



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 in Council Chambers at 1606-14 Street.

- DHS Class of 2024 Graduate, Henry Bommarito-Framarin, was presented with the Town of Didsbury High School Scholarship.
- Council was given an update to the mural in the downtown core from the Mountain View Arts Society. There was a slight change of location of the mural to be on the lower wall of the Didsbury Inn building rather than the upper portion.
- Council granted second and third and final readings to Bylaw 2024-06 following a public hearing for Bylaw 2024-06 to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 for Administrative updates. These updates include adding a use for "Group Use Facility" and adding a use for "Secondary Suites (Internal)" for Rowhouses & Townhouses in the R5 District - High Density.
- Council gave second and third and final readings to the Water Protection Bylaw 2024-07, the Recreation Rates & Fees Bylaw 2024-08, and the Filming Rates and Fees Bylaw 2024-10.
- Council approved an updated Council Remuneration and Professional Development Policy (COUN 001-24). By combining two policies there is better clarification of what is included in Council's professional development budget and what requires a motion of Council to undertake.
- Council approved Service Group Funding Policy COUN 004-24. The purpose of the policy is to establish a framework for Council to engage with community groups requesting operating funds.
- Part of the Council Strategic Plan is a Strong and Resilient Local Economy. The Economic Development Officer presented Council with a *Project Plan for 2023-2025 and Beyond* projects. Council accepted the project plan as presented and approved the following Phase One 2024 Economic Development projects:
  - Augmented Reality project - \$45,000;
  - Image and Video Library project - \$10,000;
  - Business Resource Pamphlet project - \$5,000; andapproved the transfer of \$60,000 from the Economic Development Reserves to fund the projects.
- Council awarded Vincovi Technology Solutions the contract for the Town of Didsbury Technology Support Services.
- Council approved renewing with Direct Energy for natural gas and electricity rates at \$3.74/GJ +/-5% and at \$0.0745/kWh +/-5%, respectively, for a period of 36 months commencing at the termination of the Town's current contracts.
- Council approved a *Letter of Support* for the Growing Canada's Community Canopies grant application confirming the Town's organizational commitment to, and financial support for, the Tree Removal and Replacement project.



- Council approved the additional scope of work and allocated \$199,500 for the road repair work, as presented, to be funded from MSI grant funding. This change in funding is to address a few segments of the Town's road network which experienced localized failures due to the spring thaw. With the award of the 2024 Roadworks Contract, the Department requested the contractor provide pricing to repair those areas.
- Council approved to include the Five-0 Club Accessibility Projects, including the porch lift, washroom, and floor leveling as outlined, in the draft 2025 Capital Budget.
- Council awarded a *Financial Assistance for Athletic Excellence* contribution of \$2000 to the Didsbury Softball U15D team's journey to provincials in Vermilion, AB from July 4-7, 2024.