

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 23, 2023



The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in Council Chambers at 1606 – 14 Street.

- Council granted second and third reading of Council Procedural Bylaw 2023-11 which is a bylaw that establishes the rules and procedures for conducting orderly council meetings.
- Council granted first reading to Bylaw 2023-12 to amend the Land Use Bylaw for Shantz Village and Bylaw 2023-13 to amend Shantz Area Structure Plan, and Council set the Public Hearing on these two bylaws for June 27, 2023. Town of Didsbury Public Hearings are held as part of Regular Council Meetings.
- Council approved the sale of the parcels of land legally described as Plan 1310247, Block 1, Lots 2, 10, 11 and 12 for the amount offered. These parcels are located in Shantz Village.
- Council approved an updated Agreement with Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission which removes recycling services at the landfill facility.
- Didsbury RCMP Detachment Staff Sgt. Browne made a request regarding capital improvements that are required at the Didsbury RCMP Detachment due to the growth of the department since the inception of the building in 2001. Council approved to amend the 2023 Capital Budget to add the RCMP Interior Renovation Project for \$20,000; to add the Furniture Upgrades for \$60,000; to add the RCMP Detachment Parking Lot Expansion for \$50,000. All capital improvements to the Detachment are jointly funded—28% from the Town of Didsbury RCMP Capital Reserve or General Reserve, and 72% from the RCMP.
- Established in 2021, the Community Grant Program distributes funds to eligible Didsbury groups that serve the Didsbury community. Grants assist with events, programs, and facility waivers. The 2023 Budget allocates \$30,000 from the 2022 surplus towards the program. Prior to the 2023 intake of Community Grant applications, Council approved funding of \$9,000 to the Didsbury Lions Club and \$500 to the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce, leaving \$20,500 remaining. Council approved requests from twelve organizations whose applications met the criteria of the grant program. In total, nineteen applications were received, with requests totaling \$42,104.77.
- Council approved a Strategic Plan for the Town of Didsbury, which is a guiding document to plan for the organization's future. This plan establishes:
  - Updated Vision and Mission Statements for the organization
  - Five key strategic priorities; and
  - Goals, outcomes and key action items for each of the strategic priorities
- Created in 2016, the *Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan* serves as a guide to the development of the lands surrounding the Memorial Complex, including the new Didsbury Skatepark and Jets Playground. This year will see the completion of landscaping as well as a pathway through the lands surrounding the Memorial Complex. Council is holding a contest to rename the area. The contest, which is open to all Town of Didsbury residents, will run until June 30, 2023. Submissions may be submitted in-person at the Didsbury Neighborhood Place, the Town Office, the Memorial Complex, or online via the Town website. Please be advised, submissions that include names of individuals or inappropriate language and/or ideas will not be considered. Council will have final decision on the park name from the selection of the submissions received.