



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 24, 2026

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 in Council Chambers.

CAO Report

Council was presented with a CAO Report that included Development Permits Issued as of March 18, 2026. The CAO report can be found in the [Agenda Package](#).

Hope 4 MVC Kids

Council thanked Lisa Nicholson (Founder) and Susan Smyth (Corporate Engagement Director) with Hope 4 MVC Kids for their presentation and accept it as information.

Melody Knutson

Council thanked Melody Knutson for her presentation and opinions regarding the Public Spaces Neutrality Bylaw 2026-08. The delegate also sent a letter to Council that is included in the Correspondence section of the Council [Agenda Package](#).

Bylaws and Policies

Council reviewed a number of bylaws and policies, including:

[Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-03](#): A Public Hearing was held, and Council gave second, third and final reading to the bylaw. This will bring the properties noted within the Bylaw within one Direct Control District

[Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-04](#): A Public Hearing was held, and Council gave second, third and final reading to the bylaw. This will redesignate properties from DC-IND: Direct Control District – Industrial to I2: Industrial District – Heavy. It will also remove the use of DC-IND from the Land Use Bylaw.

[Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-05](#): A Public Hearing was held, and Council gave second, third and final reading to the bylaw. The amendments to the LUB will reinforce the direction to eliminate unnecessary regulatory barriers to development that has already been supported through existing plans and policy.

[Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-06](#): A Public Hearing was held, and Council gave second, third and final reading to the bylaw. This redesignates one parcel, 1000 Shantz Drive, from the current R5: Residential District – High Density to the newly established RC2: Residential/Commercial District – High Density. It will provide for a mix of residential-high density & commercial uses that will blend with the surrounding neighborhood.

[Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-07](#): A Public Hearing was held, and Council gave second, third and final reading to the bylaw. This will redesignate properties that contain development and some undeveloped area from the current C2: Commercial District – Highway to C1: Commercial District General.

[Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-09](#): A Public Hearing was held, and Council gave second, third and final reading to the bylaw. This redesignates of the northern portion of 100 Shantz Drive.

[Public Space Neutrality Bylaw 2026-08](#): Council granted third and final reading to this bylaw, with 4 in favor and 3 opposed. This applies to the flagpoles and crosswalks on Town of Didsbury-owned property. The bylaw would require that all crosswalks be painted in the continental or ladder pattern with white paint, and that the flags to be raised on Town property be the national flag of Canada, provincial flag of Alberta, or any of the Town of Didsbury flags.

Town of Didsbury Policies and Bylaws can be [found here](#).

Reserve Allocations

Council approved the Utility Department's Year End Reconciliation as follow: Allocation of the 2025 year-end Water Department surplus of \$380,071 to the Water Reserve; Allocation of the 2025 year-end Wastewater Department surplus of \$101,319 to the Wastewater Reserve; Allocation of 2025 year-end Solid Waste surplus of \$35,957 to Unrestricted Surplus to assist with municipal cash flows. Council also approve the allocation of the 2025 year-end surplus as \$4,680 from the proceeds of sale of equipment to the O&M Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve; \$24,870 from the overall surplus to the Council Community Grants Reserve; the remaining surplus and proceeds from sale of property in 2025 to Unrestricted Surplus to assist with municipal cash flows.

Sturling Committee

Council formed a Community Partnership Project Ad Hoc Committee to review the application against evaluation criteria within the policy and make a recommendation to Council on the proposed sturling rock display application. Along with the Director of Community Services and the Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, Councillors Lambert, Mahon, and Deputy Mayor Murray were appointed to the committee.

Library Board Member Appointment

Council appointed Trudy Woodlands to the Town of Didsbury Library Board for a term commencing March 25, 2026 and ceasing on November 1, 2028.