

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

August 25, 2021

The Town of Didsbury Council held the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday August 24, 2021 in the Council Chambers located at 1606-14 Street.

- Council was pleased to meet Alexandra Ross, the Town's new Economic Development and Strategic Operations Coordinator. She has been in the field of economic development, tourism and marketing for over 20 years.
- In preparation for the upcoming municipal election in the Town of Didsbury, Administration will be holding a Candidate Information Session on August 31, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers. This session will provide information for residents who are considering running for Council.
- A new automated voting machine marks technological advances for Town of Didsbury elections. The new system will be in place for the municipal election in October 2021, and will improve the accuracy, speed and efficiency of the voting process. This will be the first year this machine has been used in Didsbury.
- August 19, 2021 saw the Summer Market + Social in the downtown core. The event hosted a
  variety of vendors and food trucks and saw many local businesses stay open late to
  accommodate shoppers. Council was pleased to hear that the market was a success, with
  approximately 200 people in attendance.
- Council proposed and approved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Federal Government to give thanks for the grants the Town of Didsbury has received over the past four years. Pictures of completed grant-funded projects will also be included with the letter.
- Council was pleased to hear that the 2021 Community Grant Program was a success with 15 recipients being approved for funding. In total, \$26,645 of the \$30,000 in available funds has already been donated to many worthy recipients in Town. The remaining funds will be allotted to future grants on a first come, first serve basis.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be on September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The Meeting will be held in-person in the Town of Didsbury Council Chambers located at 1606 – 14 Street or viewed via livestream on the Town of Didsbury's YouTube channel.