



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Council Chambers at 1606-14 Street.

- Council held a Public Hearing for Bylaws 2024-01 and 2024-02 which proposed to amend the Land Use Bylaw and the Fox Hollow Area Structure Plan to include R3 – Residential District - Manufactured Homes. There were a number of residents of the community in attendance, speaking in favour as well as opposing the proposed changes. After the Public Hearing was closed, Council granted second and third readings to both Bylaws.
- Upon review and recommendation from the Financial Planning Committee, Council accepted the revised Reserve Policy (FIN 007-24) which included several changes including, but not limited to, the elimination of a number of reserves with the opening balances to be reallocated to the Strategic Initiatives and Contingency Fund, as well as changes to the allocation of interest earned on certain reserves. The policy also focuses on reserve contribution for fiscal stability, debt minimization, and flexibility for emergent economic needs while creating dedicated funding sources for long-term capital planning and asset management. This policy outlines effective management of reserves and accumulated surplus.
- Council approved a new Art Banner Program, the details of which can be found [here](#). The Town is seeking original designs to showcase local artists' work on the streetlight banners on Main Street and along 20 Avenue. Artists are asked to submit their work by May 15, 2024 so that the new banners can be installed after the removal of the 2024 Grad Banners.
- Council accepted an update on a filming project that is set to take place in various locations throughout Didsbury on March 12, 2024. There may be traffic disruptions throughout the day, so residents are asked to keep an eye on the Town website and Facebook page for updates. Signs will also be placed prior to any temporary road closures.
- Council was also updated on initiatives pertaining to drought committees established by the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission.
- Council set the next Public Budget Meeting for March 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to be held in Council Chambers.
- Council heard from RCMP Staff Sergeant Stephen Browne, who presented the Second and Third Quarter Reports of the Didsbury RCMP Detachment.