



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 23, 2021

The Town of Didsbury Council held the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via ZOOM Meetings.

- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increased demand for suicide prevention services by 200%. The existing suicide prevention hot-lines require the user to remember a 10-digit number to go through directories or be placed on hold. Council made a resolution requesting the Federal Government to pass a motion to adopt a 988, National 3-digit suicide crisis hot-line.
- Council was presented with a summary of the Arena Floors and Boards Project and 15 Avenue Storm, Sidewalks and Westhill Place Sanitary Line replacement projects for 2020. Council commented on the quality of the infrastructure projects done under budget, and gave their thanks to the staff for their hard work and due diligence in exceptional costs savings on these projects.
- Council in conjunction with the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce will hold a Town Hall Meeting for Businesses on Wednesday, Mar. 3, 2021, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- Council was pleased to note that the Action Requests were down significantly in January.
- Council gave third and final reading to the Emergency Management Bylaw. This bylaw includes the formation of the Emergency Management Advisory Committee made up of Council members, the Emergency Management Agency made up of the Director of Emergency Management with support staff appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer. This updated bylaw will bring the Town into compliance with the changes made to the Alberta Emergency Management Act and Regulations that were updated in 2019 and 2020.
- The fourth quarter financial report was presented for capital spending, reserves continuity and capital grant continuity schedules. The reports presented a healthy financial picture for current reserve and grant levels.
- With the passing of the Committees of Council Bylaw, the Committees Roles & Responsibilities Policy is no longer required, therefore Council rescinded the Policy.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. through ZOOM Meetings.