



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in Council Chambers at 1606 – 14 Street.

- Council was presented with the second draft of the 2024 Operating Budget, which included changes requested by Council at the January 17, 2024 Budget Meeting.
- Council reviewed financing scenarios for the construction of the East Reservoir Project. Council chose Option 2 at this time, which has the \$5,683,054 project being funded from 2024 LGFF Funds, Water Reserves and Long Term Debt. If the Town is successful in obtaining the Alberta Municipal Water Wastewater Grant for which they have applied, the financing will come back to Council for amendment.
- Council approved Policy CS 0012-24 Financial Assistance for Athletic Excellence. This policy updates a previous policy, COUN 009-22. The Community Services Department will now review the applications and bring forward for Council approval, and the grant value has been increased from \$1500 to \$2000. Once this policy has been fully distributed, the \$2000 reserved for this program will be rescinded.
- The Policy and Governance Committee made recommendations to Council regarding some changes to the Council Remuneration Policy. Changes include clarification on submission and approval of Council remuneration forms and the requirement to submit Council Reports on Professional Development to claim the time. Council approved Policy COUN 004-24 Council Remuneration as presented.
- The Policy and Governance Committee reviewed Proclamation Policy COUN 006-21 and made a recommendation with one revision, adding section 2.3 which states that, in the event that special recognition is warranted, it will be considered in accordance with the Council Recognition Policy. Council approved Policy COUN 005-24 as presented.
- Council granted first reading to Bylaw 2024-01 Portion of SW 18-32-1-5 to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 and Bylaw 2024-02 amending Fox Hollow Area Structure Plan. A Public Hearing has been set for February 27, 2024, to be held during the Public Hearing portion of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda.
- Council approved to fund the overage of \$3127 for the RCMP Detachment Parking Lot Expansion project from the RCMP Contract Policing Reserve and were able to reallocate additional funds of \$367,600 to the Water Infrastructure Reserve fund for the purpose of helping to fund the East Reservoir project.
- Council approved a sponsorship of \$500 for the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce Women in Agri-business Conference which is taking place on March 19, 2024 at the Zion Church.