



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 24, 2023

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, in Council Chambers, 1606 – 14 Street.

- The CAO Report contained fourth quarter reports and updates from each Department. The CAO Report can be found on the Town of Didsbury Website <https://www.didsbury.ca/p/council-meetings>.
- Council agreed to postpone further discussions on the 2023 Operating budget until the fourth quarter financial report from 2022 is complete and presented to Council for review.
- Council approved to move the 20 Street Mill and Overlay Project from the Operating Budget to the Capital Budget, and that the project be funded through grants. This will reduce the 2023 Operating Budget by \$300,000.
- Administration updated Council on the RCMP Retroactive Pay. There is still much uncertainty over what estimates the federal government has provided. More information will be provided when available. Council will be inviting Member of Parliament, Earl Dreeshen, to a Council meeting to discuss issues affecting Didsbury, with a focus on RCMP retroactive pay responsibilities.
- Council approved two members of the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee to attend the 2023 Economic Development Association Leaders' Summit and Conference.
- Council approved to support local businesses by providing a letter of support for those who wish to apply for the Temporary Foreign Worker Program through the federal government and the Rural Renewal Stream with the provincial government. Both programs require the support from the community. Having a letter of support will allow local businesses to apply for workers through the above programs.
- The Town's waste and recycle collection service provider, e360s, will be invited to attend a Council meeting to answer questions regarding blue bin recycling pick up, which involves pick up of approximately 230 metric tons of recycling annually in Didsbury.
- RCMP Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer Zablocki, sent a follow up letter from a meeting at the Fall Alberta Municipalities Convention and indicated that a new shifting model was implemented at the end of September, which will reduce silent hours from six hours to two hours. This new schedule will see 22 hours of coverage per day in the community.
- The Town of Didsbury's Economic Development Officer will be making available to the public a video that promotes the film industry in Didsbury.