

# Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Council Chambers 1606 14 Street Commencing at 600 p.m.

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter

Deputy Mayor Curt Engel Councillor John Baswick Councillor Joyce McCoy

Councillor Dorothy Moore (attended virtually)

Councillor Ethan Williams Councillor Bill Windsor

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner

ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox Economic Development Officer, Alexandra Ross

Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith

Development Officer, Lee-Ann Gaudette

Planner, Tracey Connatty

Municipal Intern, Jocelyn Baxter

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the March 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Move 8.2 ahead of 8.1.

Res. 208-24

**MOVED by Councillor Baswick** 

To adopt the March 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried** 

# 3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

# 3.1 Staff Sgt. S. Browne 2024 RCMP Policing Priorities

Res. 209-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Williams

To thank Staff Sgt. Stephen Browne for attending the Council Meeting and accept his presentation as information.

**Motion Carried** 

# 3.2 Community Peace Officer L. Rahn, 2024 Municipal Enforcement Priorities

Res. 210-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To thank Community Peace Officer, Lucas Rahn, for attending the Council Meeting and accept his presentation as information.

**Motion Carried** 

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# 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

### 4.1 2024 RCMP Priorities

Res. 211-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To set the 2024 RCMP Policing Priorities for the Didsbury RCMP Detachment to focus on as follows:

- 1. Increased Visibility within the Community
- 2. Drug Enforcement
- 3. Mental Health and Domestic Violence

#### **Motion Carried**

# 4.2 2024 Municipal Enforcement Priorities

Res. 212-24

**MOVED by Councillor Windsor** 

To set the 2024 Municipal Enforcement Priorities as follows:

- 1. Traffic education and enforcement
- 2. Continued education and enforcement of Bylaws on a complaint basis
- 3. Continued development of community relations

#### **Motion Carried**

# 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

# 5.1 March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Res. 213-24

**MOVED by Councillor Williams** 

To adopt the March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried** 

### 5.2 March 18, 2024 Budget Meeting Minutes

Res. 214-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Williams

To adopt the March 18, 2024 Budget Meeting Minutes as amended.

**Motion Carried** 

### 6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – no public hearings

# 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 Council Reports for March 26, 2024

Res. 215-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Council Reports for March 26, 2024 as information.

**Motion Carried** 

# 7.2 Chief Administrative Officer Report for March 26, 2024

Res. 216-24

**MOVED by Councillor Windsor** 

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for March 26, 2024 as information.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 8. 2024 BUDGET

# 8.1 2024 Operating Budget - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Res. 217-24

**MOVED by Councillor Windsor** 

To approve a 2024 cost of living adjustment of 0%.

**Motion Carried** 

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Res. 218-24

**MOVED by Councillor Williams** 

To move Street Light Program Design plan of \$10,000 to the 2025 Operating Budget for discussion.

**Motion Defeated** 

# 8.2 2024 Operating Budget 2024-03-26

Res. 219-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the 2024 Operating Budget as amended with total estimated revenues of \$13,159,126 and total estimated expenditures of \$13,159,126, and with revenue from tax totaling \$5,239,862 representing an increase of 2.32% over the prior year.

**Motion Carried** 

Councillor McCoy requested a recorded vote.

Res. 220-24

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To approve the 2024 Operating Budget as amended with total estimated revenues of \$12,946,665 and total estimated expenditures of \$12,946,665, and with revenue from tax totaling \$5,027,401 representing a decrease of 1.83% over the prior year.

Mayor Hunter Opposed
Deputy Mayor Engel Opposed
Councillor Baswick Opposed
Councillor McCoy For
Councillor Moore Opposed
Councillor Williams Opposed
Councillor Windsor Opposed

**Motion Defeated** 

### 9. BYLAWS & POLICIES

# 9.1 Bylaw 2024-04 Creekside ASP Redesignation

Res. 221-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

That Council grant first reading of Bylaw 2024-04 Creekside Area Structure Plan Redesignation amending Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 222-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Baswick

To set April 23, 2024 as the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2024-04 Creekside Area Structure Plan Redesignation amending Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

**Motion Carried** 

# 10. BUSINESS

# 10.1 2023 Year End Reserve Allocations

Res. 223-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To approve the allocation of the 2023 year end surplus as follows:

- \$29,629 to the Operations & Maintenance Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Reserve
- \$29,900 to the Council Community Grants Reserve
- \$11,144 to the Snow Removal Reserve
- \$3,985 to the Firehall Reserve
- \$7,650 to the Didsbury Memorial Complex Reserve
- \$5,000 to the Economic Development Reserve
- \$157,692 to the Strategic Initiatives and Contingency Reserve

**Motion Carried** 

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# 10.2 Advanced Metering Infrastructure Recommendation for Award

Res. 224-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Moore

To award the installation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure to KTI/Sensus for \$235,750; plus 15% contingency to be funded equally from the Water and Wastewater Departments' reserves.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 10.3 Level of Service Document

Res. 225-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To adopt the Level of Service Document as presented.

**Motion Carried** 

# 10.4 Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan

Res. 226-24

**MOVED by Councillor Williams** 

To adopt the Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan as presented.

**Motion Carried** 

# 10.5 Meeting with Minister of Transportation

Res. 227-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve Mayor Hunter, Councillor Williams, and Councillor Windsor to participate in a virtual meeting with Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Honourable Devin Dreeshen on March 28, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

**Motion Carried** 

### 10.6 Didsbury Municipal Library Board Trustee Appointment

Res. 228-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Williams

To appoint Bill Windsor to the Didsbury Municipal Library Board as a Trustee for a three-year term.

**Motion Carried** 

# 11. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

- Minister of Municipal Affairs Assessment Model Review Steering Committee
- Minister of Municipal Affairs Provincial Education Requisition Credit Program Extension

Res. 229-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Baswick

To accept the correspondence provided as information.

**Motion Carried** 

### 12. COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- RCMP Detachment Policing Priorities
- Municipal Enforcement Priorities
- Meeting with Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors
- 2024 Operating Budget
- Redesignation for the Creekside Area Structure Plan
- Adoption of Level of Service Document
- Adoption of the Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan

# 13. QUESTION PERIOD

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### 14. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 230-24

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To go into Closed Meeting for the following items at 8:11 p.m.:

- 14.1 Economic Strategies as per Section 25 of the FOIP Act
- 14.2 Water Well Licence Update as per Section 24 of the FOIP Act
- 14.3 Shantz Land Sale Update as per Section 23, 24 and 27 of the FOIP Act
- 14.4 AHS Update as per Section 21 of the FOIP Act

**Motion Carried** 

#### 15. RECONVENE

Res. 231-24

**MOVED by Councillor Williams** 

To return to Open Meeting at 9:27 p.m.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 232-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Williams

To accept the Economic Strategies as information.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 233-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Williams

That Mayor Hunter to write a letter on behalf of Council to the Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, Honourable Muhammad Yaseen, to invite him to a meeting to discuss the Rural Renewal Stream and that Mayor Hunter, Councillor McCoy and Councillor Williams be appointed to engage with the Minister at this meeting.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 234-24

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To accept the Economic Strategies as information and that Mayor Hunter to write a letter on behalf of Council to Suncor regarding the proposed Brownfield development.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 235-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the Water Well Licence Update as information and to update the Didsbury Golf Club regarding of the water licence application.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 236-24

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To accept the Shantz Land Sale Update as information and approve addressing the Town's responsibility for mitigating the soil contamination identified in the Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (ESA2) in the Shantz Land Sale.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 237-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Alberta Health Services Update as information.

**Motion Carried** 

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# 16. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 238-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adjourn the March 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 9:32 p.m.

**Motion Carried** 

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner