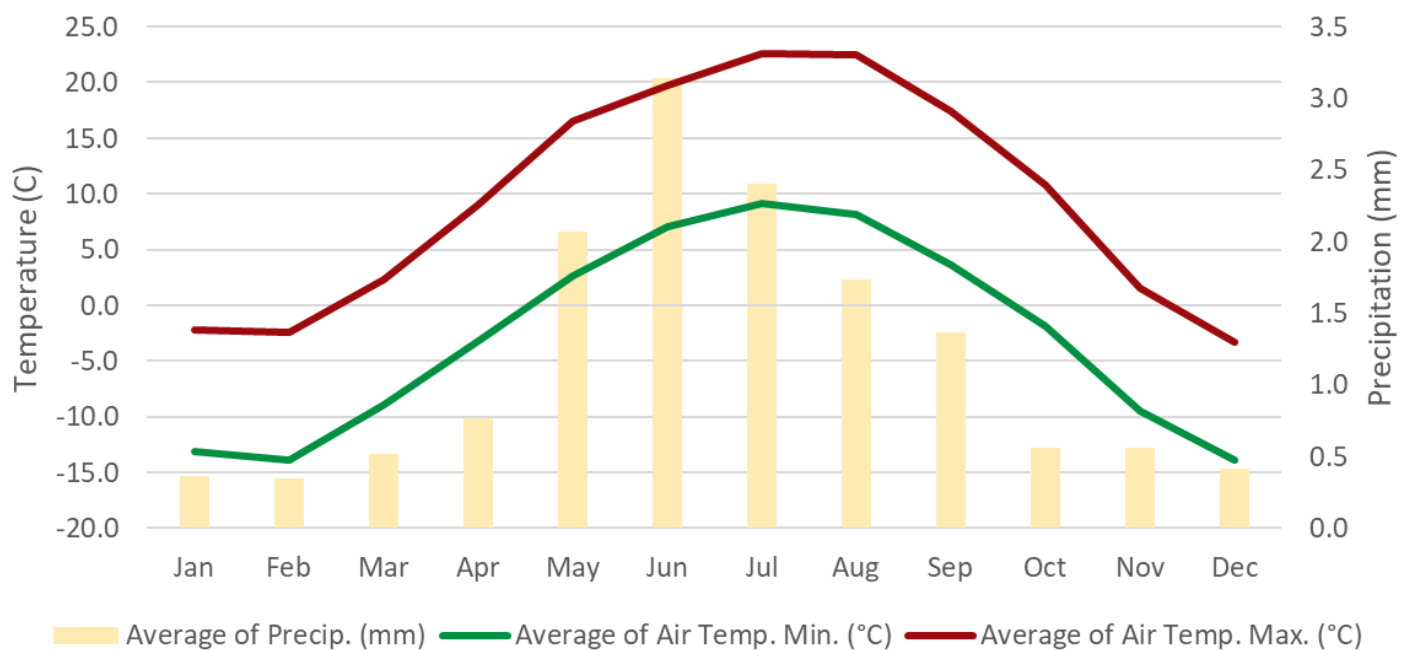
The Town of Didsbury derives its climatic data from the Government of Alberta's Agriculture and Forestry Climate Information Services. Table 3 and Figure 2 illustrate average precipitation levels and temperatures.

Table 3: Average Temperature and Precipitation (2010-2019)

Averages	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Air Temp. Min. (°C)	-13.2	-13.9	-8.9	-3.3	2.7	7.0	9.1	8.1	3.6	-1.9	-9.5	-13.9
Air Temp. Max. (°C)	-2.2	-2.4	2.3	9.1	16.6	19.7	22.6	22.5	17.4	10.8	1.5	-3.3
Precip. (mm)	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.8	2.1	3.1	2.4	1.7	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.4

Source: Government of Alberta: Agriculture and Forestry: Climate Information Services
<https://agriculture.alberta.ca/acis/township-data-viewer.jsp>

Figure 2: Temperature and Precipitation Averages (2010-2019)



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3. DEMOGRAPHICS

3.1 Population Size and Growth

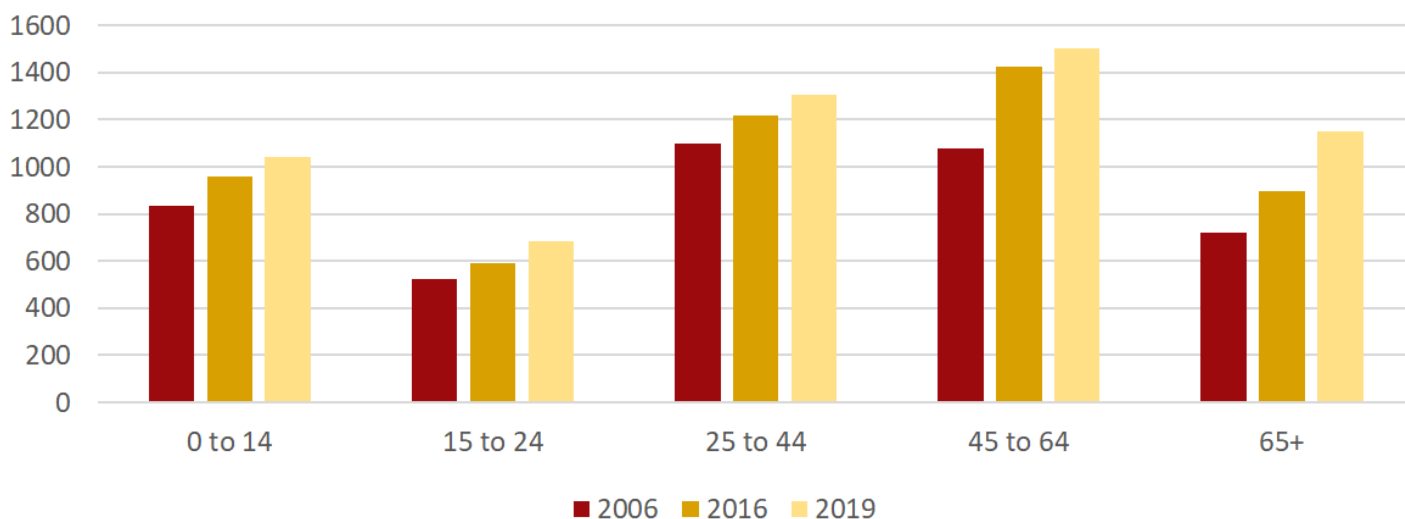
The population of the Town of Didsbury has systematically grown over the past 20 years according to the Statistics Canada census (Table 4). The community grew, between 2001 and 2016 by 34%. In comparison, the population in Alberta grew by 37% over that same time period. Figure 3 illustrates population growth by age cohort. The Town was most successful at attracting persons ages 45 to 64, between 2006 and 2016.

Table 4: Population Change Projections

Population	2006	2011	2016	2019	2024	2029
DIDSBURY	4,275	4,957	5,268	5,686	6,032	6,382
% Change	8.7%	16.0%	6.3%	/	6.1%	5.8%
<hr/>						
ALBERTA	3,290,350	3,645,257	4,067,175	4,522,106	5,041,244	5,619,979
% Change	10.6%	10.8%	11.6%	/	11.5%	11.5%

Source: the 2006 to 2016 data is from Statistics Canada Census and 2019 to 2029 data is from Manifold SuperDemographics. Note that the two sources are not directly comparable since Statistics Canada is based on a survey and Manifold data is based on an estimation method.

Figure 3: Population Over Time by Age Group (2006-2019)



Source: The 2006 to 2016 data is from Statistics Canada Census and 2019* data is from Manifold SuperDemographics

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3.2 Age Profile

The following table provides a snapshot of the population by age today. It shows the percentage of the population within working age, and the percentage of the population pre and post working ages. Didsbury has less people within the pre working age than the province, and a significantly larger percentage of people post working age.

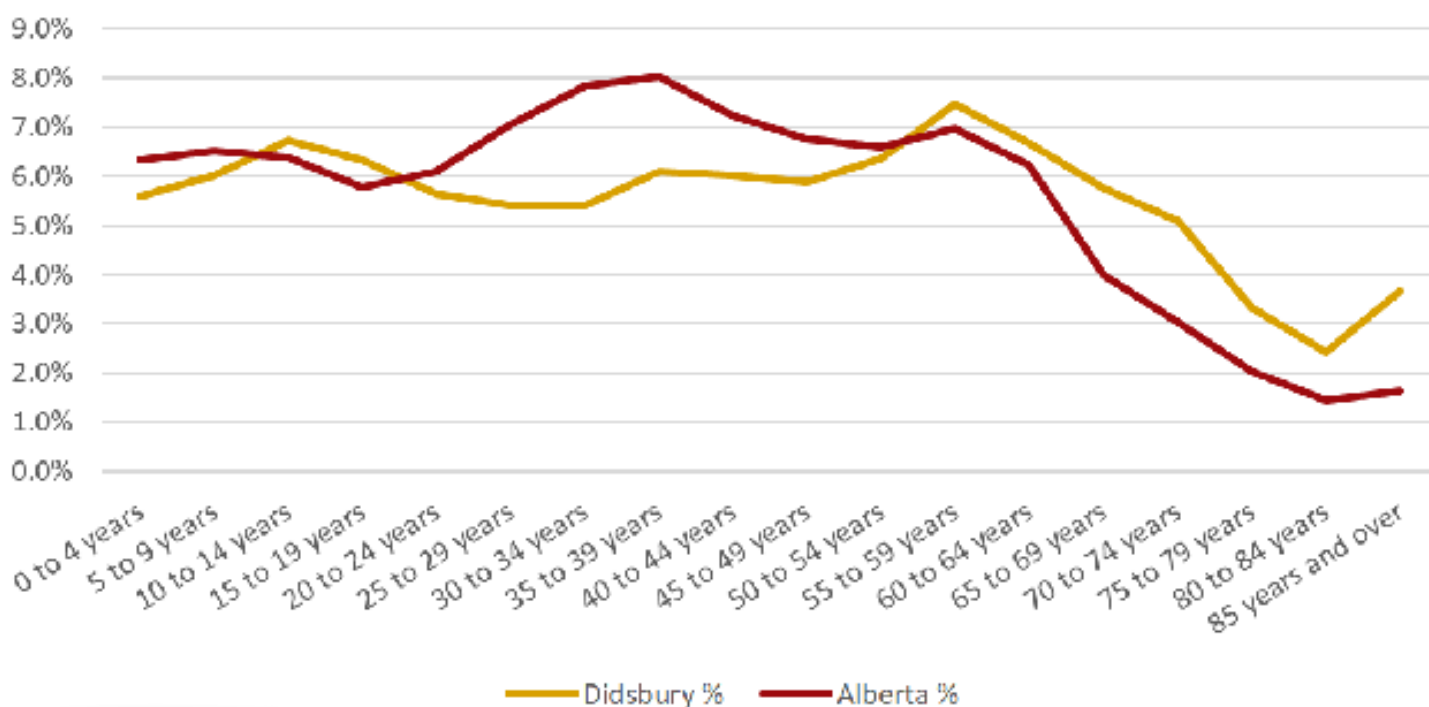
2019 AGE PROFILE SNAP SHOT

	Didsbury	Alberta
0-14	18.4%	19.3%
15-64	61.4%	68.6%
65+	20.3%	12.2%



Figure 4 illustrates the Town of Didsbury's population by age compared to that of Alberta. The Town has a smaller percentage of people ages 0-10, and 20-50 years old. The Town also has a higher percentage of persons 50 years and older.

Figure 4: Age Distribution Chart in 2019



Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

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Table 5 shows 2019 population estimates by age group. It compares the percentage of the total population by age group against Alberta. The Town of Didsbury has an older population compared to Alberta, as measured by average and median age of the populations.

Table 5: Age Distribution in 2019

2019 Population Age Structure	Didsbury	Didsbury %	Alberta %
<i>Total population</i>	<i>5,686</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>
0 to 4 years	319	5.6%	6.3%
5 to 9 years	342	6.0%	6.5%
10 to 14 years	383	6.7%	6.4%
15 to 19 years	360	6.3%	5.8%
20 to 24 years	322	5.7%	6.1%
25 to 29 years	308	5.4%	7.0%
30 to 34 years	308	5.4%	7.8%
35 to 39 years	347	6.1%	8.0%
40 to 44 years	343	6.0%	7.2%
45 to 49 years	335	5.9%	6.8%
50 to 54 years	362	6.4%	6.6%
55 to 59 years	425	7.5%	7.0%
60 to 64 years	380	6.7%	6.2%
65 to 69 years	328	5.8%	4.0%
70 to 74 years	289	5.1%	3.0%
75 to 79 years	189	3.3%	2.0%
80 to 84 years	138	2.4%	1.4%
85 years and over	208	3.7%	1.6%
Median age of total population	42.25		37.47
Average age of total population	41.99		38.12



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3.3 Income, Households, and Attainability

Table 6 shows the breakdown of total individual income in 2019¹. More than 60% of residents has an individual income lower than \$50,000. This is higher than that of the province (56%) with total individual income below \$50,000.

DIDSBURY

60%

of residents make less than
\$50,000 per year

ALBERTA

56%

of residents make less than
\$50,000 per year

Table 6: Total Individual Income Levels, 2019

Characteristic	Town of Didsbury	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Total population 15 years and over	4,643	100.0%	3,650,941
Without total income	199	4.3%	4.8%
With total income	4,444	95.7%	95.2%
Under \$10,000 (including loss)	386	8.3%	8.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	636	13.7%	11.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	681	14.7%	11.6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	537	11.6%	10.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	432	9.3%	9.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	401	8.6%	8.1%
\$60,000 to \$69,999	307	6.6%	6.8%
\$70,000 to \$79,999	256	5.5%	5.6%
\$80,000 to \$89,999	206	4.4%	4.5%
\$90,000 to \$99,999	135	2.9%	3.8%
\$100,000 and over	465	10.0%	15.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	237	5.1%	6.8%
\$150,000 and over	228	4.9%	8.3%

Characteristic	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Median total income \$	\$42,477	\$49,584
Average total income \$	\$ 56,985	\$ 75,171

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

¹Please note that the 2019 Manifold data uses 2018 income data, as it is the most recent information available

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Table 7 summarizes the 2018 employment income statistics for the Town of Didsbury and Alberta. The following key findings can be extracted from this table;

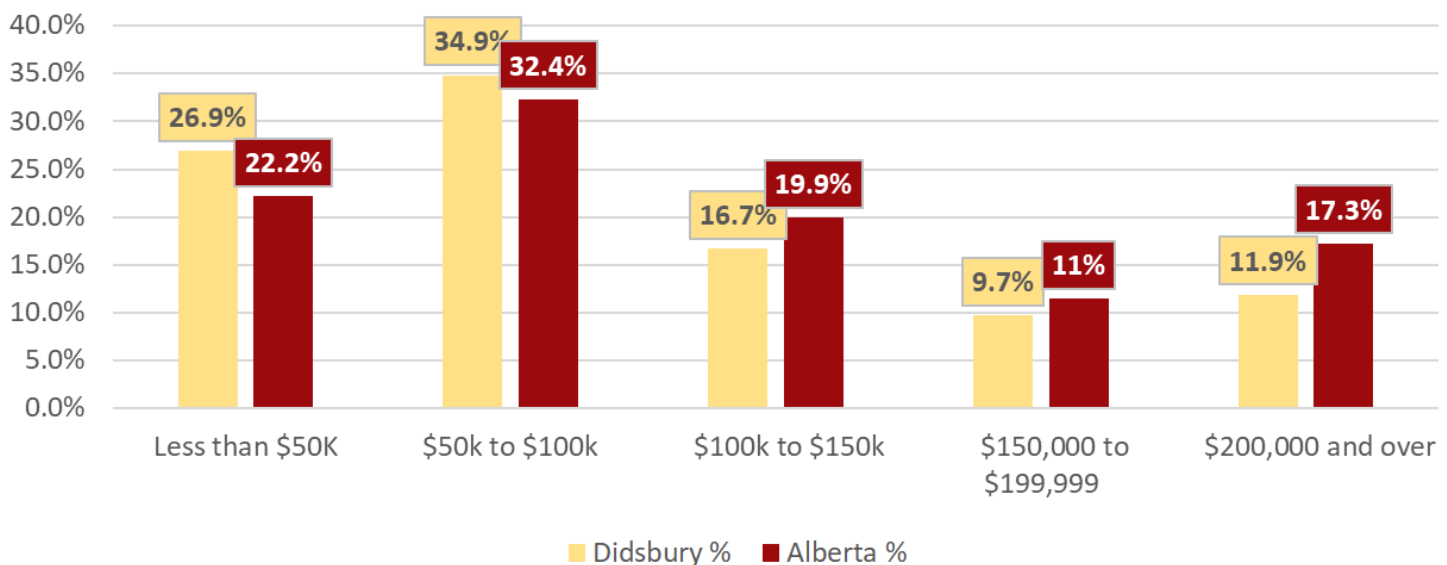
- The Town of Didsbury has a lower median employment income (by 18%) than Alberta.
- Average employment income in the Town of Didsbury is 30% lower than Alberta.
- On average, males in the Town of Didsbury have employment incomes that are 92% higher than females. In comparison, Alberta males earn, on average incomes that are 63% higher than females.

Table 7: Employment Income Levels, 2018 (Population ages 15+)

	TOWN OF DIDSBURY			ALBERTA		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Median	\$56,866	\$29,648	\$39,744	\$60,779	\$37,355	\$48,190
Average	\$62,860	\$34,237	\$48,954	\$86,180	\$50,383	\$69,431

Income levels can be further analyzed by looking at a household's capacity to spend. For example, household income serves as a measure of affordability when compared to housing prices. The Town of Didsbury has a total of 2,183 households. Figure 5 illustrates, using 2018 household income data, that the largest income level segment in Town of Didsbury was \$50,000-\$100,000 per household, annually.

Figure 5: Household Income Levels, 2018



Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

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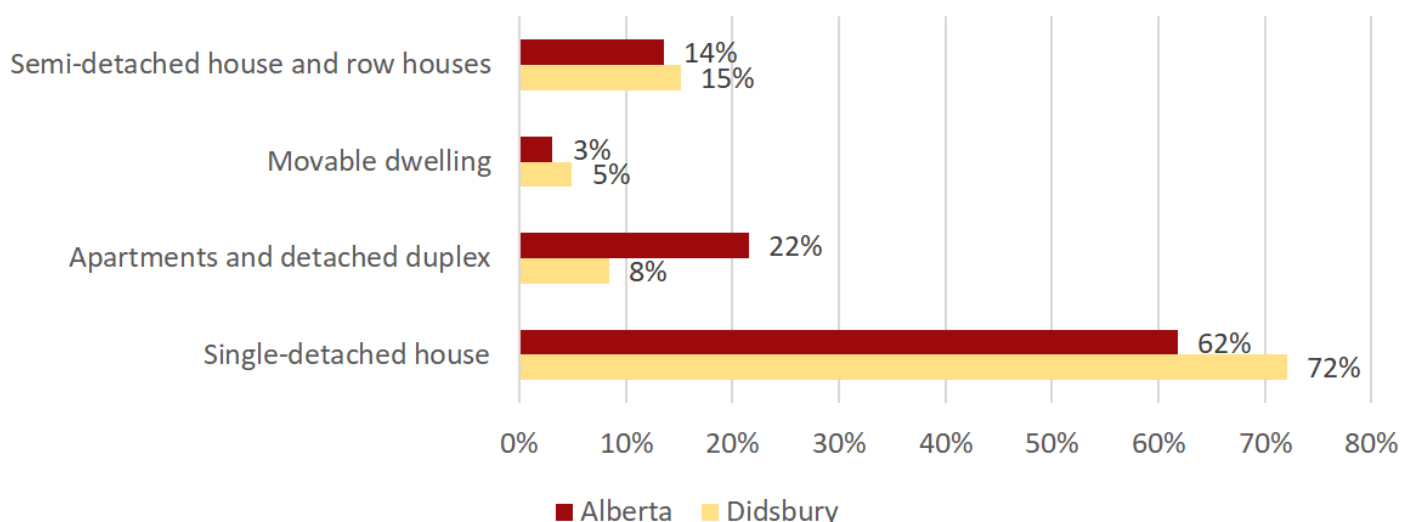
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On average, the residents of the Town of Didsbury experience slightly lower levels of employment income and household income relative to the provincial figures; however, the Town of Didsbury offers residents a lower average price for homes and a slightly lower cost of shelter by less variety in housing stock, compared to Alberta (see Figure 8). Furthermore, household attainability appears to be greater in the Town of Didsbury, compared to Alberta, since less residents spend 30% or more of household total income on shelter costs.

Table 8: Household & Dwelling Attainability, 2018.

Housing Characteristics	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Total number of private households	2,183	1,680,258
Average value of dwelling \$	\$317,016	\$574,171
Median value of dwellings (\$)	\$312,797	\$502,293
Average number of rooms per dwelling	6.94	6.52
Average number of persons in private households	2.49	2.63
Owned	81%	72%
Rented	19%	27%
Median monthly shelter costs for rented dwellings (\$)	\$1,269	\$1,298
Spending 30% + of household income on shelter	19%	21%

Figure 6: Occupied Dwellings by Structure Type, 2019



Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

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3.4 Mobility Characteristics

Mobility Characteristics refers to the status of a person with regards to the place of residence. Residents in the Town of Didsbury are less likely to change their place of residence within the Town over one or five years, compared to the rest of the province (as measured by non-migrant movers). Estimates indicate that migrants that move to the Town of Didsbury tend to be relocating from within the province rather than outside of Alberta or Canada.

Table 9: Mobility Rates, 2019

Characteristics	Town of Didsbury	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Total population	5,618	100.0%	100%
Non-movers ²	4,801	85%	84%
Movers ³	817	15%	16%
Non-migrants ⁴	353	6%	10%
Migrants ⁵	464	8%	6%
Internal migrants	454	8%	4%
Intra-provincial migrants	435	8%	3%
Interprovincial migrants	20	0%	1%
External migrants	9	0%	1%

Mobility status – place of residence status five years ago

Total population	5,312	95%	95%
Non-movers	3,133	56%	52%
Movers	2,179	39%	43%
Non-migrants	760	14%	23%
Migrants	1,419	25%	20%
Internal migrants	1,389	25%	14%
Intra-provincial migrants	1,216	22%	9%
Interprovincial migrants	174	3%	6%
External migrants	30	1%	5%

²Non-Movers are persons who, on Census Day, were living at the same address as the one at which they resided one year earlier.

³Movers are persons who, on Census Day, were living at a different address from the one at which they resided one year earlier.

⁴Non-Migrants are movers who, on Census Day, were living at a different address, but in the same census subdivision (CSD) as they lived in one year earlier.

⁵Migrants are movers who, on Census Day, were residing in a different CSD one year earlier (internal migrants) or who were living outside Canada one year earlier (external migrants).

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

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3.5 Language Characteristics

Table 10 illustrates knowledge of Canada's official languages. At least 99.7% of residents in the Town of Didsbury speak English. Only 0.3% of the population speaks neither official language (versus 1.5% in Alberta).

Table 10: Knowledge of Official Language, 2019

Characteristics	Town of Didsbury	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Total population	5,686	100.0%	100.0%
English only	5,510	96.9%	91.8%
French only	6	0.1%	0.1%
English and French	154	2.7%	6.6%
Neither English nor French	17	0.3%	1.5%

Moreover, Table 11 illustrates the most common languages outside of the official languages of Canada.

Table 11: Most Common Non-Official Languages Spoken, 2019

Characteristics	Town of Didsbury	Town of Didsbury %
Total population that speaks non-official languages	542	100%
German	150	33%
Spanish	110	24%
Dutch	44	10%
Sign languages	39	9%
Greek	21	5%
Chinese languages	12	3%

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019



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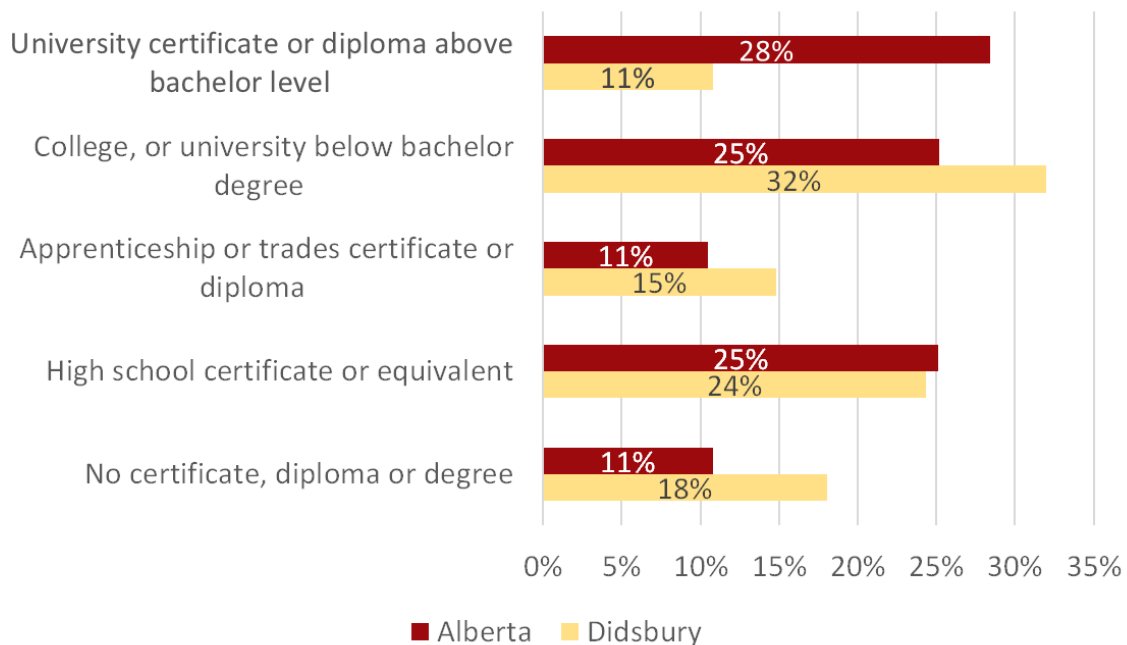
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3.6 Level of Education

Figure 7 and Table 12 illustrate Educational Attainment for residents ages 25 - 64. Approximately 24% completed only high school, while 58% reached post-secondary education. University level was reached by 11% of the population, 8% of which corresponds to attaining an education at the Bachelor level.

Figure 7: Educational Attainment, Age Group 25-64, 2019



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Table 12: Educational Attainment, 2019

Attained Level⁶	Town of Didsbury	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Total population 25 to 64 years	2,809	100.0%	2,563,539
No certificate, diploma or degree	507	18%	10.8%
Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	684	24%	25.1%
Post secondary certificate, diploma or degree	1,618	58%	64.1%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma.	416	15%	10.5%
Trades certificate or diploma other than Certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification.	134	5%	3.0%
Certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification	282	10%	7.5%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	831	30%	21.9%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	67	2%	3.2%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	303	11%	28.4%
Bachelor's degree	213	8%	20.2%
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	11	3%	1.4%
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	14	0.4%	0.8%
Master's degree	65	2%	5.2%
Earned doctorate	0	0%	0.9%

⁶By highest certificate, diploma or degree obtained may not add up to 100% due to nested categories

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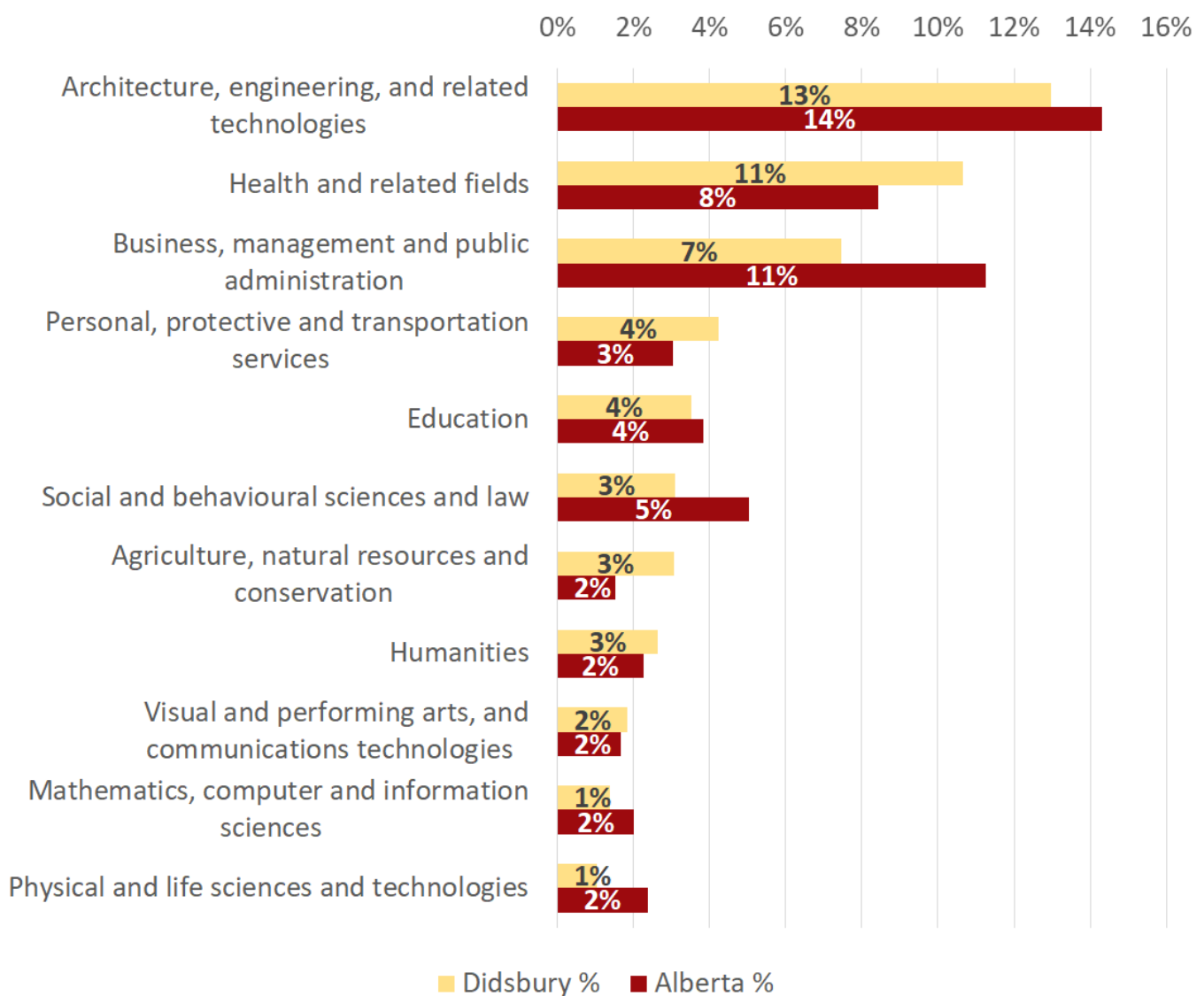


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Major Field of Study are coded based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2016 for the population aged 15 years and over in the private households. It is collected for the highest certificate, diploma or degree above the high school or secondary school level (i.e. post-secondary only).

Figure 8 illustrates the major fields of study of residents ages 15 years and older. Architecture, engineering, and related technologies is the most prominent field of study, with higher uptake in these fields compared to the province.

Figure 8: Major Field of Study, Population Aged 15 Years or Older, 2019



Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

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4. LABOUR FORCE

4.1 Key Indicators

The Town of Didsbury is home to a labour force of 3055 persons strong. As shown in Table 13, the participation and employment rate is slightly lower than that of the province.

Table 13: Labour Force Characteristics.

Characteristic	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Total population 15 years and over	4,643	3,650,941
In the labour force	3,055	2,621,208
Employed	2,926	2,435,085
Unemployed:	129	186,123
Not in the labour force	1,588	1,029,732
Participation rate	65.8	71.8
Employment rate	63.0	66.7
Unemployment rate	4.2	7.1

Using gender and age filters to view the labour force (Table 14). This breakdown also shows that females, particularly females 25 and older are the most underutilized labour groups (lowest participation rate) relative to all other gender and ages groups.

Table 14: Labour Force Characteristics by Age and Gender, 2019

	Town of Didsbury			Alberta		
Population 15 to 24 years old:						
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Participation rate (%)	75.0	73.0	77.1	65.6	65.7	65.5
Employment rate (%)	68.9	63.8	74.2	57.5	56.5	58.6
Unemployment rate (%)	8.2	12.7	3.7	12.3	14.0	10.5
Population 25 years and over:						
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Participation rate (%)	64.2	70.7	58.2	72.9	78.8	67.1
Employment rate (%)	62.0	68.3	56.2	68.3	73.9	62.8
Unemployment rate (%)	3.4	3.4	3.5	6.3	6.2	6.4

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

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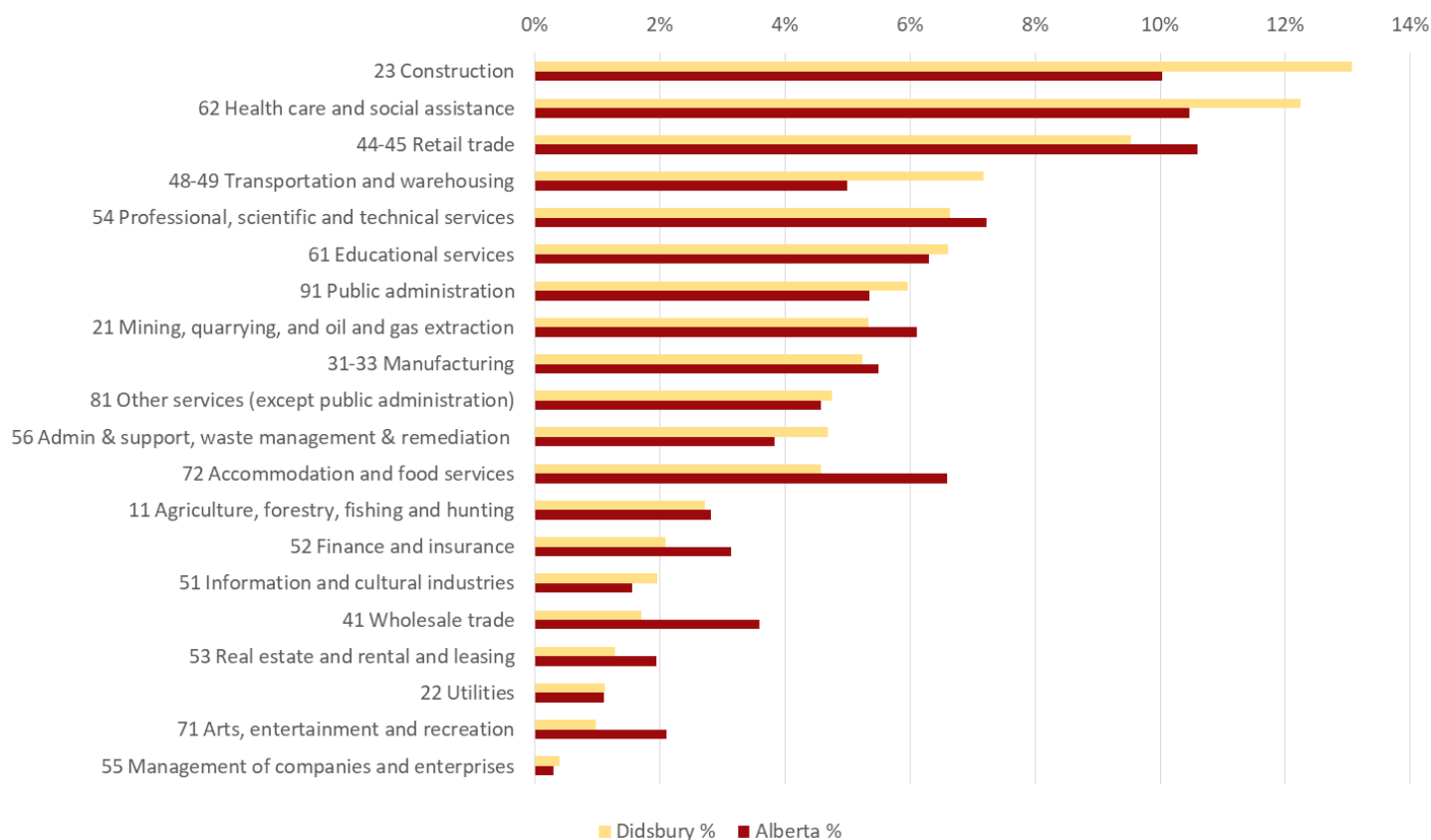


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4.2 Labour Force by Occupation

Occupations refer to the kind of work performed by persons aged 15 years and older as determined by their kind of work and the description of the main activities in their job. The occupation data are produced according to the National Occupation Classification⁷ system. Figure 9 illustrates the Town of Didsbury's labour force makeup by occupation at the 1 and 2-digit NOCS levels, respectively:

Figure 9: Labour Force by Occupation by 1-digit NOCS Code, 2019



Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019
⁷Occupation data are produced according to the NOC 2016: <http://noc.esdc.gc.ca/English/noc/welcome.aspx?ver=16>

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4.3 Labour Force by Industry

The total labour force population, aged 15 years and older, can be classified by industry based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)⁸

As shown in Table 15, the largest percentage of the labour force is employed in Construction (13%) and Healthcare (12%) industries, which accounts for a larger percentage of the population compared to the same industries in Alberta.

Table 15: Labour Force by Industry, 2019

Characteristic	Town of Didsbury	Town of Didsbury	Alberta
Total labour force 15 years and over	3,055	100%	100.0%
Industry - not applicable	58	2%	2%
All industries	2,996	98%	98%
23 Construction	399	13%	10%
62 Health care and social assistance	374	12%	10%
44-45 Retail trade	291	10%	11%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	219	7%	5%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	203	7%	7%
61 Educational services	202	7%	6%
91 Public administration	182	6%	5%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	163	5%	6%
31-33 Manufacturing	160	5%	5%
81 Other services (except public administration)	145	5%	5%
56 Admin & support, waste management & remediation	143	5%	4%
72 Accommodation and food services	140	5%	7%
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	83	3%	3%
52 Finance and insurance	64	2%	3%
51 Information and cultural industries	60	2%	2%
41 Wholesale trade	52	2%	4%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	39	1%	2%
22 Utilities	34	1%	1%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	30	1%	2%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	12	0%	0%

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Manifold Data Mining Inc. SuperDemographics 2019

⁸North American Industry Classification System 2012: <http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3VD.pl?Function=getVD&TVD=118464>

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4.4 Place of Work

Tables 16 and 17 provide information on persons reporting a “usual place of work other than in their home or outside of Canada”, and reveals the following regarding labour force commuting:

- More than half (56%) of the Town of Didsbury’s labour force works outside of the community. Most residents that work outside the community commute to the Town of Olds, or the City of Calgary.
- About half (52%) of persons working within the Town of Didsbury are not actually residents of the Town of Didsbury.
- Most of the non-residents working within the Town of Didsbury are from the Town of Olds, Mountain View County, and the City of Airdrie

Table 16: Where the Town of Didsbury’s Resident Labour Force Works, 2016

Place of Work	Total	Male	Female
Didsbury, T	755	300	450
Olds, T	325	105	215
Calgary, CY	250	160	85
Airdrie, CY	75	15	60
Carstairs, T	55	20	35
Rocky View County, MD	45	35	10
Mountain View County, MD	35	10	25
Sundre, T	35	25	10
Crossfield, T	30	20	10
Cremona, VL	30	15	15
Innisfail, T	30	25	10
Red Deer, CY	25	30	0
Wood Buffalo, SM	25	15	10
Total workforce residing in Town of Didsbury with a usual place of work	1,715	775	935
Total resident labour force with a usual place of work outside the town	960	475	485
Percent of residents declaring a place of work outside of the town	56%	61%	52%

T: Town CY: City VL: Village MD: Municipal District SM: Specialized Municipality

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016325.

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Table 17: Place of Residence for Persons Working in the Town of Didsbury, 2016

Place of Residence/Work	Total	Male	Female
Didsbury, T	755	300	450
Mountain View County, MD	405	165	245
Olds, T	170	80	85
Airdrie, CY	105	25	85
Carstairs, T	90	25	65
Calgary, CY	55	20	35
Total workforce working in the Town with a usual place of work	1,580	615	965
Total non-resident workforce commuting to work to the town	825	315	515
Percent of workers (non-residents) commuting to work in the town	52%	51%	53%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016325.

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5. TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING

5.1 Highways

Didsbury is situated along Highway 2A between Alberta's two most populated urban communities, Calgary and Edmonton, just 80 kilometers south of Red Deer and 82 kilometers north of Calgary. Highway 582 intersects with Highway 2 and 2A, providing access to the community. Highway 2 is the main North-South Highway in Alberta. This Highway provides access to both the Southern border, as well as Western Alberta, the Canamex Trade Corridor and British Columbia and its tidewater, linking Canada to East Asia markets.

Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) Counts 2018:

Highway 2: From HWY 27 (Olds) to HWY 582

Distance (km): 14.5 km

Weighted Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): 30,800

Highway 2: From HWY 582 to HWY 581

Distance (km): 11 km

Weighted Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): 32,180

Highway 582: From HWY 2A to HWY 2

Distance (km): 5 km

Weighted Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): 3,680

Source: <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/mapping/>



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5.2 Rail Services

The nearest commercial rail services are Edmonton and Calgary, which are serviced by both CN Rail and Canadian Pacific.

CN Rail

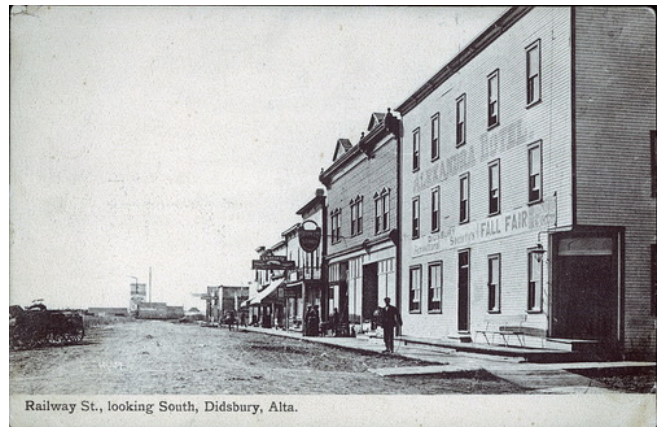
CN is a leader in the North American rail industry. Following its acquisition of Illinois Central in 1999, WC in 2001 and GLT in 2004, as well as its partnership agreement with BC Rail in 2004, CN provides shippers with more options and greater reach in the rapidly expanding market for north-south trade. More CN services located at:

Headquarters:

935 de La Gauchetière Street West
Montreal, QC H3B 2M9
Phone: 1-888-888-5909
Web: <http://www.cn.ca/en/index.htm>

Closest Intermodal Station (with speed gate):

Edmonton, AB
12311 – 184th Street, T5V 1T3
Port Code: 702
Mon - Sun: 24 hours daily



Canadian Pacific

CP has numerous routing options across Canada and through the U.S. as well as excellent North American reach through gateways with all Class I railways. CP has extensive Canadian and U.S. short line partners and leads Atlantic and Pacific port facilities.

Canadian Head Office:

Gulf Canada Square
401 9 Avenue SW, Suite 500
Calgary, AB
T2P 4Z4
Web: www.cpr.ca

Closest Transload Facility:

Edmonton TFR
6040 - 99 Street
Edmonton, AB
Phone: 403-319-6476

Closest Intermodal Facility:

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5.3 Airports

Didsbury is in close proximity to 2 international airports - Calgary International Airport (40 minute drive), and Edmonton International Airport (1 hour 50 minute drive), in addition to several regional airports - including Olds-Didsbury Airport (5 minute drive) and Red Deer Regional Airport (45 minute drive).

Table 18: Regional Airports

Name	Location
Edmonton International Airport	1000 Airport Rd, Edmonton International Airport, AB T9E 0V3 Code: YEG Elevation: 723 m Phone: (780) 890-8900
Calgary International Airport	Address: 2000 Airport Rd NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6W5 Code: YYC Elevation: 1,084 m Phone: (403) 735-1200
Olds-Didsbury Airport	Olds-Didsbury Flying Association Box 3766 Olds, AB Canada T4H 1P5 See www.odfa.ca/contact.php for contact information)
Red Deer Airport	Address: 3801 Airport Dr, Springbrook, AB T4S 2E8 Code: YQF Elevation: 905 m Phone: (403) 886-4388
Sundre Airport	Mountain View County, AB, 1452, by mail at Box 1241, Sundre, AB T0M-1X0, Contact: 403-638-7370 or 403-507-9799
Airdrie Airport	Address: Township Rd 270, Rocky View No. 44, AB Contact: Corey Meyer c/o Airdrie AirPark, (403) 291-2464 (ext 2208) or (403) 399-3434, corey.meyer@avmax.com
Innisfail Airport	Address: Markerville, AB T0M 1M0 Elevation: 920 m

Source: McSweeney & Associates from Google Maps

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6. TAXES AND UTILITIES

This section describes the taxes (local, provincial and federal), cost of water and sewer connections, waste management sites, and natural gas and electricity.

6.1 Local Property Tax Rates

Table 19: Local Property Tax Rates, 2020

	Tax Rate (%)
Town of Didsbury Municipal	
Residential / Farmland	8.225%
Non-Residential	8.769%
Machinery and Equipment	8.769%
Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)	
Residential / Farmland	2.510%
Non- Residential	3.858%
Machinery and Equipment	3.858%
Mountain View Seniors' Housing	
Residential / Farmland	0.390%
Non-Residential	0.390%
Machinery and Equipment	0.390%
Designated Industrial (Property assessment and tax rate set by the Province of Alberta)	0.076%

6.2 Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates

Table 20: Corporate Taxes - General Corporation (2020-2021)

Combined Federal and Provincial Tax Rates	2020	2021
Manufacturing and Processing Income	25%	23%
Investment Income	25%	23%
Active Business Income	25%	23%

*A General Corporation typically includes public companies that are resident of Canada and private companies controlled by non-residents.

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Table 21: Corporate Taxes - Canadian Controlled Private Corporation (2020-2021)

Combined Federal and Provincial Tax Rates	2020	2021
Small Business Income (less than \$500,000)	11%	11%
General; Active Business Income	25%	23%
Manufacturing and Processing Income	25%	23%
Investment Income	48.7%	46.7%

Table 22: Sales Tax, Alberta

Sales Tax	2020
Federal GST (Sales Tax)	5.0%
Provincial GST (Sales Tax)	0.0%

Source: <https://www.taxtips.ca/salestaxes/sales-tax-rates-2019.htm>

Table 23: Personal Income Tax, 2020

Federal Tax Rate	Tax Bracket (\$)	Provincial Tax Rate	Tax Bracket (\$)
15.00%	Up to 48,535	10.00%	Up to 131, 220
20.50%	48,536 to 97,069	12.00%	131, 211 to 157,464
26.00%	97,070 to 150,473	13.00%	157,465 to 209,952
29.00%	150,474 to 214,368	14.00%	209,953 to 314,928
33.00%	214,369 and over	15.00%	314,928 and over

Source Government of Alberta: <https://www.alberta.ca/personal-income-tax.aspx>

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6.3 Water/Wastewater and Waste Management

Table 24: Water and Wastewater Rates, Effective 2020

Water, Wastewater, Garbage and Recycling Rates

Water - Commercial/Industrial Rates, 2020

Collection fee (flat rate)	\$14.00 per month
Consumption rate	\$2.50 per cubic metre

Wastewater - Commercial/Industrial Rates, 2020

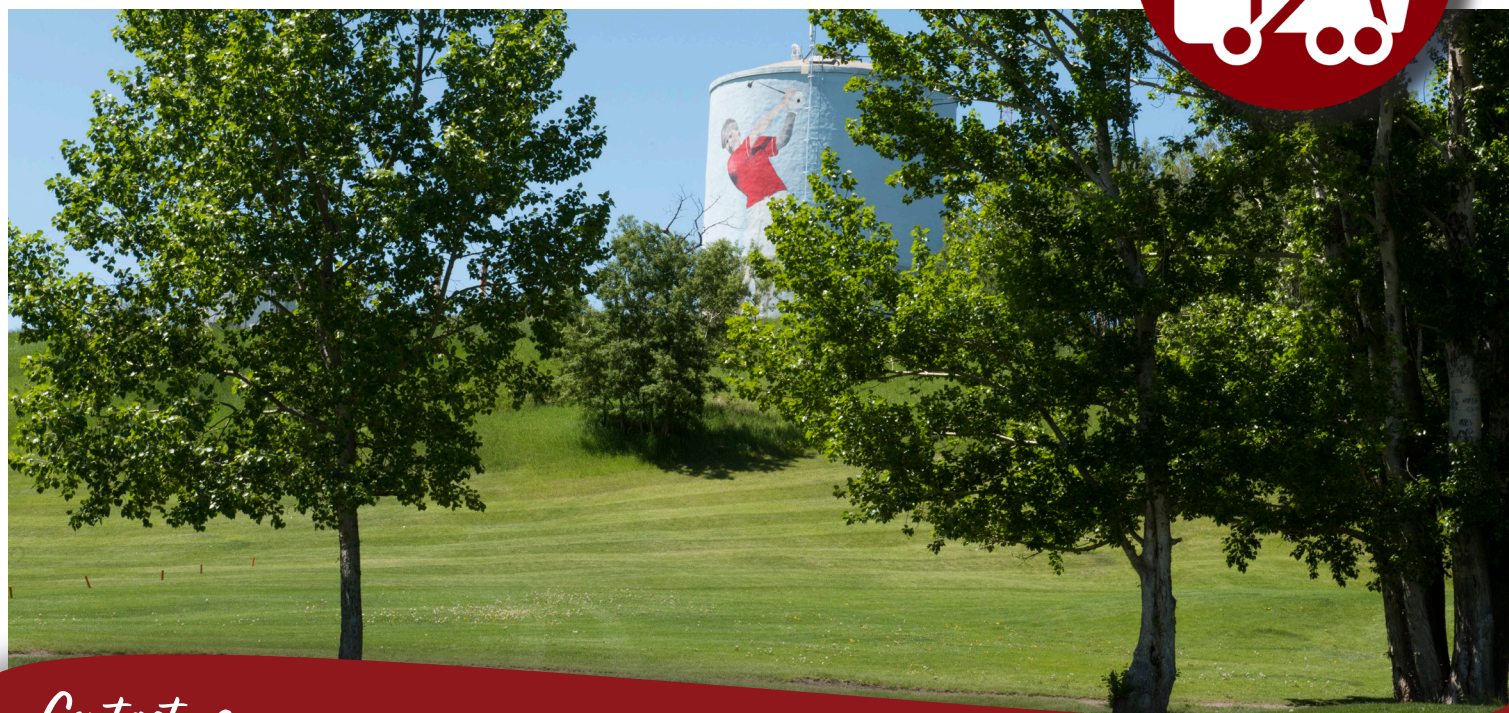
Collection fee (flat rate)	\$15.00 per month
Consumption rate based on total water metered consumption	\$1.96 per cubic metre

Solid Waste

The Town of Didsbury currently does not provide waste services to commercial businesses. Rates listed on the following pages are for residential properties only.

A list of Waste Operators within Mountain View County and the Town of Didsbury are as follows.

Thumbs Up Bins Services (Olds)	403-556-0209
Waste-Co Disposal Systems (Red Deer)	403-352-7800
Collective Waste Systems (Central Alberta)	877-324-5329
Waste Management (Red Deer & Alberta)	800-665-1898



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**Table 25: Landfill and Tipping Fees****Commercial Rates 2020- Mountain View Regional Waste Commission**

Tipping Fee per Tonne	Commercial Rates
Sorted Waste	\$95.00 per tonne
Unsorted Waste	\$142.00 per tonne
Scrap Metal	\$72.00 per tonne
Appliances	\$28.00 per tonne
Mattress/Box Springs	\$22.00 per tonne
Concrete	\$72.00 per tonne
Asphalt Shingles	\$72.00 per tonne
Drywall	

Sources: <http://www.mountainviewwaste.ca/guides/fees.pdf>

Transfer Stations

Site Name	Location	Operation Hours
Didsbury Mountain View Landfill	2 kilometres northwest of Didsbury	Monday – Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm
Didsbury Transfer Station & Resource Recovery Centre	2 kilometres northwest of Didsbury	Monday – Saturday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Olds Recycling Centres	5328 - 46 Street (Olds CO-OP parking lot) 4920 - 49 Ave (across from Crosstown Glass)	

Sources: <http://www.mountainviewwaste.ca/hours.html>

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6.4 Electricity

Supplier: Fortis Alberta

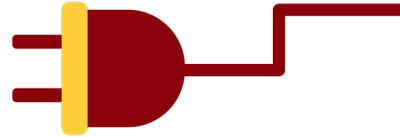
Head Office Address

320 - 17 Avenue SW

Calgary, AB, T2S 2V1

Phone: 403-310-8043

Fortis Franchise Fee for 2020 -17%



Service Providers: EPCOR, Direct Energy, Enmax, Government Choice, Just Energy

Source: <https://bit.ly/32Hvbpc>

Table 26: Electricity Rates, 2019

Small General Services LESS than 75kW - Effective 2019

Distribution Charges	Transmission Component	Distribution Component	Total Distribution Tariff
For the first 6.575 kWh /kW of Capacity/day	0.5626¢/kWh	1.323¢/kWh	1.8856¢/kWh
All additional kWh	0.5626¢/kWh	--	0.5626¢/kWh
For the first 2 kW of Capacity	\$0.2407/kW-day	\$0.53738/kW-day	\$0.77808/kW-day
All additional kW of Capacity	\$0.2407/kW-day	\$0.27355/kW-day	\$0.51425/kW-day

*The kW of Capacity is based on the greatest of:

1. The highest Metered kW Demand in the billing period;
2. 85% of the highest Metered Demand in the past 12 months including and ending with the billing period, less 50 kW;
3. The Contract Minimum Demand as specified by the Terms and Conditions;
4. The Rate Minimum of 3 kW.

The Metered Demand is the greater of:

- i) The registered demand in kW; or
- ii) 90% of the registered demand in kVA.

Source: https://www.fortisalberta.com/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2019-april-rates-options-riders.pdf?sfvrsn=ab359f1b_4

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General Service LESS than 2,000 kW - Effective January 2019

Distribution Charges	Transmission Component	Distribution Component	Total Distribution Tariff
Service Charge for the first 50 kW of Capacity	\$0.12305/kW-day	\$0.24768/kW-day	\$0.37073/kW-day
For the next 450 kW of Capacity	\$0.12305/kW-day	\$0.11115/kW-day	\$0.23420/kW-day
For all kW of Capacity greater than 500 kW	\$0.12305/kW-day	\$0.08493/kW-day	\$0.20798/kW-day
For all kWh delivered	0.5759¢/kWh	--	0.5759¢/kWh
For all kW of Peak Metered Demand	\$0.26971/kW-day	--	\$0.26971/kW-day

The kW of Capacity is the greatest of:

1. The highest Metered Demand in the billing period;
2. 85% of the highest Metered Demand in the 12-month period including and ending with the billing period;
3. The Contract Minimum Demand as specified by the Terms and Conditions;
4. The Rate Minimum of 50 kW.

The Peak Metered Demand is the highest Metered Demand in the billing period.

The Metered Demand is the greater of:

- i) The registered demand in kW, or
- ii) 90% of the registered demand in kVA

Source: https://www.fortisalberta.com/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2019-april-rates-options-riders.pdf?sfvrsn=ab359f1b_4

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6.5 Natural Gas

Supplier: ATCO

ATCO Energy Phone: 1-844-687-2826

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm (Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm), ATCO Franchise Fees - 25%

	Description	Fixed Charge (\$/daily)	Variable Energy (\$/GJ)	24 Hr Demand (\$/GJ/Day)
Low Use	Delivery Service (<1200 GJ/YR)	0.916	0.840	
	Interim Rider S	0.007	0.007	
	"Depreciation Shortfall"		0.895	
	Transmission Service		0.000	
	Charge Rider T			
Mid Use	Delivery Service (1200-8000 GJ/YR)	0.916	0.912	
	Interim Rider S	0.007	0.007	
	"Depreciation Shortfall"		0.820	
	Transmission Service		0.000	
	Charge Rider T			
High Use	Delivery Service (>8000 GJ/YR)	5.314		0.167
	Interim Rider S	0.049		0.001
	"Depreciation Shortfall"			0.245
	Transmission Service			
	Charge Rider T			
Irrigation	Delivery Service - Irrigation Pumping	1.259	1.045	
	Interim Rider S		0.043	
	"Depreciation Shortfall"			
Emergency	Emergency Service	15.99	0.840	
Unmetered Lights	Unmetered Gas Lights (per mantle)	0.096		
Rider E	ATCO Gas Deemed Value \$1.359/GJ			

Source: <https://www.atco.com/en-ca/for-home/natural-gas/rates-billing/current-rates.html>

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7. DEVELOPMENT RELATED FEES

7.1 Building and Development Planning Fees

Table 27: Building and Development Planning Fees

Development Services General Fees & Charges (GST exempt)	Fee (last updated August 2020)
Compliance Certificate – Residential	\$100.00
Compliance Certificate – Commercial/Industrial/Multi Family	\$150.00
Copy of Real Property Report (RPR) and Compliance Reports	\$25.00/document
Copy of Statutory Plans	\$25.00 (available on the Town of Didsbury website)
Environmental Search	\$75.00 /1st hour + \$50.00/each subsequent hour
Subdivision Decision Appeal Fee	\$200 per appeal
Public Hearing advertising fee	\$200.00

Source: cms.didsbury.ca/Editor/images/Documents/Rate%20&%20Fee%20Bylaws/2018%20RATE%20&%20FEE%20BYLAW.pdf

Policy Document Review Fee Schedule	Fee (last updated July 2019)
Area Structure Plan Review minimum fee per application	\$7,500.00 (up to 65 hectares)
Area Structure Plan Review additional fee per hectare	\$50.00 (over 65 hectares)
Area Structure Plan amendment fee	\$2,000.00

Source: cms.didsbury.ca/Editor/images/Documents/Rate%20&%20Fee%20Bylaws/2018%20RATE%20&%20FEE%20BYLAW.pdf

Land Use Re-Designation Fee Schedule	Fee (last updated July 2019)
Flat fee for the first 5 lots, if outside an Area Structure Plan Area	\$4,000.00
Flat fee for the first 5 lots, if inside of an Area Structure Plan Area	\$2,000.00
Plus per lot fee for each additional lot up to 50 lots	\$250.00
Plus per lot fee for each additional lot thereafter	\$100.00

Source: cms.didsbury.ca/Editor/images/Documents/Rate%20&%20Fee%20Bylaws/2018%20RATE%20&%20FEE%20BYLAW.pdf

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Subdivision Application Fee Schedule

Fee (last updated July 2019)

Lot Subdivision for 1-2 lots	\$2,000.00
Each additional lot thereafter	\$200.00/lot
Endorsement Fees – excluding reserve and utility parcels:	
Per lot fee	\$100.00/lot
Per unit fee for Building Condominium Plan	\$100.00/unit
Request for Extension of Subdivision Approval	\$200.00

Source: cms.didsbury.ca/Editor/images/Documents/Rate%20&%20Fee%20Bylaws/2018%20RATE%20&%20FEE%20BYLAW.pdf

Development Permit Applications (GST exempt)

Fee (last updated July 2019)

Residential - Accessory Building, Detached Garage, Construction/Renovation/Addition	\$1.20 per \$1000.00 construction value. Minimum charge \$125.00
-Residential Dwelling Unit Construction/Renovation/Addition	\$200
Variance/Relaxation Request	\$275.00
Change of Use/Intensification of Use	\$250.00
Change of Tenancy/Occupancy	\$100.00
Home Occupation	\$125.00
Demolition/Removal of Building	\$100.00
Signage	\$50.00
Decks (In excess of 2ft in height)	\$75.00
Encroachment Agreement	\$250.00 plus any required legal fees
Request for extension to development permit expiry decision	\$200.00
Appeal of permit decision	\$200.00
Starting development/building before permits are issued	2 times the original Development Permit Fee

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Building Permit Applications (GST exempt)

Fee (last updated August 2020)

Public Institutions Commercial Projects Industrial Projects Multi-Family Dwellings	\$6.00 / \$1,000 up to \$1M + \$4.25 / \$1,000 over \$1M minimum \$400
Single Family Dwelling, Additions Shops, Garages, Storage, Accessory Buildings Over 200 Sq. Ft.	Minimum \$250 \$0.45/ft ²
Alterations, Renovations, Basement Development	Minimum \$150 \$0.40/ft ²
Relocation of Home: Manufactured Home, Ready to Move Home on Foundation or Crawlspace	Minimum \$250, \$0.40/ft ²
Relocation of Home: Manufactured Home, Ready to Move on Blocks or Piles	\$200.00
Decks, Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, Garden Sheds, 200 ft ² and Under	\$125.00
Solid Fuel Appliance	\$125.00
Demolition	\$125.00
Temporary Structures	\$125.00
Minimum Fee (small jobs not mentioned above)	\$125.00

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8. BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

8.1 National and Provincial Support Organizations

The following organizations support businesses by facilitating commercialization, workforce development, research and development, export growth and raising capital funding. For a complete list of funding, grants and tax credits available to businesses locating in the Town of Didsbury, please visit the appendix section of this publication.

Table 28: Nation-Wide Business Support

Federal Programs/Agencies

Name	URL
Industry Canada: Information for Businesses	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business.html
Canadian Chamber of Commerce	http://www.chamber.ca/
Invest in Canada	https://www.international.gc.ca/investors-investisseurs/index.aspx?lang=eng
Futurpreneur Canada	http://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/
Business Development Bank of Canada	https://www.bdc.ca/en/pages/home.aspx
Canada Business Network	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business.html
Export Development Canada	http://www.edc.ca/en/Pages/default.aspx
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/home
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada: Jobs and Training	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs.html
National Research Council of Canada	https://nrc.canada.ca/en
Mitacs	https://discover.mitacs.ca/
Fundica	https://www.fundica.com/
CoopZone	http://www.coopzone.coop/
Tools and Financing for Aboriginal Business	https://www.ccab.com/tfab/
Indigenous Business Services	https://canadabusiness.ca/programs/aboriginal-business-development-services-1/
Start Up Canada	https://www.startupcan.ca/

Source: McSweeney & Associates

8.2 Local/Regional Support

Below is a list of agencies at the local/regional level involved in business support and development. This is only a subset of the institutions; more can be found at www.smallbusiness.alberta.ca (information provided by the Government of Alberta).

Table 29: Local, Regional, Provincial Programs and Agencies

Local, Regional, Provincial Programs and Agencies

Name	URL
Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce	www.didsburychamber.ca
Town of Didsbury	www.didsbury.ca
Central Alberta Economic Partnership	www.caepalberta.com
Inno-Tech Alberta	https://innotechalberta.ca/
The Business Link	https://businesslink.ca/
Alberta Women Entrepreneurs	https://canadabusiness.ca/programs/alberta-women-entrepreneurs-1/
Community Futures East Parkland	http://eastparkland.albertacf.com/frontpage
Alberta Chambers of Commerce,	http://www.abchamber.ca/
Albert Innovates	https://albertainnovates.ca/
Western Economic Diversification Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/western-economic-diversification.html
Catapult Entrepreneurs	https://www.catapultentrepreneurs.ca/
Alberta's Agri-Food Industry	https://investalberta.ca/industry-profiles/agri-foods/
Central Alberta Access Prosperity	https://accessprosperity.ca/

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8.3 Education and Training

The following are only a subset of the many recognized universities and colleges in this region. A comprehensive list of Alberta colleges and universities can be found at www.collegealberta.info/

Post-Secondary Institutions

Red Deer College	RDC offers more than 100 different credit programs, housed in seven schools: trades, certificates, diplomas, graduate certificates and applied degrees	100 College Blvd, Red Deer, AB T4N 5H5 https://rdc.ab.ca/
CDI College - Red Deer	Focus on business, hospitality, marketing, logistics and supply chain management; health and legal administration	5000 Gaetz Ave, Red Deer, AB T4N 6C2 https://www.cdicollege.ca/alberta/campuses/red-deer/
Olds College	Medical and Business Training	4500 - 50th Street Olds, Alberta T4H 1T6 https://oldscollege.ca/
Mount Royal University	Humanities, education, science and tech, communication, health, and business	Address: 4825 Mt Royal Gate SW, Calgary, AB http://www.mtroyal.ca
University of Alberta	Environmental Science, Mining and Minerals, Instruments, Science and Technology, Chemical Engineering, Business Administration, Agricultural Sciences, Nursing, Earth Sciences	Various Campuses across Calgary and associate colleges https://www.ualberta.ca/
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology	Business, Applied Sciences and Health and Life Sciences, Skilled Trades	11762 - 106 Street NW Edmonton, AB, Canada https://www.nait.ca
University of Calgary	Energy, Engineering, Public Policy, and Applied science	2500 University Dr NW, Calgary, http://www.ucalgary.ca/

Source: McSweeney & Associates

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8.4 Financial and Real Estate Institutions

Financial Institutions

ATB Financial

1820 20 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

(403) 335-3386

atb.com

Mountain View Financial

2003 20 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

(403) 335-3335

mvcu.ca

Real Estate Institutions

Royal LePage Wildrose Real Estate

(403) 335-9778

royallepagewildrose.ca

Front Porch Realty

(403) 335-2222

frontporchrealty.ca

Re/Max ACA Realty

(403) 335-3377

remax.ca



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8.5 Local Media

Table 30: Local Radio

Media	Frequency
96.5 CKFM	96.5 FM
Rock 104.5	104.5 FM
Sunny 94 – CKRD-FM (Lacombe)	94.1 FM
Real Country 95.5 – CKGY-FM (Red Deer)	95.5 FM
98.9 Zed FM – CIZZ-FM (Red Deer)	98.9 FM
CBC Radio 2 – CBR-FM-1 (Calgary)	99.9 FM
X100.7 – CKRI-FM (Red Deer)	100.7 FM
KRAZE 101.3 – CKIK-FM (Red Deer)	101.3 FM
CBC Radio 1 – CBRD-FM (Calgary)	102.5 FM
Ici Radio-Canada Première – CHFA-FM-2 (Edmonton)	103.5 FM
Big 105 – CHUB-FM (Red Deer)	105.5 FM
106.7 The Drive – CFDV-FM (Red Deer)	106.7 FM



Table 31: Newspaper, Print or Online

Newspapers

Mountain View Albertan

Site

<https://www.mountainviewtoday.ca>

Table 32: Communications Infrastructure



Cable Services

Shaw Communications
Telus
Rogers



Internet Services

Shaw Communications
Bell Canada
Telus
Primus
AireNet Internet Solutions



Phone Services

Telus
Rogers

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9. QUALITY OF LIFE

9.1 Lifestyle in Didsbury

The Town of Didsbury has a booming housing sector and is a fast-growing community. The community has a comprehensive healthcare and social assistance system, as well as a variety of facilities and programs to support recreation and well being.



9.2 Health Services

Didsbury District Health Services

1210 20 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335-9393
albertahealthservices.ca

Trinity Rose Medical Centre

2034 19 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 518-8762
<http://www.trinityrose.ca/>

Didsbury Family Practice

2018 18 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335-3669

Silverfern Aesthetics and Vein Medical Clinic

1810 20 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335-8829
silverfernmedical.com

Didsbury Dental Centre

2220 20 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335-3855
didsburydental.com

Didsbury Smiles Dental

2409 16 St #1a, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
didsburysmiles.ca

Didsbury Chiropractic & Massage

1001 20 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335 4616
drphillips.ca

Didsbury Massage

2206 20 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335-4005

Mountain View Therapeutics

201-2034 19 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335-3777

Forsight Vision

2020 – 27 Avenue
(403) 335-2020
eyeeffects.ca

Didsbury Community Mental Health

1210 20 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
(403) 335-7285 / albertahealthservices.ca

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9.3 Community Protection Services

Table 33: Protective Services

Protective Services

Service	Service Provider	Contact Information
Police	Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) – Didsbury	2425 19 Street 403.335.3382 Administrative and Information 403.335.3381 24-Hour Complaint Line & Emergencies
Fire	Didsbury Fire Department	2101 19 Avenue 403.335.3222 Non-emergency
Ambulance	Alberta Health Services	911 (emergency)

Emergency Shelters / Resource Centres

Shelter/Resource	Service Provider	Contact
Resource and Support Centre	Didsbury Neighborhood Place	1606 14th St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-8719
Resource and Support Centre	Mountain View Family Resource Network	1-877-761-0033 info@mvfrn.ca
Resource and Support Centre	Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission	(866) 332-2322
Animal Shelter	Wild Rose Humane Society	13 Co-Op Rd, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-8297
Daycare	Kidz Playhouse Daycare & Before and After School Care	1613 20 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-4757
Daycare	Kidsbury Daycare Ltd	1703 20 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-3228
Preschool	Didsbury Preschool	2154 18 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-8818
Before/After School Care	Didsbury Out of School Care Association	1606 14th St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-8719
Food Bank	Mountain View Food Bank Society	5025 50 St, Olds, AB T4H 1R9 (403) 556-1693
Resource and Support	Essentials for Our Community	efocdidsbury@yahoo.com 403-586-5836
Homeless Shelter	Mountain View Emergency Shelter Society	4920 50 Avenue Olds, AB T4H 1S4 (403) 586-4765

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9.4 Education

Table 34: Elementary and Secondary Schools

Elementary and Secondary Schools

Name	Address	Contact
Ross Ford Elementary School (K-4)	2016 23 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0	(403) 335-3234 rossford.ca
Westglen Middle School (5-8)	2405 23 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0	(403) 335-8700 westglen.ca
Didsbury High School	1515 15 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0	(403) 335-3356 didsburyhigh.ca
Didsbury Career High School	2034 19 Ave #205, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0	(403) 335-3407 didsburychs.ca
Holy Trinity Catholic School (Olds)	6610 57 St, Olds, AB T4H 0E1	(403) 556-9444 holyltrinitycatholic.ca
Olds Koinonia Christian School (Olds)	Range Rd 13, Olds, AB T4H 1P7	(403) 556-4038 oldskoinonia.com
NorthStar Academy Canada	1001 20 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0	(403) 335-9587 northstaracademycanada.org

Source: Town of Didsbury



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9.5 Recreational Facilities

Table 35: Recreation, Culture and Sports Facilities

Recreation Facilities

Name	Address/Details
COMMUNITY CENTERS	
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	<p>Address: 1606 14 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0</p> <p>Didsbury Neighborhood Place offers a number of services to Didsbury and area residents including information and referral services, community programming, Family and Community Support Services, Didsbury Out of School Care Association, Mountain View Family Resource Network, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent.</p>
COMMUNITY HALLS	
Didsbury Train Station (Eldon Foote Hall)	<p>Address: 811 20 St, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0</p> <p>Located at 1811 - 20 Street, the Train Station is an excellent venue for smaller events. Built for the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1904, the Train Station has been declared as a Provincial Historic Site and was fully restored in 1991. The train station is no longer an active station and is used for a variety of community events. With full kitchen facilities, a small stage, basement, and main level rental opportunities, the facility is available to rent at any time of the year. For information on availability call 403.335.7369.</p>
Five-0 Club	<p>Address: 2500 15 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0</p> <p>Located at 2500 - 15 Avenue, the Didsbury 5-0 Club has full kitchen facilities and can accommodate up to approximately 100 people. For more details and rental information please contact Joyce Sloan at 403.335.3443.</p>
SPORTS FACILITIES	
Didsbury Memorial Complex	<p>Address: 1702 21 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0</p> <p>The Didsbury Memorial Complex is the central home to a multitude of recreation and community-based service facilities.</p> <p>The Complex offers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 17,000 sq. foot main ice surface- 5,382 sq. foot leisure ice surface- 5-lane swimming pool (25m)- 150 ft. water slide- Hot tub & Steam room- 4 sheet curling ice rink- Community Hall (Multi-Purpose Room) with full kitchen and bar

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Recreation Facilities Continued

Name	Address/Details
SPORTS FACILITIES	
Didsbury Golf Club	<p>Address: 2302 20 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0</p> <p>Located in the heart of Didsbury, AB, on the west end of town at the end of 20th Avenue. This nine-hole golf course provides easy access for all ages. The Didsbury Golf Course is a pleasant community course where visitors are always welcome.</p>

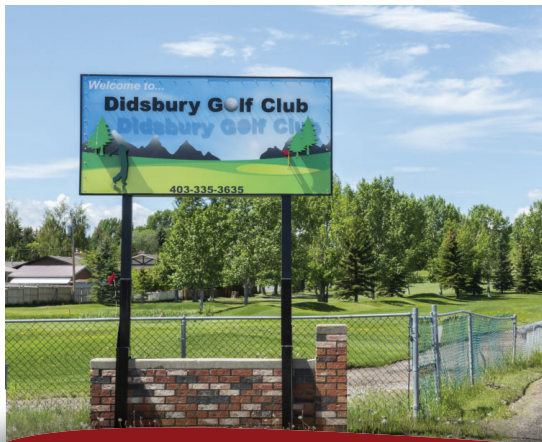
Parks and Trails

Name	Address/Details
Didsbury Memorial Park	<p>Address: Highway 582 at 16 St</p> <p>Didsbury Memorial Park boasts 3 baseball diamonds for recreational and league play, as well as a 2.5 km trail that encompasses the entire park. The trail offers a safe pathway with a beautiful view for active-living enthusiasts.</p>

Other facilities adding to the recreational diversity of Didsbury include four soccer fields, track and field areas, 13 parks and playgrounds, and one baseball diamond adjacent to the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Rosebud Valley Campground	Address: Highway 582 at 10 St
Skatepark	<p>Address: 1702 21 Ave, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0</p> <p>Didsbury's skateboard park is located on the southeast side of the Memorial Complex. Helmets are mandatory and the Town of Didsbury asks that all users abide by the posted guidelines and regulations.</p>

Source: Town of Didsbury



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9.6 Local Events

DIDSBURY FARM & RANCH BONSPIEL

Month: January

This annual Bonspiel held at the Didsbury Curling Rink and facilitated by the Didsbury Farm & Ranch Committee has been running for 26 years in the community. Approximately 10 teams join in on the weeklong Bonspiel which encourages positive relationships and networking between local businesses and local farmers! Each team consists of 3 “farmers” and 1 “business person”.

ANNUAL “RIDE FOR DAD” CHARITY HOCKEY GAME - MOUNTAIN VIEW COLTS

Month: January

Mountain View Colts Sports and Recreation Association organize and host this annual charity hockey game with proceeds going towards research for and awareness of prostate cancer. In 2013, Three Hills Thrashers joined forces and together raised over \$40,000.00 towards this fight. Since the beginning of this Charity game, the Mountain View Colts have raised over \$165,000.00 in the fight against prostate cancer. Gary Janz, Co-founder and President of the National Motorcycle Ride for Dad Association, was in attendance at the 2013 game and he was quoted as saying -“ I am speechless – they (the players) are amazing ambassadors for an amazing cause and they do more good, not only in raising the money but in raising awareness”.

For more information on this annual charity event, visit mountainviewcolts.ca



DIDSBURY DUCKS UNLIMITED - FUNDRAISER BANQUET

Month: March

Ducks Unlimited is far more than just ducks. It is an organization passionate about wetlands, stream beds, water quality - the major components of duck habitat and our quality of life. The accomplishments and activities of Ducks Unlimited can be examined in detail on the Ducks Unlimited Canada website at ducks.ca. Our goal in hosting Annual Fundraiser Banquets is to continue our participation in doing our part and supporting the many endeavors of Ducks Unlimited conservation efforts. Whether you are likewise committed or are just looking for a fun evening, we hope you will join us. To learn more about this event please visit didsburyducks.ca

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT ART, TRAVEL, & TRADE EXPO

Month: April

Known as one of the best trade shows in Alberta, the Didsbury & District Art, Travel, and Trade Expo is held every year in April. Hosted by the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce, this event provides a showcase for local businesses and community groups to market their products and services. More information can be found at didsburychamber.ca/ or by calling 403.335.3265.

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DIDSBURY SHOW N' SHINE

Month: May - Saturday before Mother's Day

Car enthusiasts come from all over to show off their machines at this annual event held on Main Street Didsbury. The event includes a display of hundreds of vehicles, door prizes and lots of fun! For more information visit us at didsburyshowandshine.ca. Some of the events at the Show N' Shine include: 100' Shoot Out, Burnout box, Auto Dyno, Stunt Bike Show, BMX Show, a Live Band, and Beer Gardens. The Didsbury Car Club is proud to raise funds for a variety of non-profit community organizations!

RURAL ALBERTA MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR DAD

Month: June

The fourth weekend of June every year, the Ride for Dad charity bike ride takes place. Starting in various locations in central Alberta and ending in Didsbury, this poker run/charity ride raises funds for Prostate Cancer research and awareness in Central Alberta. This event brings in hundreds of bikes with prizes and a ton of fun! For more information visit RideForDad.ca



SOAP BOX DERBY

Month: September

Hosted by the Didsbury Car Club, the Soap Box Derby is one of the most popular - and most fun - family events of the year! Kids between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible to participate. Business sponsorship is available for the soapbox cars. For more information visit didsburycarclub.ca

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Month: July 1st

The Town of Didsbury holds its annual Canada Day celebrations every July 1st. It is a fun-filled day of activities, games, and entertainment for the whole family, with fireworks to cap it all off. Call 403.335.2030 for more information.

DAYS OF YORE

Month: August Heritage Weekend

Two days, dozens of historical reenactments, sword fights, big cannons, and live combat! A golden opportunity to share history during Alberta's Heritage Weekend. This event takes place at Rosebud Park at the east entrance to Didsbury, right across from the Rosebud Valley Campground. For more information, please visit mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445.



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DIDSBURY FAIR & RODEO

Month: August

The annual Didsbury Fair & Rodeo is held every August which consists of the Elks Parade and Pancake breakfast around town, the Didsbury Ag Society Rodeo and fireworks display held at the Didsbury Agricultural Grounds. For more information on the fair and rodeo visit the Didsbury Ag Society Webpage or call 403-335-4494. For information on the Elks Parade and Pancake Breakfast, please call Margo Ward at 403-556-5201.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS FESTIVAL

Month: September

A showcase of all that is arts, culture, and heritage in Didsbury and the surrounding region. The Festival is held throughout town, with exhibits, old-time crafts, and demonstrations at the Didsbury Museum; author talks and writers at the Didsbury Library; food and fun at the historic Didsbury Train Station, and the Artisan Village in the Rosebud River Valley, with artists, musical entertainment, street performers, and buskers. For more information, visit mountainviewartsfestival.ca or call 403.335.9445.

SHOWCASE DIDSBURY

Month: September

This annual event happens on the third Thursday of September. This is an opportunity for organizations and community groups to showcase what they do and what they offer for the residents of Didsbury. This event is open to the public and free dinner is provided! For more information, call 403.335.8719.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Month: November

The Town of Didsbury is quite possibly the most beautifully decorated community in Alberta during the Christmas season. Held on the first Friday in December, Country Christmas offers great downtown shopping, horse-drawn wagon rides, music, food, entertainment, and a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Call 403.335.3265 or visit didsburychamber.ca for more information. Don't forget to bring your camera!



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APPENDIX: FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Capital	Web
AgriCompetitiveness Program	http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/agricompetitiveness-program/?id=1517335776475
Canada Small Business Financing Program - Industry Canada	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/csbfp-pfpec.nsf/eng/Home
Futurpreneur Canada Newcomer Program	https://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/get-started/financing-and-mentoring/newcomer/
Investments in Forest Industry Transformation	http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/federal-programs/13139
Metis Voyageur Development Fund	http://www.mvdf.ca/
SD Tech Fund	https://www.sdte.ca/en/apply/funds/
Strategic Innovation Fund: Stream 2	http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/125.nsf/eng/home
Aboriginal Economic Partnerships Program (AEPP)	https://www.alberta.ca/aboriginal-economic-partnerships-program.aspx
Alberta Investor Tax Credit (AITC)	https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-investor-tax-credit.aspx
Capital Investment Tax Credit (CITC)	https://www.alberta.ca/capital-investment-tax-credit.aspx
Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology Program	https://albertainnovates.ca
Alberta Enterprise Corporation	http://www.alberta-enterprise.ca/
CIP Project-Based grant	https://www.alberta.ca/cip-project-based-grant.aspx
CIP Operating grant	https://www.alberta.ca/cip-operating-grant.aspx
CIP Major Cultural and Sport Events grant	https://www.alberta.ca/cip-major-cultural-sport-events-grant.aspx
Western Diversification Program	https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/301.asp
Economic Development Initiative	https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/11564.asp

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Community Development	Web
Tourism Growth Innovation Fund	https://www.alberta.ca/tourism-growth-innovation-fund.aspx
Project Macro Grant	https://www.alberta.ca/project-macro-grant.aspx
Project Micro Grant	https://www.alberta.ca/project-micro-grant.aspx
Engagement operating grant program	https://open.alberta.ca/publications/engagement-operating-grant-program-guidelines
Leadership and certification operating	https://open.alberta.ca/publications/leadership-and-certification-operating-grant-program-guidelines
Alberta Blue Cross - Healthy Communities Grant	https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/aboutus/healthy-communities-grant.php
Alberta Indigenous Solar Program	http://indigenous.alberta.ca/AISP.cfm
Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP)	http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2719.htm
First Nations Development Fund Grant Program	http://indigenous.alberta.ca/FNDF-Grant-Program.cfm
Alberta Community Resilience Program	http://aep.alberta.ca/water/programs-and-services/alberta-community-resilience-program/default.aspx
Commercialization	Web
Canadian Technology Accelerators	http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/cta-atc/index.aspx?lang=eng
AgrilInnovate Program	http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/agriinnovate-program/?id=1515682916298
CDMN Soft Landing Program	https://cdmn.ca/program/soft-landing
Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) - National Research Council Canada	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/ibp/irap/about/index.html
Investments in Forest Industry Transformation	http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/federal-programs/13139
SD Tech Fund	https://www.sdtc.ca/en/apply/funds/
Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development	https://canadabusiness.ca/programs/aboriginal-business-and-entrepreneurship-development-1/

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Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral
and Micro-Voucher Programs)

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Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral
Investments (Product Demonstration
Program)

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Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral
Investments (Alberta-Jalisco Innovation
and Commercialization Program)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Strategic and International Technology
Partnerships

<https://www.alberta.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
Commercialization Program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Canadian Agricultural Partnership:
Products to Markets

https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/MARKETS_SMALL

Canadian Agricultural Partnership:
Value-Added Products to Markets

https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/MARKETS_LARGE

Alberta-Europe Technology
Collaboration Fund

<http://www.gccir.ca/alberta-europe-collaboration-fund/>

Media (Digital and Other)

Web

Canadian Media Fund

<http://www.cmf-fmc.ca/funding-programs/convergent-stream/>

Canadian Film or Video Production

<https://www.canada.ca>

Theatre Individual Project Funding

<https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Major Arts Presenters Operating Funding

<https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Emerging Curator Fellowship

<https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Visual Arts and New Media Individual
Project Funding

<https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Public Art Galleries Operating Funding

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Film and Video Arts Scholarship <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Indigenous Arts Individual Project Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca/funding/find-funding>

Professional Performing Arts
Organizations Operating Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Provincial Arts Service Organizations <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Film and Video Individual Project Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Arts Presenting Project Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Community Support Organizations
Operating Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Organizations: Arts Project Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Music Individual Project Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Dance Individual Project Funding <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Indigenous Arts Projects for Organizations <https://www.affta.ab.ca>

Screen-Based Production Grant <https://www.alberta.ca/screen-based-production-grant.aspx>

Alberta Project Script Development Grant <https://www.alberta.ca>

Post-Production, Visual Effects and
Digital Animation Grant (PPG) <https://www.alberta.ca>

Cultural Industry Support Organizations
Operating Grant <https://www.alberta.ca>

Cultural Industry Organizations Project
Grant <https://www.alberta.ca>

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Export	Web
Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC)	http://www.ccc.ca/
New Exporters to Border States (NEBS)	http://www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/program/2229/
CanExport Program	http://international.gc.ca/canexport/index.aspx?lang=eng
Expanding Market Opportunities Program	http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests/federal-programs/13133
Export Market Access - A Global Expansion Program	http://exportaccess.ca/en/home
Going Global Innovation	http://trade commissioner.gc.ca
Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments (Industry Associates Programs)	https://albertainnovates.ca
Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments (Export Readiness Micro-Voucher program)	https://albertainnovates.ca
SME Export Support Fund	https://www.alberta.ca/export-support-fund.aspx
Value-Added Products to Markets	https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/MARKETS_LARGE
Human Resources and Training	Web
Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit - Canada Revenue Agency	http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca
Canada Summer Jobs	https://www.canada.ca
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/37788.html
Concierge Service - Government of Canada	http://concierge.portal.gc.ca/about-us
Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) - National Research Council Canada	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/ibp/irap/about/index.html
Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)- National Research Council Canada	http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca
MITACS Accelerate	http://www.mitacs.ca/accelerate
MITACS Elevate	https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/elevate/program-details

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NSERC CRD

<http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

Skills Link Program

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca>

Youth Employment Program - National
Research Council Canada

<http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments
(Alberta Entrepreneurship Incubator Program)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
Development (CTD) program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
Networks Program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
Facilities Support Program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Tourism Entrepreneurship Startup Seminar

<https://www.alberta.ca>

Tourism Entrepreneurial Support

<https://www.alberta.ca/diversifying-economy.aspx#toc-4>

Youth Agriculture Education

https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/YOUTH_EDUCATION

Canada-Alberta Job Grant

<https://www.alberta.ca/canada-alberta-job-grant.aspx>

Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

<https://www.alberta.ca/step.aspx>

Training for Work programs

<https://www.alberta.ca/training-work-programs.aspx>

Indigenous Tourism

<https://www.alberta.ca/indigenous-tourism.aspx>

Leadership and certification operating grant
program guidelines

<https://open.alberta.ca>

Indigenous Relations' (IR) First Nations
Consultation Capacity Investment Program

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Research and Development

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AgrilInnovation Program

<http://www.agr.gc.ca>

AgriScience Program

<http://www.agr.gc.ca>

Canada Foundation for Innovation

<http://www.innovation.ca/en/OurFunds>

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/37788.html>

Canadian International Innovation Program (CIIP)

<http://tradecommissioner.gc.ca>

Communications Research Centre
Canada - Industry Canada

http://www.crc.gc.ca/eic/site/069.nsf/eng/h_00022.html

Automotive Partnership Canada

http://www.apc-pac.ca/index_eng.asp

Canada Foundation for Innovation

<https://www.innovation.ca/awards/innovation-fund>

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<https://www.sdtc.ca/en/funding/funds/nextgen>

College and Community Innovation
Program & Applied Research and
Development Grants

<http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

Industrial Research Assistance Program
(IRAP) - National Research Council Canada

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/sred/>

MITACS Accelerate

http://ito.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ito-oti.nsf/eng/h_00022.html

New Directions Research Program
- OMAFRA

http://ito.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ito-oti.nsf/eng/h_00837.html

NSERC Engage R&D

http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/services/youth_initiatives.html

Collaborative Technology Development
and Demonstration Stream

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/125.nsf/eng/00002.html>

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Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship

<https://canadabusiness.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Bio Sector -
Guest Speaker Support Program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Energy
(Advanced Hydrocarbons)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Energy
(Clean Technology)

<https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-clean-technology/>

Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral
Investments (Alberta Innovation Voucher and
Micro-Voucher Programs)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments
(Alberta Small Business Research and
Innovation Initiative)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments
(Export Readiness Micro-Voucher program)

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Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
Development (CTD) program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
Commercialization Program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology Facilities
Support Program

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
Large-Scale Demonstration and Innovative
Deployment Program

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Value-Added Products to Markets

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Program

Tourism Growth Innovation Fund <https://www.alberta.ca>

Alberta-Ontario Innovation Program <http://www.oce-ontario.org>

Innovation

Web

Alberta Innovates - Bio Sector -
New Collaborations (Prion) <https://albertainnovates.ca>

Going Global Innovation <http://tradecommissioner.gc.ca>

Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP) <https://buyandsell.gc.ca>

Canada Periodical Fund <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1458744331821>

OMF - Music Industry Development <http://www.omdc.on.ca>

Canadian International Innovation <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca>

MaRS Catalyst Fund <https://www.marsdd.com/funding/mars-catalyst-fund/>

Connect to Innovate <https://www.canada.ca>

Matching Investment Fund - Canadian
Dairy Commission (CDC) <http://www.milkingredients.ca/index-eng.php?id=127>

Centre of Excellence in Next Generation
Networks (CENG) <http://www.nce-rce.gc.ca>

Canada's new superclusters <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/093.nsf/eng/00016.html>

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Bioenterprise Seed Funding	http://www.bioenterprise.ca/index.cfm?page=seedfund_on
Alberta Innovates - Bio Sector - IDEal Program (Prion)	https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-prion/ideal-program/
Alberta Innovates - Bio Sector - Alberta Bio Future	https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-alberta-bio-future/
Alberta Innovates - Health Innovations Training and Early Career Development	https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-health-innovations/
Alberta Innovates - Clean Energy (Advanced Hydrocarbons)	https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-advanced-hydrocarbons/
Alberta Innovates - Clean Energy (Clean Technology)	https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-clean-technology/
Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments (Alberta Small Business Research and Innovation Initiative)	https://albertainnovates.ca
Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments (Product Demonstration Program)	https://albertainnovates.ca
Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral Investments (Alberta-China International Technology Partnership Program)	https://albertainnovates.ca
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Strategic and international technology partnerships	https://www.alberta.ca
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Deployment Program

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Alberta Innovates - Water and Land
(Land and Biodiversity)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Water and Land
(Tailings Management)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Irrigation Efficiency

https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/IRR_EFFICIENCY

Alberta-Europe Technology
Collaboration Fund

<http://www.gccir.ca/alberta-europe-collaboration-fund/>

Visitor Services Innovation Fund

<https://www.alberta.ca/visitor-services-innovation-fund.aspx>

Economic Development Initiative

<https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/11564.asp>

Environment

Web

Alberta Community Resilience Program

<http://aep.alberta.ca>

SD Tech Fund

<https://www.sdtc.ca/en/apply/funds/>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Energy
(Advanced Hydrocarbons)

<https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-advanced-hydrocarbons/>

Alberta Innovates - Cross Sectoral
Investments (Alberta Innovation
Voucher and Micro-Voucher Programs)

<https://albertainnovates.ca/funding-entrepreneurial-investments/>

Alberta Innovates - Clean Technology
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Program

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<https://albertainnovates.ca>

Alberta Innovates - Water and Land
(Tailings Management)

<https://albertainnovates.ca>

GreenSTEM

<https://www.alberta.ca/greenstem.aspx>

Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater
Partnership (AMWWP)

<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2719.htm>

EcoAction Community Funding Program

<http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv221>

Bayer Crop Science Canada - Investing
in Canadian Communities

<https://www.cropscience.bayer.ca>

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee Terms of Reference
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.5

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Terms of Reference for the Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee (ICC) are required to be reviewed by December 31 each year.

The (ICC) reviewed changes to the Terms of Reference and made a few changes under Administrative Support.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

At the September 15, 2020 ICC Meeting, all members of the Committee agreed to the changes and recommended they go to their respective Council's for approval.

Please see attached Terms of Reference with track changes on page 2 of the document showing the recommended changes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to approve the Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee Terms of Reference with recommended changes.

Terms of Reference
Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee
Town of Didsbury and Mountain View County

I. Purpose

To foster open, meaningful and ongoing communication, with the broad intent of fostering effective collaboration ensuring routine monitoring of the health of their intermunicipal relationship and agreements; and providing a forum both for dealing with issues before they become problems and capitalizing on opportunities that might arise in a mutually beneficial and timely fashion.

II. Mandate

The mandate of the ICC given by both Councils is to carry out the work identified in the Intermunicipal Cooperation Master Agreement:

To foster open, meaningful and ongoing communication, the Signatories agree to establish a joint Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee (the “Committee”) with the broad intent of fostering effective collaboration between them; ensuring routine monitoring of the health of their intermunicipal relationship and agreements; and providing a forum both for dealing with issues before they become problems and capitalizing on opportunities that might arise in a mutually beneficial and timely fashion.

III. Duration

As long as the Master Agreement is in place, the ICC is required.

IV. Composition

Three Council Members and CAOs (or designates for CAOs) from each signatory.

V. Quorum

Six members consisting of any two elected officials and CAOs (or CAO designates).

VI. Meetings

Prior to November 15th annually, the ICC shall set a minimum of two (2) meetings for the following calendar year. Additional meetings held throughout the year can be held at the call of the Chair by providing seven (7) days prior notice to the Committee Members unless the required notice is waived by the majority of the ICC Members.

VII. Deliverables

- I. Establish any technical work/committee to help ICC achieve its purpose;
- II. Review of Master Agreement as per section 17.1;
- III. Development of Sub-Agreements listed in Section 21 for Councils to approve; and
- IV. Any other matter that fits with the ICC mandate or directive from Councils

VIII. Reporting

- i. Report to Councils (in closed session) the summary session notes from each ICC meeting
- ii. The Committee will routinely report but no less than once annually to the Signatory Councils in open session on the health of their intermunicipal relationship and cooperation agreements.
- iii. The full Councils of the Signatories are to meet together as required but no less than once a year in the first quarter (1 January – 31 March) with the primary intent of receiving the annual report of the Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee in accordance with Article 9.4 and of maintaining and building the relationship between the Town and the County.

IX. Administrative Support

The Committee Chair shall be elected by the members of the Committee , at a Committee Meeting following the Organizational Meeting of each municipality, from amongst the Elected Officials and shall normally serve for a term of two years with the position rotating between the Signatories. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Signatory from which the Chair is chosen shall normally provide the administrative support to the Committee for the term of the Chair. A municipality may serve as Committee Chair and Administrative Support for a period of time longer than two consecutive years if agreed to by the Committee.

The Administrative Support shall be responsible to canvass the Committee for agenda items and prepare a formal agenda, with any applicable attachments, and distribute the agenda with supporting information to the Committee seven (7) three (3) business days prior to the meeting. In the event that an emergency meeting is called by the Chair, the agenda may be distributed forty eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting unless this requirement is waived by the majority of the Committee members.

X. Review

Terms of Reference shall be reviewed by December 31 of each year.

XI. Dissolution

The ICC remains in place unless the Master Agreement is terminated as per section 17.3



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: *The Place to Grow.*

Mission: *Creating the Place to Grow.*

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Chief Administrative Officer's Report
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	8.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with a regular report for Council's review and information.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Please see attached.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engaged Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report for September 22, 2020 as information.



CAO Report – September 22, 2020

1. MDP Project Update (Office of the CAO)

The MDP project was stalled during the transition from the old CAO to the new CAO. When the new CAO was in place, he put the MDP project on hold as he wanted to be involved in it and was immersing himself in town issues and administrative needs, including outstanding development matters that needed attending to. The global pandemic further added to the prolonged shelving of ongoing administrative projects, after which our high level planning services was engaged in the IDP update project, which we are currently focused on.

2. Composting Contract (ACAO/CFO)

Currently the Town's Residential Compost is disposed of at Stoney Soils Products' facility located on Olds College land in Mountain View County. Effective November 30, 2020 Stoney Soils Product will no longer be operating out of that site and will be moving to a new facility located in the MD of Bighorn, approximately 20 additional minutes one-way (in comparison to the current location) from Didsbury. This will not impact our compost services for the remainder of 2020 as the compost service halts for the winter after the first week of November. Administration is currently working with our current waste provider to determine the cost implications of the change, and/or whether there are alternative sites for disposal.

3. Action Request Report for August 2020

Attached is the Action Request summary and detail Report for the month of August 2020.

4. Effects and Issues from COVID-19 (Financial Services & Community Services)

Please find attached the report from Community Services and Financial Services.

5. Municipal Enforcement/RCMP(ACAO/CFO)

Our CPOs are participating in a RCMP initiative for back to school traffic enforcement of school zones in Didsbury. In the first two weeks there were over 40 warnings issued for speeding, not stopping, and not providing documents

6. 2020 Readers' Choice Awards

Please see attached the 2020 Readers' Choice Awards Thank You.

7. Valarosa Park (Public Works)

Pathway work began on October 14, 2020 and paving will be completed by October 18. Landscaping and seeding will follow shortly.



Action Requests August, 2020

<u>Department</u>	<u>Previous Outstanding</u>	<u>Current Monthly Requests</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Total Outstanding</u>	<u>Action Request # Outstanding</u>
Public Works		9	9	0	
Municipal Enforcement		12	12	0	
Waste Managemen		2	2	0	
Parks/Rec		6	6	0	
Finance		1	1	0	
Administration				0	
Plan/Dev		2	2	0	
Leg/Ec Dev				0	
Totals	0	32	32	0	

2020 ACTION REQUESTS LISTING														
MONTH	SIDE WALKS	STREETS	WATER SEWER	OTHER	PW - PROPERTY	ANIMAL S	VEHICLES	ME - PROPERTY	SOLID WASTE	PARKS / REC	PARKS PROPERTY	UTILITIES	PLAN/DEV	TOTAL
August	I	IIII	I	I	II	III	III	IIII	II	II	IIII	I	II	
	1	4	1	1	2	5	3	4	2	2	4	1	2	32

- 1 SIDEWALK Would like garbage receptacle put back on 20th Street in front of off
- 4 STREETS Potholes need to be piloned on Valarosa Drive, Big pothole on 21 St & 14 Ave needs fixing, Alley needs gravel
Wondering about maintenance of back lane-ways in Valaros
- 1 WATER/SEWER Water meter valve stem leaking in house
- 1 OTHER Employee speeding with Town vehicle
- 2 PW - PROPERTY Busted black bin needs to be picked up, Wondering if tree roots are interfering with water lines
- 5 ANIMALS Dog chained up and howling, Dog barking, Dog attack, Black cat defecating on neighbours yard, Update on dog attack
- 3 VEHICLES Motorized bike speeding down Valarosa, Black truck with trailer has not moved, Construction vehicles speeding down street
- 4 ME - Property Need something to slow bikers down at Silverstone Place Walkway, Land around the High School track is unsightly
Yard is unsightly, Yard is unsightly
- 2 SOLID WASTE Black bin not picked up, Green bin not picked up
- 2 PARKS/REC Bolt missing on slide at soccer field park, Tree branch fell on vehicle
- 4 PARKS - Property Green space behind Bluebird Drive needs cutting, Tree needs trimming, Green space behind Bluebird Drive needs cutting,
Weeds and high grass coming into Didsbury
- 1 UTILITIES High consumption inquiry
- 2 PLAN/DEV House has electric fence, Gutter on Bluebird needs to be cleaned

Finance Department
Impact of COVID -19

1) The COVID-19 deferral program ran for 90 days; April, May and June 2020

Utilities

- Number of Utility Accounts that requested a deferral 13
- Arrears Penalties not billed during deferral period \$ 2,458
- Amount of deferred utilities at June 30 (4 accounts) \$ 1,114
- Amount of deferred utilities that is being paid July – December (2 accounts) \$ 629
- Returned Payment Fee not charged \$ 120

General Accounts Receivable

- Arrears Penalties not billed during deferral period \$ 2,199

Taxation

- Number of Residential Tax accounts that were deferred 5
- Amount of Tax deferred \$ 3,943
- Number of Non Residential Tax accounts ASFF deferred 2
- Amount of Non Residential Tax ASFF deferred \$ 6,259
- Returned Payment Fee not charged \$ 240

Taxation Payments made by Credit Card - No Admin Fee from April 1 - December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Payments made by Visa/ MasterCard	\$ 346,338	\$ 48,600
Admin Fee Revenue	<u>Potential Lost 2.75%</u>	<u>Actual Revenue 2.5%</u>
April – September 15	\$ 9,524	\$ 1,215

Receivables – Balance Owing	<u>September 15, 2020</u>	<u>September 15, 2019</u>
Utilities	\$ 222,357.75	\$ 195,879.61

Receivables – Balance Owing	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Taxation 1 st Penalty Calculated on Current Taxes of	\$ 396,880	\$ 441,925
Rate	5%	4%
Penalty Applied	19,844	17,677

Receivables – Balance Owing	<u>September 15, 2020</u>	<u>September 15, 2019</u>
Taxation	1,709,006	1,601,887

Expenses that have reduced or tracking lower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and conferences cancelled • Travel & Subsistence • Services (Building mats, Shred-it) reduced 	Expenses that are more than expected due to COVID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and cleaning supplies • IT support and Equipment • PPE
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Report to the CAO

Financial Impacts of COVID-19 – Community Services

Please accept the following report regarding the financial impacts of COVID-19 on the Community Services department, up to September 15, 2020. Please note that at Sept 15/20 we are 79% through our 2020 budget year when considering the “Budget % Realized” figures.

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS):

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$174,384.00	\$160,190.30	92%
Expense	\$220,470.00	\$138,338.39	63%

- Recipient of provincial COVID Emergency Grant, valued at \$14,740.00. Funds utilized for specialized programs relating to COVID – Caring Calls, Doorstep Companions, Essential Worker sign campaign, Birthday Drive-by, Kid Kits and all wages associated with these programs
- This COVID funding, combined with our provincial FCSS grant, supported wages of two staff members who oversaw the increased COVID programs, calls and supports that were essential to the early days of the pandemic. These staff members were reallocated from DOSCA and Programs budgets.

Programs:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$8,750.00	\$654.00	7%
Expense	\$59,886.00	\$31,477.00	52%

- COVID had a huge impact on revenues for this area of the department, as all programs were cancelled from March 15/20 to September 1/20.
- A reduction in expenses was realized through: staffing costs, advertising, supplies, photocopies, program costs and rental costs.
- Fall programs, under new COVID restrictions, are currently being advertised

DOSCA:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$201,000.00	\$44,483.58	22%
Expense	\$201,000.00	\$50,956.34	25%

- DOSCA program closed March 15/20 to June 30/20 and the Summer Fun program (July + August) was also cancelled.
- All DOSCA staff were repurposed from March 15 to August 30 within the FCSS and Mountain View Family Resource Network programs, both of which are funded through provincial grant dollars, which eliminated staffing costs for 5.5 months.
- A reduction in expenses was realized through: staffing costs, scholarships, advertising, photocopies, training, rent, Summer Fun costs and program supplies
- DOSCA reopened on September 1, 2020 in Ross Ford Elementary, under new COVID restrictions and with limited capacity. We are seeing consistent, high use of the program and have welcomed many new families this school year.

Communications:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	No Revenue Budgeted	No Revenue Budgeted	n/a
Expense	\$97,850.00	\$60,423.47	62%

- Increased advertising costs due to COVID pandemic
- A reduction in expenses was realized through: training, tourism materials and supplies, program supplies

MPR:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$17,000.00	\$2,686.71	15%
Expense	\$40,840.00	\$14,032.89	34%

- Significant effects on revenue due to COVID, as all programs and events cancelled from March 15 to July 7/20.
- A reduction in expenses was realized through: supplies and equipment costs

Arena:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$391,082.00	\$276,890.13	71%
Expense	\$627,363.00	\$310,768.14	50%

- Closed arena on March 15/20 to public weeks, just two weeks short of our regular season.
- Three full-time arena staff members were repurposed – two to Parks and one to Public Works (permanent move)
- Closure of arena and cancellation of all spring/summer leagues and events allowed for a 2021 capital project of the replacement of floors + boards to move into 2020
- Revenues will not be realized until December 2020 in this budget, once the arena is reopened to the public.
- A reduction in expenses was realized through: staffing costs, training, advertising, utilities and propane

Aquatics:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$396,482.00	\$310,172.46	78%
Expense	\$747,015.00	\$383,114.75	51%

- Closed pool from March 15/20 to July 12/20 as a result of COVID
- Lifeguards – two full-time staff members were repurposed to Parks department. All remaining part-time staff received CERB federal funding until recalled to work
- Customer Service Representatives – all received CERB federal funding until recalled to work
- All staff returned to the Didsbury Aquatic Centre once we re-opened – a real success story!
- We have realized increased costs for sanitization, COVID procedures and cleaning supplies
- Upon reopening on July 13/20, we offered limited programs and hours due to COVID restrictions
- On September 8/20, we opened additional hours daily and reintroduced swim lessons
- On September 21/20, we expect to reopen the hot tub and steam room, as per AHS
- A reduction in expenses was realized through: staffing costs, scholarships, stock for resale, vending machine supplies, program supplies

Train Station:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$10,000.00	\$5,104.25	51%
Expense	\$40,595.00	\$25,645.80	63%

- Closed for public use from March 15/20 to July 7/20
- Train Station used daily during height of pandemic by Essentials for Our Community to prepare meals and offer supports to our community members
- Fall programs are booking into this facility, including our local dance school and the Girl Guides

Parks:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$10,475.00	\$17,149.32	164%
Expense	\$279,576.00	\$166,481.46	60%

- First season of Parks in the Community Services department
- Utilizing arena and aquatic staff members in this area reduced need to lay-off staff due to COVID and offered cross-training opportunities. Two seasonal staff were brought on for six weeks, as well.
- Numerous projects completed in 2020: tree maintenance in several neighborhoods, ball diamond repairs/ upgrades, improvements to basketball court, goat mowing pilot project, playground builds, tree nursery development, fence replacement at Complex, painting of gazebo and park furnishings
- Limited savings to Parks, but additional staff and the ability to work outside allowed for a great deal of work accomplished in 2020

Campground:

	2020 Budget Amount	YTD Actuals – Sept 15/20	Budget % Realized
Revenue	\$25,000.00	\$18,844.85	75%
Expense	\$55,561.00	\$34,505.09	62%

- First season of Campground in the Community Services department (transitioned early August)
- Campground opened one month late due to COVID
- Creative advertising and use has realized different use through the season

2020 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

The results are in!



Thank you, Didsbury!



GOLD

BEST LOCAL POLITICIAN

Mayor Rhonda Hunter



BRONZE

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE (26-100)

Town of Didsbury



SILVER

BEST HISTORICAL BUILDING

Didsbury Train Station



BRONZE

MOST BELOVED CITIZEN

Mayor Rhonda Hunter





REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	September 22, 2020
SUBJECT	Correspondence & Information
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	9.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Correspondence received from other agencies and departments of the Town that may be of importance and interest, is being provided for Council's review and information.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Please find attached:

- CPR Railway Safety Week
- TELUS – Prioritizing Rural Connectivity Across Canada
- World Cerebral Palsy Day – October 6, 2020

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engagement Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to accept as correspondence and information items as information.

September 4, 2020

Mayor Rhonda Hunter
Town of Didsbury
PO Box 790
Didsbury AB T0M 0W0

via email: rhunter@didsbury.ca

Dear Mayor Hunter:

RE: Rail Safety Week 2020

On behalf of Canadian Pacific (CP), I am writing to ask for your support to promote rail safety in your community during Canada's 18th Rail Safety Week, which runs September 21-27, 2020.

Your municipality can participate in the following ways:

- Engage your community on social media and encourage families to play the [CP RailSense](#) video game aimed at teaching young children about rail safety.
- Review and promote rail safety using this new [toolkit](#) developed specifically for municipalities and in coming months will be updated with animated videos.
- Ask your local police service to declare Rail Safety Week over social media and register for the virtual [Operation Clear Track](#) program, the single largest rail-safety law enforcement initiative in North America.
- Engage with Operation Lifesaver's [#STOPTrackTragedies](#) video campaign reminding Canadians "*you can never go back*" from taking risks around tracks and trains. The videos tell the personal stories of those affected by railway crossing and trespassing incidents, and will feature the voices of friends and family members impacted by rail incidents. Their reflections are important messages of what they would do differently, if given the chance.
- Like or retweet Operation Lifesaver's Look.Listen.Live decal installations occurring in dozens of communities across Canada and unveiled publicly on September 24.
- Promote Operation Lifesaver's "Get on Board with Rail Safety" animation contest on September 23 giving youth an opportunity to showcase their animation talents and learn about rail safety.

CP and the Canadian Pacific Police Service (CPPS) will once again educate the public during Rail Safety Week about how to be safe in and around railway property. CP and CPPS will conduct rail safety virtual campaigns in communities across our network, with participation from other police agencies and schools, to talk about the role motorists, pedestrians and the general public play and remind everyone that safety is a shared responsibility.

"Rail Safety Week is about bringing awareness that dangerous activity on the railway can affect you for the rest of your life. CP continues to focus on educating young and old alike, working towards building safer communities. Incidents can happen in a split-second and have tragic and far-reaching consequences. Conversations about safety could save someone you love from making a horrible mistake," said Al Sauve, Chief of CP Police Service.

The strong commitment of municipalities like yours continues to have a significant impact on community awareness, helping to reduce avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions between trains and vehicles or pedestrians. Together with other communities, railways and members of the public, your support this year will go a long way towards making Canada's rail network even safer.

CP greatly appreciates your participation in Rail Safety Week. We welcome any information about your plans to promote rail safety this year.

Sincerely,

Mike LoVecchio

Director Indigenous Relations and Government Affairs

Canadian Pacific

On behalf of Theresa Lynn



Prioritization of Rural Connectivity Across Canada

Theresa Lynn, member of the TELUS team
September 9, 2020

Good afternoon,

As a follow up to the update I sent earlier today, I'm reaching out to gauge your interest in sending a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to request that his government prioritizes rural connectivity in the upcoming Speech from the Throne on September 23. Municipalities of all sizes play a role in representing rural and remote communities and know too well the essential role connectivity infrastructure plays in the daily lives of Canadians.

COVID-19 has reinforced the importance of access to high speed internet and wireless services not only to stay in touch with loved ones, but to enable telecommuting, virtual health care services, and remote learning. While many Canadians and businesses have been able to adapt to this new reality, there are still too many rural Canadians that are being left behind.

That is why we need your help to urge the Government of Canada to prioritize policies that encourage private sector investment in connectivity for rural and remote communities, including a new approach to spectrum policy.

To assist, we've taken the liberty of providing a proposed draft letter (**attached**) to the Prime Minister, that can be customized as you see fit.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Phone: 587 877-8175
Theresa/lynn@telus.com

Distributed to all AB & BC municipalities, RDs UBCM and AUMA

September XX, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

By email: pm@pm.gc.ca

CC: Chrystia.Freeland@canada.ca (Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance)

CC: ISI.minister-ministre.ISI@canada.ca (Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry)

CC: Alyx.holland@pmo-cpm.gc.ca; ryan.dunn@canada.ca; elder.marques@canada.ca; jeremy.broadhurst@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of [INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPALITY], I am writing to you to raise the urgent need for increased rural connectivity, and to ask that you **prioritize rural connectivity in the upcoming Speech from the Throne** on September 23. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the essential role connectivity services play in the daily lives of Canadians, not only to stay in touch with loved ones, but to telecommute, access virtual health care services, and enable remote learning. While many Canadians and businesses have been able to adapt to the new reality we find ourselves in, there are still too many rural Canadians that are being left behind.

As you prepare to lay out the Government of Canada's priorities in the Speech from the Throne, we urge you to prioritize policies that **encourage private sector investment in connectivity for rural and remote communities**. The need for new or improved broadband connectivity in [MUNICIPALITY], and communities like ours, is urgent.

To deliver better connectivity to our communities – and all of rural Canada – we ask that the federal government encourage rural network investment and deployment by:

1. **Expediting the 3500 MHz and 3800 MHz spectrum auctions** so that this spectrum can be put to use for all Canadians, sooner;
2. Imposing meaningful deployment conditions across accelerated timelines to all spectrum holders. For example, a **"use it or lose it" spectrum policy** that requires greater rural deployment within five years of a license grant, where failure to build results in forfeiture of that license;
3. **Ending the use of spectrum set asides**, particularly for rural areas, as set-aside eligible telecoms companies do not have a track record of deploying in rural Canada, and that spectrum goes unused; and
4. Continuing to invest in rural connectivity programs by launching the Universal Broadband Fund, supporting the CRTC Broadband Fund, and identifying opportunities to match or **coordinate funding programs with the provinces**.

We can no longer afford delays to the roll out of wireless connectivity. We hope that you will include rural connectivity as a key priority in the Speech from the Throne. We ask that these commitments be reflected in new ministerial mandate letters, reflecting your government's commitment to **encourage private sector investment in connectivity for [INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]**, and all of rural Canada.

I look forward to hearing from you on how your government is going to prioritize rural connectivity to ensure equal access for all Canadians to reliable wireless services and high speed internet.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME]

September 9, 2020

Mayor Rhonda Hunter
P.O. Box 790
Didsbury, Alberta
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Dear Mayor Hunter,

Since 2012, communities across Alberta have come together to recognize World Cerebral Palsy Day. This annual event is designed to raise public awareness about the serious challenges that remain for people affected by cerebral palsy.

To help us achieve this goal in communities across Alberta, we would like to request a proclamation of World Cerebral Palsy Day be made in your community to help us raise awareness locally and to mark this important event.

World Cerebral Palsy Day is October 6, 2020 and if possible, we request the proclamation be made for this day.

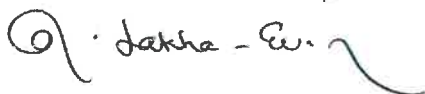
Proclamations can be shared through social media and website, through local newspapers or magazines. **Cerebral Palsy Alberta services over 3900 members across the province, including Didsbury.** By proclaiming World CP Day in your community, we can work together to create a bright, more just and sustainable future for all Albertans; empowering men, women and children with cerebral palsy to love, learn, laugh and live as full citizens.

Together we make a difference!

Cerebral Palsy Alberta offers innovative opportunities for community inclusion and takes a proactive stance in building capacity for persons with disabilities. Placing the utmost value on respect and dignity, the CPAA empowers members to live a Life Without Limits. Members have access to informed and compassionate support services, health and wellness activities and community advocacy.

Thank you for helping us to create a **Life Without Limits**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,



Mezaun Lakha-Evin
Associate Executive Director