



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Staff Sergeant Stephen Browne presented Council with the First Quarter RCMP Detachment Report (April 1 to June 30). This report included crime statistics and the municipal policing report. Constable Bryan Walkey presented to Council on adding the position of a Community Liaison Officer. Council will consider this position during the budget deliberations.
- The Council Reports provided information on the professional development of various council members from September to November. Written reports from Mayor Hunter and Councillor Moore on their attendance at the 2023 Annual Ministry Dinner of Economic Developers Alberta were included. Councillor Moore also provided a written report on the sessions she attended at the Alberta Municipalities 2023 Convention.
- The Chief Administrative Officers Report contained information from the Planning & Development department on permits issued as of November 7, 2023; the Economic Development third quarter report; and the 2022 Municipal Indicators Report.

An update on utility bill information regarding the upgrading of the remote reader system was also included in the CAO Report. There are many utility accounts that have not yet had the new devices installed and their water usage has continued to be estimated. Utility account holders are encouraged to review their utility bills and, if their water usage includes an estimation, they need to contact the Town at 403-335-3391.

The CP Holiday Train will be arriving in Didsbury on Friday, December 8, 2023 at approximately 3:30 p.m. with performances by the Anyway Gang featuring Sam Roberts. Council will have a table set up to engage with the community and hand out donated Tim Horton's hot chocolate and Timbits.

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a two-day Christmas Market at the Didsbury Train Station from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, December 8 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 9.

- Council granted all three readings to the Corporate Services Rates and Fees Bylaw 2023-18, a bylaw setting the rates and fees to be charged for various goods and services by the Town of Didsbury. This bylaw replaces Bylaw 2023-06 and comes into effect January 1, 2024.
- In an effort to celebrate and showcase local artists, Council had requested a program be developed to display local art banners on the streetlight poles in the downtown core and along 20 Avenue. This program will be discussed at the committee level and, when ready, a recommendation will be brought to Council in the New Year.
- The 2023-2024 Council Assignment Listing was updated to fill vacancies. This list can be found on the Town of Didsbury website at: <https://www.didsbury.ca/p/council-meetings>.
- The Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further review before being adopted. This plan can be found at the following link: <https://www.didsbury.ca/p/agenda-items>.