



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Dominic Loch was announced as the winner of the *Name that Park* contest for the outlying plan at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The name will be officially know as *Jets Park*.
- Council held a Public Hearing for the redesignation of lands formerly know as the Five-0 Club (2500 15 Ave) from IS (Institutional District) to R2 (Residential District—General). The Public Hearing also involved the removal of Municipal Reserve relating to the same land. Following the Public Hearing, Council passed Bylaw 2023-15 amending the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 and approved the removal of the Municipal Reserve designation with Plan 0310537, Block 3, Lot 51MR. The property has been purchased and can now be redeveloped for residential purposes.
- Council passed Community Standards Bylaw 2023-14 which is a bylaw to regulate the conduct and activities of people in public places and on privately owned property and immediately adjacent areas in order to promote the safe, enjoyable and reasonable use of such property for the benefit of all citizens of the Town.
- Council passed Didsbury Municipal Library Bylaw 2023-17 which established the Library Board in accordance with the *Alberta Libraries Act*.
- The Town was notified by local insurance broker, McDonalds Insurance, about the *Hometown Turnaround Campaign* organized by Peace Hills Insurance. The Town was successful in their application for the replacement of the score clock at the Didsbury Arena, a project aligned with the campaign's objective.
- In September 2021, Council approved that a new rate model be utilized for the Didsbury Curling Rink, on a trial basis. Administration has reviewed the past two seasons (2021/22 and 2022/23) under this model, and a report was presented to Council. Council agreed to maintain the use agreement model of bookings for the Didsbury Curling Rink for the 2023-2024 season.
- Council approved a revision to the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget Meeting date. It is scheduled for November 30, 2023 at 4 p.m. Residents will be able to view in Chambers or on the Town's YouTube channel.
- Council approved Administration to proceed with the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) funding application for the construction of the East Didsbury Reservoir. Council will provide a letter of support for the project.
- In accordance with Section 192(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* "Except in a summer village, a council must hold an organizational meeting annually not later than 2 weeks after the 3rd Monday in October", Council held the organizational meeting during item 11 of the Agenda. The Organizational Meeting is the opportunity for Council to review their meeting, vacation and break schedules; to appoint Council and public members to various boards and committees; to approve a Deputy Mayor or Acting Deputy Mayor schedule; and any other thing the Council deems necessary
- The 2023-2024 Council Assignment Listing and the 2023-2024 Council Meeting Schedule are found on the Town of Didsbury website.