



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 22, 2025

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 in Council Chambers.

2025 Tax Rate Approved

Council approved the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw. With an increase in overall total assessment, and the tax levy (revenue from tax) increasing by 3.93% (\$206,008), the 2025 residential tax rate was approved at 6.762, and the non-residential rate was approved at 8.668. [Property Tax Information](#) [Tax Rate Bylaw](#)

2024 Audited Financial Statements:

MNP LLP representatives presented their 2024 Independent Auditor's Report and Audited 2024 Financial Statements to Council. Council heard that the Town received a clean audit report. Council approved financial statements noting the positive financial position for the Town of Didsbury.

CAO Report:

The CAO report included updates on developments in Didsbury, including the relocation of Subway and its new design plan for all Subway franchises. Didsbury will have the very first "new Subway restaurant design" that will be located in Shantz Crossing.

The arena condenser Unit is currently in production, and the delivery date for the new condenser is expected for mid-June. Installation and testing is expected to take place in early to mid-July, with building of ice to follow. The complete report can be found in the [agenda package](#).

Innovative Approach to Economic Development Award

On April 10, 2025 at the Xperience Summit – Economic Developers Association conference in Kananaskis, the Town of Didsbury received the award for "Innovative Approach to Economic Development" for Earptopia Didsbury Day. The Town partnered with local businesses, the museum, and the library to create an immersive experience featuring a custom scavenger hunt guiding fans to filming locations, a reconstructed Shorty's Saloon façade, a showcase of authentic props, and various feature events around town. The event generated a significant economic impact, substantial international exposure, increasing business revenues and boosting the town's international visitation. It fostered lasting partnerships and introduced a sustainable film tourism tool, ensuring continued economic benefits, including business retention while cementing Didsbury's reputation as a film tourism destination for fan experiences and future productions.

East Reservoir Project Tender Award:

The East Reservoir Project tender was released publicly on March 7, 2025. After the tender closed on April 11, 2025, the town had received a total of six bids. All tender bids came in with higher than estimated cost projections. Council approved the amendment of the capital budget for the East Reservoir Project. Council also approved Timcon Construction Ltd as the successful bid for the project. First reading of the Borrowing Bylaw in the amount of \$3.5 million as part of the project funding was approved by Council.

2025 Roadworks – Award Recommendation:

Council approved two capital projects for the 2025 Roadworks Program, which includes approximately 850 m of 7 Avenue west of 23 Street and 18 Avenue West from 20 Street to 23 Street with some sidewalk and curb replacement. Administration released a public tender on March 7th, and six bids were received. A review of the bids can be found on page 80 of the agenda package in the link above. Council approved Ruby Rock Construction as the successful bid for the project.