



## TOWN OF DIDSBURY AGENDA

### Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:00 pm

Council Chambers 1606 14 Street

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## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

**Vision:** *The Place to Grow.*

**Mission:** *Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Didsbury Lions Club  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### **BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

The Didsbury Lions Club owns and operates the Didsbury Lions Shuttle Bus, offering service for all residents of Didsbury. This service is essential to many seniors in Didsbury.

One of the *Provincial Prevention Priorities* for the next three years is 'Aging well in the community'. This entails all aspects of supporting seniors who wish to remain able to do day-to-day tasks that are becoming increasingly difficult with age, and who want to remain actively engaged in the community. As well, enhancing access to social supports is one of the major *Provincial Prevention Strategies* listed for municipalities.

Members of the Didsbury Lions Club have requested to speak to Council regarding on-going financial support from the Town of Didsbury, through an annual grant, to keep operating.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES**

The Didsbury Lions Shuttle Bus program, which is a well-used service, is experiencing financial difficulties since the COVID pandemic. Expenses such as insurance, inspections, fuel, maintenance costs and wages have gone up considerably. Previously, the Didsbury Lions Club was able to use members who volunteered to drive; however, they now have to pay drivers.

Over the years, the Didsbury Lions Club has received a grant from the Town; last year they received \$1500 through the Community Grant Program, which is not guaranteed every year.

Comparisons with Olds, Innisfail and Sundre are attached.

At the December 3, 2022 Budget meeting, Council made a motion [Res. 581-22] to refer the Community Grant Program to the Strategic Planning Committee for consideration of items such as Canada Day, Lions Club, and STARS requests.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### **4. Healthy Active Living**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council thank the Didsbury Lions Club for the presentation and accept it as information.

**To the Town of Didsbury  
From Didsbury Lions Club  
Proposal**

Budgets from other towns supporting their shuttle buses:

- Town of Olds - \$49,329/year
- Town of Innisfail – Coordinates with the Legion  
Large bus and a shuttle \$88,000/year funding approximately 50/50 for each vehicle
- Town of Sundre – Private van no chair lifts and volunteer drivers  
\$7,000/year
- Town of Didsbury - \$1,588.67/year in 2022
  - We try not to turn anyone away even if they can't pay, especially those who are in lodges or own home.
  - The lodges and hospital have no help to get them there and back, we fill that gap.

We as the Lions Club are coming to the Town for your support in a yearly budget.

We would recommend we make a committee with a Town member and three Lions members and meet regularly. This committee would review and regulate the budget.

Our funds to keep the bus running are from our on-going projects which have dwindled since COVID. The major funding contributor is the casino funds.

We will also provide a financial statement for the Town's to review.

Thank you in advance, Fred Morrish



	2023	2022	Budget Variance	
	draft Budget	Approved Budget	\$	%
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries and benefits	\$ 4,822,490	\$ 4,277,560	\$ 544,930	13%
Training, conferences and travel	137,855	143,973	(6,118)	-4%
Memberships	26,285	24,155	2,130	9%
Advertising and printing	70,475	107,125	(36,650)	-34%
Professional services	189,800	308,420	(118,620)	-38%
Contracted services	768,910	936,576	(167,666)	-18%
Contracted Municipal Policing	655,000	539,000	116,000	22%
Telecommunications	234,315	225,237	9,078	4%
General supplies	463,550	447,550	16,000	4%
Cost of Water	1,050,000	916,250	133,750	15%
Repairs and maintenance	1,028,750	724,250	304,500	42%
Utilities	788,685	720,150	68,535	10%
Insurance	189,058	171,870	17,188	10%
Leases	64,687	66,670	(1,983)	-3%
Bank charges and short term interest	12,900	12,900	-	0%
Write off	6,000	5,500	500	9%
Interest on long term debt	82,748	101,928	(19,180)	-19%
Long term debt repaid	563,683	544,505	19,178	4%
Grants and other payments to organizations	591,738	584,258	7,480	1%
To capital	-	3,500	(3,500)	-100%
To reserve	1,237,555	1,236,073	1,482	0%
<b>Total - Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 12,984,484</b>	<b>\$ 12,097,450</b>	<b>\$ 887,034</b>	<b>7%</b>

## EXPENDITURES

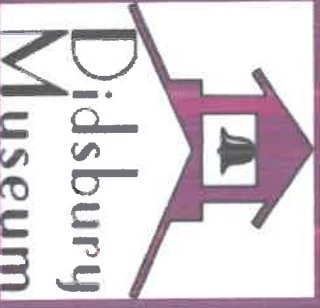
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# GRANTS & PAYMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS



Didsbury Municipal Library

\$252,074



Didsbury Museum

\$31,000 ✓



FCSS  
Family and Community Support Services

\$64,000

DIDSBURY  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
PLACE

\$24,525



Parkland Regional Library System

\$45,635



Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission

\$132,864

~~STARS~~

\$10,140

COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY  
GRANT  
PROGRAM ✓

\$30,000

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# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

	2023	2022	Variance	
	DRAFT	Approved		
	Budget	Budget	\$	%
Auditor	27,300	29,420	(2,120)	-7%
Assessor	48,000	48,000	-	0%
Planning	10,000	125,000	(115,000)	-92%
Legal	28,500	35,000	(6,500)	-19%
Engineering	35,000	30,000	5,000	17%
Building Inspector	41,000	41,000	-	0%
	189,800	308,420	(118,620)	-38%

# OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES

Item					Description								
Waste Collection Contract	Increased budget of \$24,000 due to inflation and fuel surcharges												
Economic Development related services	Decreased budget of \$59,000 as economic development budget is being drastically reduced this year until an EC DEV Plan is approved by Council												
Open Spaces Asset Management Plan	Decreased budget of \$40,000 due to the contracted service costs related to the Open Spaces AMP were a one time cost that will not occur in 2023												
Septic Clean Outs	Decreased budget of \$13,000 for septic clean outs as project to tie in sanitary system has occurred.												

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## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

*Vision: The Place to Grow.*

*Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting are being presented to Council for their review and approval.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Council can adopt the Minutes as presented or amended.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

2. An Informed & Engaged Community

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to adopt the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.





**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury  
December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting  
Held in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street**

Council Members Present    Mayor Rhonda Hunter  
                                        Deputy Mayor Curt Engel  
                                        Councillor John Baswick  
                                        Councillor Joyce McCoy  
                                        Councillor Dorothy Moore  
                                        Councillor Bill Windsor  
                                        Councillor Ethan Williams

Administration Present    Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner  
                                        ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley  
                                        Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox  
                                        Economic Development Officer, Alexandra Ross  
                                        Planner, Tracey Connatty  
                                        Development Officer, Lee-Ann Gaudette  
                                        Municipal Intern-Finance, Kelsey Hawkins  
                                        Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hunter Called the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

**2.     ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Add 13.2 Shantz Development Proposal as per Section 13 of the FOIP Act

**Res. 589-22**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To adopt the Agenda of the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting as amended.

**Motion Carried**

**3.     DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1    RCMP 2nd Quarter Report**

**Res. 590-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That Council thank Staff Sergeant Steve Browne for the presentation of the Second Quarter Report for July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 and accept it as information.

**Motion Carried**

**4.     ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1    November 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Res. 591-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adopt the November 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**4.2    December 3, 2022 - 2023 Budget Meeting Minutes**

**Res. 592-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

That Council to adopt the December 3, 2022 Council 2023 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hunter recessed the Regular Council Meeting and Called to Order the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

**5.1 Bylaw No. 2022-15 Creekside ASP and Bylaw No. 2022-16 Amendment to the MDP - Creekside Public Hearing  
Res. 593-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To temporarily adjourn the Public Hearing to allow additional time to work with the applicant to address the elements discussed (i.e.: circulation comments, internal review, review of studies etc.).

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Hunter re-opened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Council Reports  
Res. 594-22**

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To accept the Council Reports for December 13, 2022 as information.

**Motion Carried**

**6.2 CAO Report  
Res. 595-22**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the CAO Report for December 13, 2022 as information.

**Motion Carried**

**7. 2023 BUDGET**

**Capital Budget  
Res. 596-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the following priority items for the 2023 Capital Budget:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Street project and concrete work
- Intersection project at Highway 582/23 Street
- Library Project
- East Reservoir

And to remove the following items from the 2023 Capital Budget:

- Co-op Road project
- 23rd Street sanitary main.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 597-22**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve the 20<sup>th</sup> Street project asphalt and mill overlay project and increase the Repairs and Maintenance to \$300,000.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 598-22**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To remove the Sidewalks Repairs and Maintenance in the amount of \$105,000 from the 2023 Operating Budget.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Operating Budget**

**Res. 599-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To enhance the capacity of Public Works by adding two additional staff to public works establishing a 7 day operations of two crews.

**Motion Defeated**

**Res. 600-22**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To continue to build capacity by adding 1 public works staff and two summer students.

**Motion Carried**

**7.1 Budgeting Software**

**Res. 601-22**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To approve the commitment to the purchase and implementation of Questica Budgeting Software—Operating and Payroll Modules for five years, beginning in 2023.

**Motion Carried**

**7.2 2023 Didsbury Municipal Library Budget**

**Res. 602-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To provide an operating grant allocation of \$48.20 per capita (based on 2020 Federal Census population of 5070) to Didsbury Municipal Library in the 2023 operating budget; included in the total grant amount is the 2022 Mountain View County funding of \$40,225, which maintains the total 2023 operating grant funding of \$244,383.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 603-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To allocate an additional \$7,691 one-time interim funding to the Didsbury Municipal Library 2023 operating grant.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 604-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To encourage the Didsbury Municipal Library Board to request additional funding directly from Mountain View County for their 2023 library budget.

**Motion Carried**



**Res. 605-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To match any Mountain View County top-up funding received by the Didsbury Municipal Library to a maximum \$12,000, which will include the \$7,691 additional allocation.

**Motion Carried**

**7.3 2023 Interim Operating Budget**

**Res. 606-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adopt a six (6) month 2023 Interim Operating Budget with revenues totaling \$6,048,725 and expenditures totaling \$6,048,725 as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**8. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**8.1 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 2022-17 (2nd and 3rd Reading)**

**Res. 607-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

That Council grant second reading to Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 2022-17.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 608-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

That Council grant third and final reading to Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 2022-17.

**Motion Carried**

**8.2 Corporate Services Rates and Fees Bylaw 2022-18 (3rd Reading)**

**Res. 609-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That Council grant third and final reading to Corporate Services Rates and Fees Bylaw 2022-18.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 610-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That Council refer the issue of credit card payment fees to the Strategic Planning Committee for review and recommendation.

**Motion Carried**

**8.3 Utility Charges Bylaw 2022-02 (2nd Reading)**

**Res. 611-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That Council grant second reading to Utility Charges Bylaw 2022-19 and refer it to the Strategic Planning Committee for review and recommendation.

**Motion Carried**

**9. BUSINESS**

**9.1 Write Off Uncollectible Account**

**Res. 612-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To authorize the write off of the outstanding tax receivable balance for Roll #1398000 totaling \$5,937.90.

**Motion Carried**

**9.2 Water Loss Investigation Update**

**Res. 613-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the water loss reduction investigation update as information.

**Motion Carried**

**9.3 Recycling Survey for Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission**

**Res. 614-22**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To approve the participation in the Recycling Survey for the Mountain View Regional waste Management Commission as discussed and to select the choice to close all recycling collection sites.

**Motion Carried**

**9.4 Fire Calls for EMS**

**Res. 615-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the Report on Fire Calls to Emergency Medical Services as information.

**Motion Carried**

**9.5 Winner of the Council Christmas Card Contest**

**Res. 616-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

That Council awards the winning submission for the Town Council Christmas Card Design Contest to: Claire L., Georgia C., Chase M (3.1); and Alia (3.1).

**Motion Carried**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

- Town of Fox Creek – Letter to Minister of Justice regarding Victim Services
- Parkland Regional Library System – Approval of 2023 Budget
- Town of Ponoka – Letter to Minister of Health regarding Volunteer Fire Departments
- Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister – Approval of 2023/24 Municipal Internship ACP Grant
- Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services regarding Victim Services

**Res. 617-22**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the Correspondence presented as information.

**Motion Carried**

**11. COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sgt. Browne's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
- 2023 Budget
- 2023 Didsbury Municipal Library Budget
- Water Loss Investigation Update
- Winner of the Council Christmas Card Contest

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. CLOSED MEETING**

**Res. 618-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To go into Closed Meeting at 9:25 p.m. to discuss the following item:

13.1 ICF Agreement as per Section 21 of the FOIP Act

13.2 Shantz Development Proposal as per Section 13 of the FOIP Act

**Motion Carried**

**14. RECONVENE**

**Res. 619-22**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To return to Open Meeting at 9:57 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 620-22**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the letter be sent to Mountain View County to renegotiate the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 621-22**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That the Shantz Development proposal be submitted as a formal, legal offer to include their best offer including development timelines and payment terms.

**Motion Carried**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. 622-22**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To adjourn the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting at 9:59 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

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Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

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Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

*Vision: The Place to Grow.*

*Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Council Reports  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council Members will give a verbal and/or written report on any business or committee activity in which they have participated.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

2. An Informed & Engaged Community

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Council Reports for January 10, 2023 as information.



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: CAO Report  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Please find attached the CAO Report for January 10, 2023.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

2. An Informed & Engaged Community

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the CAO Report for January 10, 2023 as information.

### 1. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medals

Nathan Cooper, MLA, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills Office presenting the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal on December 16, 2022:



Councillor Dorothy Moore



Kathleen Windsor



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

**Vision:** The Place to Grow.

**Mission:** Creating the Place to Grow.

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: 2023 OPERATING BUDGET  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services

### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Under the *Municipal Government Act*, Council is required, each year, to adopt an Operating Budget outlining the revenues and expenses required to operate the Town. The proposed 2023 Operating Budget was presented at a public budget meeting with Council on Saturday December 3, 2022. Discussions continued at the Regular Council Meeting on December 13, 2022 and further direction was provided by way of resolution, including: reducing sidewalk repairs and maintenance from \$105,000 to \$25,000, and removing one new full time employee (FTE) in Public Works.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

At the public meeting, Council requested specific budgetary information be updated or further reviewed for consideration in the 2023 Operating Budget. The changes to the proposed budget, since being presented on December 3, 2022, are summarized below:

TAX REVENUES (Draft Budget December 3, 2022)		\$ 5,713,023	
Add:			
Christmas Light Hanging/Removal Contract Services	\$ 12,500		
Municipal Intern Net Costs	\$ 12,444	\$ 24,944	
Less:			
Removal of CAO Admin Support	\$ (87,831)		
STARS Air Ambulance Donation	\$ (10,140)	\$ (97,971)	
TAX REVENUES (Draft Budget December 13, 2022)		\$ 5,639,996	
Add:			
Transfer to Capital (20th St Mill & Overlay)	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	
Less:			
Roads R&M	\$ (250,000)		
Sidewalks R&M	\$ (80,000)		
Removal of 1 FTE PW	\$ (94,070)		
add back portion charged to utility departments	\$ 44,480	\$ (379,590)	
TAX REVENUES (Draft Budget January 10, 2023)		\$ 5,560,406	
TAX REVENUES (APPROVED 2022 Operating Budget)		\$ 4,923,996	
Difference		\$ 636,410	13%

Below is a sample of residential and non-residential properties for various tax scenarios, to illustrate the impact of these tax revenues on sample average properties. From our preliminary review, the increased assessment from new development will offset approximately \$130,000 of these additional tax revenues, or almost 3%.

**Scenario 1A: Tax Revenues: \$5,560,406 (13% increase to tax revenues); Tax Split: 85.6% Residential; 14.4% Non-Residential**

		Assessment				Municipal Taxes				
		2022	2023			2022	2023	\$ Increase per year	\$ Increase per month	% Increase
RESIDENTIAL	House 1	\$ 155,020	\$ 173,870			\$ 1,244	\$ 1,402	\$ 158	\$ 13	12.7%
	House 2	\$ 223,300	\$ 248,190			\$ 1,792	\$ 2,001	\$ 210	\$ 17	11.7%
	House 3	\$ 249,120	\$ 281,870			\$ 1,999	\$ 2,273	\$ 274	\$ 23	13.7%
	House 4	\$ 262,160	\$ 293,650			\$ 2,103	\$ 2,368	\$ 265	\$ 22	12.6%
	House 5	\$ 358,010	\$ 397,780			\$ 2,873	\$ 3,208	\$ 335	\$ 28	11.7%
	House 6	\$ 458,020	\$ 509,540			\$ 3,675	\$ 4,109	\$ 434	\$ 36	11.8%
	House 7	\$ 588,450	\$ 652,990			\$ 4,722	\$ 5,266	\$ 544	\$ 45	11.5%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	Property 1	\$ 119,160	\$ 125,570			\$ 1,078	\$ 1,187	\$ 109	\$ 9	10.1%
	Property 2	\$ 355,150	\$ 387,230			\$ 3,213	\$ 3,661	\$ 448	\$ 37	13.9%
	Property 3	\$ 508,090	\$ 550,240			\$ 4,597	\$ 5,202	\$ 605	\$ 50	13.2%
	Property 4	\$ 630,620	\$ 667,710			\$ 5,705	\$ 6,313	\$ 607	\$ 51	10.6%
	Property 5	\$ 768,050	\$ 845,940			\$ 6,948	\$ 7,998	\$ 1,049	\$ 87	15.1%
	Property 6	\$ 1,174,540	\$ 1,272,670			\$ 10,626	\$ 12,032	\$ 1,406	\$ 117	13.2%
	Property 7	\$ 1,658,150	\$ 1,779,600			\$ 15,001	\$ 16,824	\$ 1,823	\$ 152	12.2%



**Scenario 1B: Tax Revenues: \$5,560,406 (13% increase to tax revenues); Tax Split: 84% Residential; 16% Non-Residential**

		Assessment		Municipal Taxes				
		2022	2023	2022	2023	\$ Increase per year	\$ Increase per month	% Increase
RESIDENTIAL	House 1	\$ 155,020	\$ 173,870	\$ 1,244	\$ 1,376	\$ 132	\$ 11	10.6%
	House 2	\$ 223,300	\$ 248,190	\$ 1,792	\$ 1,964	\$ 172	\$ 14	9.6%
	House 3	\$ 249,120	\$ 281,870	\$ 1,999	\$ 2,231	\$ 232	\$ 19	11.6%
	House 4	\$ 262,160	\$ 293,650	\$ 2,103	\$ 2,324	\$ 220	\$ 18	10.5%
	House 5	\$ 358,010	\$ 397,780	\$ 2,873	\$ 3,148	\$ 275	\$ 23	9.6%
	House 6	\$ 458,020	\$ 509,540	\$ 3,675	\$ 4,032	\$ 357	\$ 30	9.7%
	House 7	\$ 588,450	\$ 652,990	\$ 4,722	\$ 5,167	\$ 446	\$ 37	9.4%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	Property 1	\$ 119,160	\$ 125,570	\$ 1,078	\$ 1,319	\$ 241	\$ 20	22.4%
	Property 2	\$ 355,150	\$ 387,230	\$ 3,213	\$ 4,068	\$ 855	\$ 71	26.6%
	Property 3	\$ 508,090	\$ 550,240	\$ 4,597	\$ 5,780	\$ 1,183	\$ 99	25.7%
	Property 4	\$ 630,620	\$ 667,710	\$ 5,705	\$ 7,014	\$ 1,309	\$ 109	22.9%
	Property 5	\$ 768,050	\$ 845,940	\$ 6,948	\$ 8,886	\$ 1,938	\$ 161	27.9%
	Property 6	\$ 1,174,540	\$ 1,272,670	\$ 10,626	\$ 13,369	\$ 2,743	\$ 229	25.8%
	Property 7	\$ 1,658,150	\$ 1,779,600	\$ 15,001	\$ 18,694	\$ 3,693	\$ 308	24.6%

**Scenario 2: Tax Revenues: \$5,120,956 (4% increase to tax revenues); Tax Split: 85.6% Residential; 14.4% Non-Residential**

		Assessment				Municipal Taxes			
		2022	2023			2022	2023	\$ Increase per year	\$ Increase per month % Increase
RESIDENTIAL	House 1	\$ 155,020	\$ 173,870			\$ 1,244	\$ 1,291	\$ 47	\$ 4 3.8%
	House 2	\$ 223,300	\$ 248,190			\$ 1,792	\$ 1,843	\$ 52	\$ 4 2.9%
	House 3	\$ 249,120	\$ 281,870			\$ 1,999	\$ 2,093	\$ 95	\$ 8 4.7%
	House 4	\$ 262,160	\$ 293,650			\$ 2,103	\$ 2,181	\$ 77	\$ 6 3.7%
	House 5	\$ 358,010	\$ 397,780			\$ 2,873	\$ 2,954	\$ 82	\$ 7 2.8%
	House 6	\$ 458,020	\$ 509,540			\$ 3,675	\$ 3,784	\$ 109	\$ 9 3.0%
	House 7	\$ 588,450	\$ 652,990			\$ 4,722	\$ 4,850	\$ 128	\$ 11 2.7%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	Property 1	\$ 119,160	\$ 125,570			\$ 1,078	\$ 1,093	\$ 15	\$ 1 1.4%
	Property 2	\$ 355,150	\$ 387,230			\$ 3,213	\$ 3,372	\$ 159	\$ 13 4.9%
	Property 3	\$ 508,090	\$ 550,240			\$ 4,597	\$ 4,791	\$ 194	\$ 16 4.2%
	Property 4	\$ 630,620	\$ 667,710			\$ 5,705	\$ 5,814	\$ 109	\$ 9 1.9%
	Property 5	\$ 768,050	\$ 845,940			\$ 6,948	\$ 7,365	\$ 417	\$ 35 6.0%
	Property 6	\$ 1,174,540	\$ 1,272,670			\$ 10,626	\$ 11,081	\$ 455	\$ 38 4.3%
	Property 7	\$ 1,658,150	\$ 1,779,600			\$ 15,001	\$ 15,495	\$ 494	\$ 41 3.3%

**Scenario 3: Tax Revenues: \$5,219,436 (6% increase to tax revenues); Tax Split: 85.6% Residential; 14.4% Non-Residential**

		Assessment				Municipal Taxes			
		2022	2023			\$ Increase per year	\$ Increase per month	% Increase	
RESIDENTIAL	House 1	\$ 155,020	\$ 173,870	\$	1,244	\$ 1,316	\$ 72	\$ 6	5.8%
	House 2	\$ 223,300	\$ 248,190	\$	1,792	\$ 1,879	\$ 87	\$ 7	4.9%
	House 3	\$ 249,120	\$ 281,870	\$	1,999	\$ 2,134	\$ 135	\$ 11	6.7%
	House 4	\$ 262,160	\$ 293,650	\$	2,103	\$ 2,223	\$ 119	\$ 10	5.7%
	House 5	\$ 358,010	\$ 397,780	\$	2,873	\$ 3,011	\$ 139	\$ 12	4.8%
	House 6	\$ 458,020	\$ 509,540	\$	3,675	\$ 3,857	\$ 182	\$ 15	5.0%
	House 7	\$ 588,450	\$ 652,990	\$	4,722	\$ 4,943	\$ 221	\$ 18	4.7%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	Property 1	\$ 119,160	\$ 125,570	\$	1,078	\$ 1,114	\$ 36	\$ 3	3.4%
	Property 2	\$ 355,150	\$ 387,230	\$	3,213	\$ 3,436	\$ 223	\$ 19	7.0%
	Property 3	\$ 508,090	\$ 550,240	\$	4,597	\$ 4,883	\$ 286	\$ 24	6.2%
	Property 4	\$ 630,620	\$ 667,710	\$	5,705	\$ 5,925	\$ 220	\$ 18	3.9%
	Property 5	\$ 768,050	\$ 845,940	\$	6,948	\$ 7,507	\$ 559	\$ 47	8.0%
	Property 6	\$ 1,174,540	\$ 1,272,670	\$	10,626	\$ 11,294	\$ 668	\$ 56	6.3%
	Property 7	\$ 1,658,150	\$ 1,779,600	\$	15,001	\$ 15,793	\$ 792	\$ 66	5.3%

**Scenario 4: Tax Revenues: \$5,317,916 (8% increase to tax revenues); Tax Split: 85.6% Residential; 14.4% Non-Residential**

		Assessment			Municipal Taxes				
		2022	2023		2022	2023	\$ Increase per year	\$ Increase per month	% Increase
RESIDENTIAL	House 1	\$ 155,020	\$ 173,870		\$ 1,244	\$ 1,341	\$ 97	\$ 8	7.8%
	House 2	\$ 223,300	\$ 248,190		\$ 1,792	\$ 1,914	\$ 123	\$ 10	6.8%
	House 3	\$ 249,120	\$ 281,870		\$ 1,999	\$ 2,174	\$ 175	\$ 15	8.8%
	House 4	\$ 262,160	\$ 293,650		\$ 2,103	\$ 2,265	\$ 161	\$ 13	7.7%
	House 5	\$ 358,010	\$ 397,780		\$ 2,873	\$ 3,068	\$ 195	\$ 16	6.8%
	House 6	\$ 458,020	\$ 509,540		\$ 3,675	\$ 3,930	\$ 255	\$ 21	6.9%
	House 7	\$ 588,450	\$ 652,990		\$ 4,722	\$ 5,036	\$ 315	\$ 26	6.7%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	Property 1	\$ 119,160	\$ 125,570		\$ 1,078	\$ 1,135	\$ 57	\$ 5	5.3%
	Property 2	\$ 355,150	\$ 387,230		\$ 3,213	\$ 3,501	\$ 288	\$ 24	9.0%
	Property 3	\$ 508,090	\$ 550,240		\$ 4,597	\$ 4,975	\$ 378	\$ 32	8.2%
	Property 4	\$ 630,620	\$ 667,710		\$ 5,705	\$ 6,037	\$ 332	\$ 28	5.8%
	Property 5	\$ 768,050	\$ 845,940		\$ 6,948	\$ 7,649	\$ 700	\$ 58	10.1%
	Property 6	\$ 1,174,540	\$ 1,272,670		\$ 10,626	\$ 11,507	\$ 881	\$ 73	8.3%
	Property 7	\$ 1,658,150	\$ 1,779,600		\$ 15,001	\$ 16,091	\$ 1,090	\$ 91	7.3%

**Scenario 5: Tax Revenues: \$5,416,396 (10% increase to tax revenues); Tax Split: 85.6% Residential; 14.4% Non-Residential**

		Assessment				Municipal Taxes			
		2022	2023			2022	2023	\$ Increase per year	\$ Increase per month % Increase
RESIDENTIAL	House 1	\$ 155,020	\$ 173,870			\$ 1,244	\$ 1,366	\$ 122	\$ 10 9.8%
	House 2	\$ 223,300	\$ 248,190			\$ 1,792	\$ 1,950	\$ 158	\$ 13 8.8%
	House 3	\$ 249,120	\$ 281,870			\$ 1,999	\$ 2,214	\$ 215	\$ 18 10.8%
	House 4	\$ 262,160	\$ 293,650			\$ 2,103	\$ 2,307	\$ 203	\$ 17 9.7%
	House 5	\$ 358,010	\$ 397,780			\$ 2,873	\$ 3,125	\$ 252	\$ 21 8.8%
	House 6	\$ 458,020	\$ 509,540			\$ 3,675	\$ 4,003	\$ 328	\$ 27 8.9%
	House 7	\$ 588,450	\$ 652,990			\$ 4,722	\$ 5,130	\$ 408	\$ 34 8.6%
NON-RESIDENTIAL	Property 1	\$ 119,160	\$ 125,570			\$ 1,078	\$ 1,156	\$ 78	\$ 7 7.3%
	Property 2	\$ 355,150	\$ 387,230			\$ 3,213	\$ 3,566	\$ 353	\$ 29 11.0%
	Property 3	\$ 508,090	\$ 550,240			\$ 4,597	\$ 5,067	\$ 471	\$ 39 10.2%
	Property 4	\$ 630,620	\$ 667,710			\$ 5,705	\$ 6,149	\$ 444	\$ 37 7.8%
	Property 5	\$ 768,050	\$ 845,940			\$ 6,948	\$ 7,790	\$ 842	\$ 70 12.1%
	Property 6	\$ 1,174,540	\$ 1,272,670			\$ 10,626	\$ 11,720	\$ 1,094	\$ 91 10.3%
	Property 7	\$ 1,658,150	\$ 1,779,600			\$ 15,001	\$ 16,389	\$ 1,388	\$ 116 9.2%



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### NEXT STEPS

In consideration of the information above, we recommend Council consider where they'd like to try to get to with regards to tax revenues and then consider how they'd like to get there, if any further reductions are required.

The following are discretionary expenditures that Council has supported during previous budget discussions and may consider utilizing to help get there:

- Parks Enhanced Capacity [approx. \$10,000]
- Public Works Enhanced Capacity [approx. \$94,000]
- Enhanced Christmas light hanging [\$12,500]
- Public Works Summer Students [approx. \$16,000]
- 20 Street Mill and Overlay [\$300,000]
- Virtual Action Request System [\$4,750]
- COLA [3% - \$103k]
- Council Professional Development [\$39k]
- Any other budgetary Items brought forward by Council for consideration

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

#### 1. Economic Prosperity

### RECOMMENDATION

To ACCEPT the 2023 OPERATING BUDGET as information.

AND

AS DIRECTED BY COUNCIL.



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

**Vision:** The Place to Grow.

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MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: 2023 Capital Budget  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Under the *Municipal Government Act*, Council must adopt a Capital Budget for each calendar year.

The proposed 2023 Capital Budget was presented at a public budget meeting with Council on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Further direction was received from Council at the Regular Council Meeting on December 13, 2022.

1. To remove the following items from the draft 2023 capital budget: Co-op Road and 23 St Sanitary Main; and,
2. To approve the 20 Street project asphalt mill and overlay project, and to fund the project with the Roads R&M money in the operating budget of \$300,000.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The revised proposed 2023 capital budget, totaling \$750,000, includes six projects under the Engineering & Infrastructure and Community Services departments which are expected to be funded through a variety of means, including: Town Reserves, the Alberta Culture Historic Resource Grant, and operations. The revised proposed 2023 capital budget for Council's consideration is as follows:

2023 Capital Projects:					GRANTS	
Dept	Description	2023 Budget Request	Operations	Reserves	AB CULTURE	Total
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>						
EI	20 St Asphalt Mill & Overlay [17 Ave - 20 Ave]	\$ 300,000	300,000	-	-	300,000
<b>BUILDINGS</b>						
CS	Memorial Complex Lobby Improvements	\$ 50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000
CS	Train Station Exterior Painting	\$ 65,000	-	32,500	32,500	65,000
CS	Curling Rink HVAC Replacements [2]	\$ 55,000	-	55,000	-	55,000
<b>VEHICLES</b>						
EI	Vehicle Replacement Plan [2]	\$ 150,000	-	150,000	-	150,000
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>						
EI	Skid Steer & Rough-Cut Mower Attachment	\$ 130,000	-	130,000	-	130,000
		\$ 750,000	300,000	417,500	32,500	750,000

The slide deck from the initial budget presentation is available on the Town's website at [www.didsbury.ca/p/budget](http://www.didsbury.ca/p/budget) and the budget document will be updated once the capital and operating budget are approved.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

#### 1. Economic Prosperity

### RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the 2023 Capital Budget, totaling \$750,000, which is funded \$300,000 from Operations, \$417,500 from Reserves and \$32,500 from Grants, as presented.



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Bylaw 2022-19 Utility Charges  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Annually, to coincide with the budgeting process, Administration recommends a review and update of the Utility Charges Bylaw. Ideally, this bylaw will receive three readings prior to year end so that the changes coincide with the fiscal year. However, certain information regarding water rates is currently not available from the Water Commission; therefore, the final reading cannot yet occur.

At the November 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Council granted first reading to Bylaw 2022-19 and referred it to the Strategic Planning Committee for review and recommendation. The Committee met on November 24, 2022 and recommended the Bylaw be returned to Council for second reading. The Bylaw received second reading on December 13, 2022 and returned to the Committee at their December 15, 2022 meeting. The Committee again recommended the Bylaw be returned to Council for third reading with no changes, other than the ones required by Administration due to the water rate changes.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Since the previous meeting, Administration received notice that the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission will be increasing their water rates to \$1.97 effective April 1, 2023. This impacts the fee charged by the Town and it has been adjusted to \$3.10 per cubic meter.

The distribution fee has also slightly decreased due to the change in FTEs in the budget as set by Council at the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. This has been adjusted to \$1.40 per cubic meter.

The rates in the bylaw will come into place for the month of January's charges which are billed at the beginning of February.

The bylaw is attached for Council's review and information.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

#### 1. Economic Prosperity

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant third and final reading to Utility Charges Bylaw 2022-19.



TOWN OF DIDSBURY  
Utility Charges Bylaw  
Bylaw No. 2022-19

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**A BYLAW IN THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY FOR REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, RATES AND FEES FOR THE SUPPLY AND USE OF WATER, WASTEWATER and SOLID WASTE SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 3 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the purposes of a municipality are to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 7(g) of the *Municipal Government Act* a Council of a municipality may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting public utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed just and proper to levy a water service rate on all Persons occupying property connected with the water system of the Town to assist with the costs of constructing and maintaining the system including the cost of treatment and distribution of water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Didsbury is a member of Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission, a municipally owned corporation which operates the Anthony Henday Regional water system and delivers water to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed just and proper to levy a wastewater service rate on all Persons occupying property connected with the wastewater system of the Town to assist with the costs of constructing and maintaining the system including the cost of treatment and distribution of wastewater; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to protect both the systems and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Didsbury is a member of Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission, a municipally owned corporation, which operates a regional landfill and receives solid waste from the Town;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the municipal Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Short Title**

This Bylaw shall be known as the “Utilities Charges Bylaw”

**2. Definitions**

**Customer** means any person, business and any other municipal corporation, the Government of Alberta or the Government of Canada, who utilizes municipal utility services or any lessee or Occupant, or any person who requests utility services or has applied for an Account or is otherwise responsible for paying such Account for utility services.

**Dwelling Unit** means a complete building or self-contained portion of a building for the use of one or more individuals living as a single housekeeping unit, containing sleeping, cooking and separate toilet facilities intended as a permanent residence.

**Eligible Residence** means a residential building, which contains four or less dwelling units.

**Fixed** means a flat monthly charge, which does not fluctuate month to month.

**Variable** mean charges that are based on water consumption for the billing period.

**3. Paramount Rules**

3.1 If the provisions in any other bylaw conflict with the rules in this Bylaw, this Bylaw will prevail.

#### **4. General Provisions**

- 4.1 Utility departments in the Town of Didsbury are self-supported, therefore are not subsidized by property taxes.
- 4.2 For rate accuracy and justification, each utility service (water, wastewater and solid waste), is its own product line and is budgeted for and accounted for separately.
- 4.3 All customers receiving utility services shall pay the utility charges set out in Schedule "A".
- 4.4 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fees are fixed and will cover debt coverage and future capital investment.
- 4.5 Water Consumption Charges are variable and will cover the cost of water from the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission.
- 4.6 Water and Wastewater Distribution Charges are variable and will cover the cost of operations and maintenance associated with the system.
- 4.7 Solid Waste Service Fees cover all costs associated with the solid waste utility.

#### **5. Water and Wastewater Utility Charges:**

- 5.1 A water and wastewater Infrastructure Fee will be determined annually based on the customer's connected water meter size **as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.** ~~once the required data is available to implement. Until such time, a water and wastewater Infrastructure Fee will be determined annually as follows:~~
  - ~~5.1.1 For residential use, infrastructure fees are charged to each dwelling unit, regardless of whether a unit is individually metered.~~
  - ~~5.1.2 For commercial or industrial use, infrastructure fees are charged per metered account.~~
  - ~~5.1.3 For properties deemed to be institutional in nature, infrastructure fees are charged per metered account.~~
- 5.2 In the case of non-use of service(s), each customer shall continue to pay an infrastructure fee as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 5.3 Consumption and distribution rates will be determined annually in accordance with the annual collective water consumption.
- 5.4 Where the calculation of a utility charge is based on the consumption of water, the quantity used shall be determined from the current and previous water meter readings as recorded by the Town, or if an actual water meter reading is not available, by an estimated consumption based on the previous average consumption of the service.
- 5.5 Where a serviced property is not located in the Town of Didsbury, a security deposit equal to an estimated three months of service must be collected prior to services being provided due to the inability to transfer unpaid accounts to the tax roll.
- 5.6 Where a serviced property is not located in the Town of Didsbury, a surcharge of 35% on all charges will be applied.
- 5.7 If any part of a utility bill remains unpaid after the due date specified on the utility bill, there shall be added thereto a penalty in the amount as set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw compounded monthly on the charges of the bill.
- 5.8 If payment is not received a) on residential property forty-five (45) days or b) on commercial property thirty (30) days after the due date specified on the utility bill, the water service may be turned off and not turned on until such time as the utility account including arrears and a reconnection fee as specified in Schedule "A" of this bylaw is paid in full.
- 5.9 No reduction in charges shall be made for any interruption in water or wastewater services during a billing period.

- 5.10 Where service to a customer is to be discontinued, a final billing shall be calculated on a pro-rated basis from the date of the last billing to the date of discontinuance.
- 5.11 The Town shall levy utility charges for all customers on a monthly basis.
- 5.12 Any customer to whom utility services have been shut off, shall, upon having paid any utility fees owing, and upon requesting the Town to restore utility services, pay to the Town a non-refundable disconnection fee and reconnection fee as set out in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.
- 5.13 Any debit or credit adjustments to a customer’s account for utility services will be applied up to a maximum of one year.
- 5.14 The charge for Water and Wastewater Services will apply even where there is no water and/or wastewater being consumed except in the case in which the water meter has not been installed.

**6. Utility Services to Tenants**

- 6.1 Utility bills shall only be issued to the owners of the property. The owner may request a duplicate copy to be sent to the tenants. Information or account changes regarding the utility account shall be communicated solely with the owner of the property.

**7. Solid Waste Service Fees:**

- 7.1 The property owner or occupant of a premises receiving Solid Waste Services from the Town is charged a fee as set out in Schedule “A” of this bylaw.
- 7.2 A Solid Waste Service Fee for Residential Garbage (black bin), Residential Recycling (blue bin) and Residential Compost (green bin) collection shall be determined annually.
- 7.3 The service fee shall be charged to each eligible residence receiving the solid waste utility service.
- 7.4 Additional fees for each added black bin, blue bin and green bin will be determined annually. Each additional collection container shall be charged a fee as set out in Schedule “A” of this bylaw.
  - 7.4.1 Thirty (30) days’ notice is required when additional collection containers are added or removed.
- 7.5 The charge for Solid Waste Services will apply even where there is no Solid Waste set out for collection, except in the case in which occupancy has not been granted.
- 7.6 An administrative fee for any change of service will be charged as set out in Schedule “A” of this bylaw.

**8. Transitional**

- 8.1 All versions Utility Charges Bylaw 2022-02 are hereby repealed.
- 8.2 That this Bylaw shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

Read a first time this    day of    2022

Read a second time this this    day of    2022

Read a third and final time this 2 this    day of    2022

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Mayor – Rhonda Hunter

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Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
(GST exempt, unless otherwise stated)

**Residential Solid Waste Service Charges**

	Current 2022 Rate	Proposed 2023	
Solid Waste Service Fee	\$ 19.00	20.90	per month
Additional Black Bin Service (garbage)	\$ 7.00	7.00	per month
Additional Blue Bin Service (recycling)	\$ 4.00	4.60	per month
Additional Green Bin Service (compost)	\$ 3.00	3.15	per month
Replacement Bin (plus GST)	\$ 80.00	80.00	each
Change of Service Fee (plus GST)	\$ 35.00	35.00	per change

**Water Service Charges**

Bulk Water Charge – Local on Account	\$ 7.00	6.00	per m <sup>3</sup>
Bulk Water Charge – Non-Local on Account and Coin Purchase	n/a	8.10	per m <sup>3</sup>
Infrastructure Fee – Residential	\$ 17.52	n/a	per month
Infrastructure Fee – Commercial/Industrial	\$ 17.52	n/a	per month
Infrastructure Fee – Institutional	\$ 270.00	n/a	per month
Infrastructure Fee – connections with meters 1" and less	n/a	16.86	per month
Infrastructure Fee – connections with meters from 1 ¼" to 2"	n/a	67.45	per month
Infrastructure Fee – connections with meters 3" to 4"	n/a	151.75	per month
Water Consumption Rate	\$ 2.62	3.10	per m <sup>3</sup>
Water Distribution Rate	\$ 1.20	1.40	per m <sup>3</sup>
Water meter testing deposit	\$ 200.00	200.00	Each
Water disconnect/re-connect fee	\$ 100.00	100.00	Each
Water Meter Sales – all sizes (plus GST)			Cost plus 10%

**Wastewater Service Charges**

Infrastructure Fee – Residential	\$ 8.50	n/a	per month
Infrastructure Fee – Commercial/Industrial	\$ 8.50	n/a	per month
Infrastructure Fee – Institutional	\$ 130.00	n/a	per month
Infrastructure Fee – connections with meters 1" and under	n/a	8.31	per month
Infrastructure Fee – connections with meters from 1 ¼" to 2"	n/a	33.24	per month
Infrastructure Fee – connections with meters 3" and over	n/a	74.78	per month
Wastewater Distribution Rate	\$ 1.20	1.47	per m <sup>3</sup>
Wastewater Distribution Rate – users without water service	\$ 20.41	23.62	per month

**Miscellaneous Charges (charged to each account)**

Utility Penalties on overdue balances	1.5%		per month
Printed Utility Bill (no charge for emailed bill)	\$ n/a	2.00	per month
Non-Resident Account Deposit	\$ 200.00		each
Non-Resident surcharge			35%



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Bylaw 2023-01 Planning & Business Licence Rate & Fees  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council is being presented with proposed updates to the rates and fees associated with the Town of Didsbury Planning and Business Licence services.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The attached Bylaw is presented with “track changes” to indicate the recommended changes to the rates.

With Red Tape Reduction in mind, this Draft Bylaw has been simplified with the removal of some sections and clarification to other areas that were challenging to understand.

Administration is recommending Council grant first reading to Bylaw 2023-01 and refer it to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendation prior to second reading.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

#### 1. Economic Prosperity

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant first reading to Planning and Business License Rates and Fees Bylaw 2023-01, and refer it to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendation.

## SCHEDULE "A"

### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES GENERAL FEES & CHARGES (GST exempt)

Compliance Certificate — <del>Residential</del>	\$100.00
<del>Compliance Certificate — Commercial/Industrial/Multi-Family</del>	<del>\$150.00</del>
<del>Copy of Real Property Report (RPR), Compliance Report, Development or Building Permit in the Town's Land File</del>	<del>\$25.00 per document requested</del>
Copy of Statutory Plans <a href="#">MDP, IDP, ASP &amp; LUB</a> (Available on the Town of Didsbury website)	<del>\$50.00</del> \$25.00
<del>MDP</del>	<del>\$25.00</del>
<del>IDP</del>	<del>\$25.00</del>
<del>ASP</del>	<del>\$25.00</del>
<del>LUB</del>	<del>\$50.00</del>
<del>General Search — Planning Information only</del>	<del>\$75.00 /1<sup>st</sup> hour + \$50.00/each subsequent hour</del>
<a href="#">Intermunicipal</a> Subdivision and Development Appeal & Board (ISDAB) appeal application	\$200.00 per appeal
<del>Public Hearing advertising fee</del>	<del>\$200.00</del>
<del>Land Title Searches</del>	<del>\$36.25</del>
<del>Encroachment Agreement</del>	<del>\$250.00 plus applicable legal fees</del>

#### STATUTORY DOCUMENT AMENDMENT

Contextual <del>Land Use Bylaw amendment</del> <a href="#">Land Use Bylaw, Statutory Plan Amendment</a>	<del>\$2000.00</del> \$500.00
Municipal Development Plan, <a href="#">Intermunicipal Development Plan, Area, Structure Plan</a> amendment	<del>\$5000.00</del> \$3,000.00
<del>Intermunicipal Development Plan amendment</del>	<del>\$5000.00</del>

#### AREA STRUCTURE PLANS

Area Structure Plan Review minimum fee per application	\$7500.00 (up to 65 hectares)
Area Structure Plan Review additional fee per hectare	\$50.00 (over 65 hectares)
<del>Area Structure Plan amendment fee</del>	<del>\$2000.00</del>

#### LAND USE (MAP) RE-DESIGNATION FEE SCHEDULE [LAND USE \(MAP\)](#)

Flat fee for the first 5 lots, if outside an Area Structure Plan Area	\$4000.00
Flat fee for the first 5 lots, if inside of an Area Structure Plan Area	\$2000.00
Plus per lot fee for each additional lot up to 50 lots	\$250.00
Plus per lot fee for each additional lot thereafter	\$100.00

#### SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE

Lot Subdivision up to two lots	\$2000.00
Each additional lot thereafter	\$200.00/lot
Endorsement Fees – excluding reserve and utility parcels:	
Per each Land Title created or affected	\$100.00/lot & \$100.00/balance
Per unit fee for Building Condominium Plan	\$100.00/unit
Request for Extension of Subdivision Approval	\$200.00
Subdivision and Development Agreement Charge – Legal and Engineering	1% of securities (minimum charge of \$200)

<a href="#">MINOR BOUNDARY/REDESIGNATION/DOCUMENT AMENDMENT</a>	<a href="#">\$500.00</a>
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There is no lot fee for public utility lots and reserve lots (municipal, school, environmental). Any remaining part of the existing property is considered a lot.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS (GST exempt)	Development Permit
<del>Residential</del> <u>Permitted Uses</u> Accessory <u>Buildings: Shed (107 sq ft or higher), Garage Building, Detached Garage, Decks (2ft or higher), Demolition &amp; Signage Construction/Renovation/Addition</u> (any Permitted Uses requiring Variances to MPC additional fee)	<del>\$1.20 per 1000 construction value.</del> <del>Minimum charge \$125.00</del> <u>\$100.00</u>  <u>\$100.00</u>
<del>Residential</del> Dwelling Unit <u>Addition – Residential</u> <u>Construction/Renovation/Addition</u> (any Permitted Uses requiring Variances to MPC additional fee)	 <u>\$200.00</u> <u>\$100.00</u> <u>\$100.00</u>
<del>Non-Residential</del> <u>Commercial/Industrial</u> Construction/Renovation/Addition	\$1.30 per \$1000 construction value. Minimum charge \$300.00
<del>Variance/Relaxation Request</del> <u>Discretionary Uses</u> <u>Discretionary Uses in LUB,</u> <u>Variances, Change of Use/Intensification of Use</u>	<del>\$275.00</del> <u>\$250.00</u>
<del>Change of Use/Intensification of Use</del>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<del>Change of Tenancy/Occupancy</del>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Home Occupation ( <u>includes issuance of 1<sup>st</sup> Year Business License</u> )	\$125.00
<del>Demolition/Removal of Building</del>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<del>Signage</del>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<del>Decks (In excess of 2ft in height or 143 square feet or 13.4 square meters)</del>	<u>\$75.00</u>
<del>Request for extension to development permit expiry decision</del> <u>Time Extension (at discretion of Development Officer)</u>	<del>\$200.00</del> <u>\$100.00</u>

#### Business License Fees (Based on Zoning) (GST exempt)

	Annual	After July 1 <u>Seasonal</u> (new applications)
<del>Resident Business License</del> <u>Commercial/Industrial</u>	<del>\$100.00</del> <u>\$130.00</u>	<del>\$60.00</del> <u>\$75.00</u>
<del>Non-Resident Business License</del> <u>Commercial/Industrial</u>	<del>\$150.00</del> <u>\$250.00</u>	<del>\$100.00</del> <u>n/a</u>
<del>Temporary Resident Commercial/Industrial</del>	<del>\$25.00/month</del>	<del>\$25.00/month</del>
<del>Temporary Non-Resident Commercial/Industrial</del>	<del>\$50.00/month</del>	<del>\$50.00/month</del>
<del>Home Occupation – Residential Address</del>	<del>\$125.00</del>	<del>\$75.00</del>
<del>Peddler (one who offers merchandise for sale along the street or from door to door)</del>	<del>\$125.00</del>	<del>n/a</del>
<del>Contractor License – license is based on site specific project</del>	<del>\$350.00</del>	<del>n/a</del>

<u>Temporary Non-Resident Business License</u>	<u>\$50.00/monthly</u>	<u>\$15.00/daily</u>
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<u>Project Business License (for multiple contractors)</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>
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<u>Late Fees after February 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>fees due + \$50.00</u>
<u>Late Fees after April 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>fees due + \$150.00</u>



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

*Vision: The Place to Grow.*

*Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Bylaw 2023-02 Amending the Land Use Bylaw - 1000, 1100 & 1200 Shantz Drive Bylaw 2023-03 Amending Shantz Village ASP  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development

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### **BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

Three lots, 1000, 1100 & 1200 Shantz Drive, are located centrally within the Shantz Village Area Structure Plan (ASP). The subject lots are undeveloped and there has been demand for more residential development in the form of apartment complexes.

The three lots are currently zoned IS—Institutional District, and are proposed to be redesignated to R5—Residential District High Density.

The proposed change to the Shantz Village ASP will reflect the lots to be identified in the Residential Policy Area.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES**

The development of residential parcels within this area provides diversity of development and will lend support to existing and future commercial development within the Area Structure Plan.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### **2. An Informed & Engaged Community**

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STATUTORY PLANS**

#### **Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 2012-09**

The Municipal Development Plan was recently amended with Bylaw No. 2022-05 to reflect the area to be Mixed Use Lands.

- This change provides for the consideration of a variety of uses and this proposed change complies with this recent amendment.

#### **Shantz Village Area Structure Plan Bylaw No. 2016-04**

The policy area within the ASP, Section 6.0 Land Use Policy Areas, has a purpose to provide mixed residential uses.

Policy 6.1.1 A Range of residential uses are considered appropriate in the Residential Area dependent on the zoning for each parcel. These uses allow for dwellings from single detached, semidetached and duplexes to apartment buildings and residential care facilities. This wide range of uses allows flexibility for the developer and will result in diverse housing opportunities.

- The proposed amendment to the ASP is in alignment with the purpose and policy for residential uses.

### **RECOMMENDATION (3 separate motions)**

Administration recommends the following three motions:

1. That Council grant first reading of Bylaw No. 2023-02 Amending the Land Use Bylaw 1000, 1100 & 1200 Shantz Drive.
2. That Council grant first reading of Bylaw No. 2023-03 Amending Shantz Village ASP.
3. That Council Set February 14, 2023 as the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 2023-02 and Bylaw No. 2023-03.



**TOWN OF DIDSBURY**  
**Amending the Land Use Bylaw- 1000, 1100 & 1200 Shantz Drive**  
**Bylaw No. 2023-02**

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A Bylaw of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26-1, of the revised Statutes of Alberta and amendments thereto, to amend Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Didsbury deems it necessary to amend Bylaw 2019-04: Land Use Bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts the following:

(1) This Bylaw may be cited as Amending Bylaw 2023-02 to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

(2) Bylaw 2019-04, being the Town of Didsbury Land Use Bylaw, is hereby amended

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

**1. SHORT TITLE**

1.1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the “Amending the Land Use Bylaw - 1000, 1100 & 1200 Shantz Drive”

**2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

2.1. That Appendix A, Map A, of the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 be replaced with updated Map A Land Use District Map as defined in Schedule A, to demonstrate redesignation of parcels within the defined boundary from IS: Institutional District to R5: Residential District – High Density.

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

3.1. This Bylaw shall come into upon passing of the third and final reading.

Read a First time on this day of 2023

Read a Second time on this day of

Read a Third and Final time on this day of

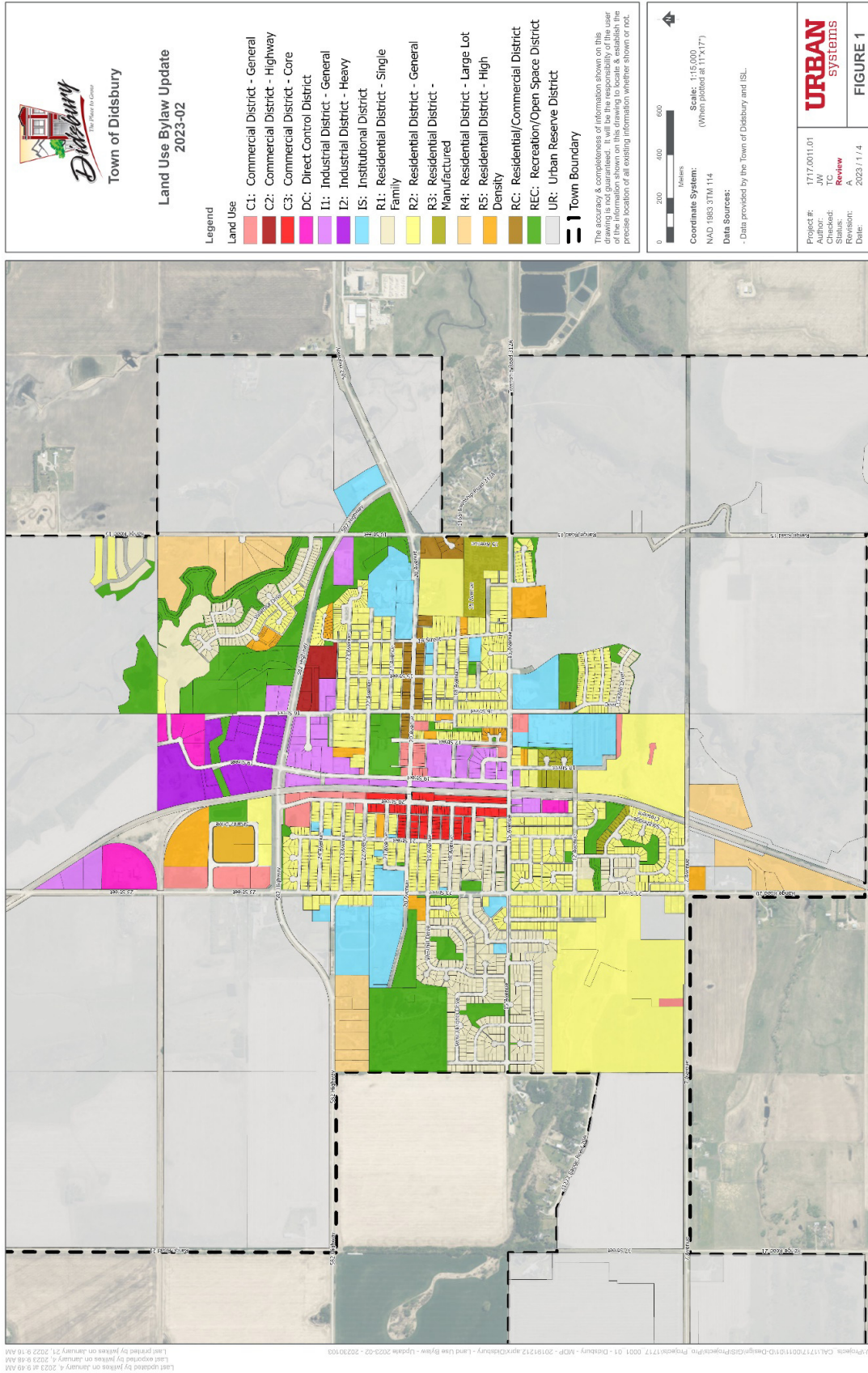
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Mayor Rhonda Hunter

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Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Gorner

# Schedule A



**TOWN OF DIDSBURY**  
**Amending the Land Use Bylaw- Amending Shantz Village Area Structure Plan**  
**Bylaw No. 2023-03**

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A Bylaw of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26-1, of the revised Statutes of Alberta and amendments thereto, to amend Shantz Village Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2016-04.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Didsbury deems it necessary to amend Shantz Village Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2016-04.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts the following:

- (1) This Bylaw may be cited as Amending Bylaw 2023-03 to amend the Shantz Village ASP Bylaw 2016-04.
- (2) Bylaw 2016-04, being the Shantz Village Area Structure Plan Bylaw, is hereby amended

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

**1. SHORT TITLE**

- 1.1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the “Amending the Shantz Village Area Structure Plan”

**2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

- 2.1. That Figure 7: Land Use Policy Areas, of the Shantz Village Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2016-04 be replaced with updated Figure 7 as defined in Schedule A, to demonstrate a change in future land use from Institutional to Residential.

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 3.1. This Bylaw shall come into upon passing of the third and final reading.

Read a First time on this    day of    2023

Read a Second time on this       day of

Read a Third and Final time on this       day of

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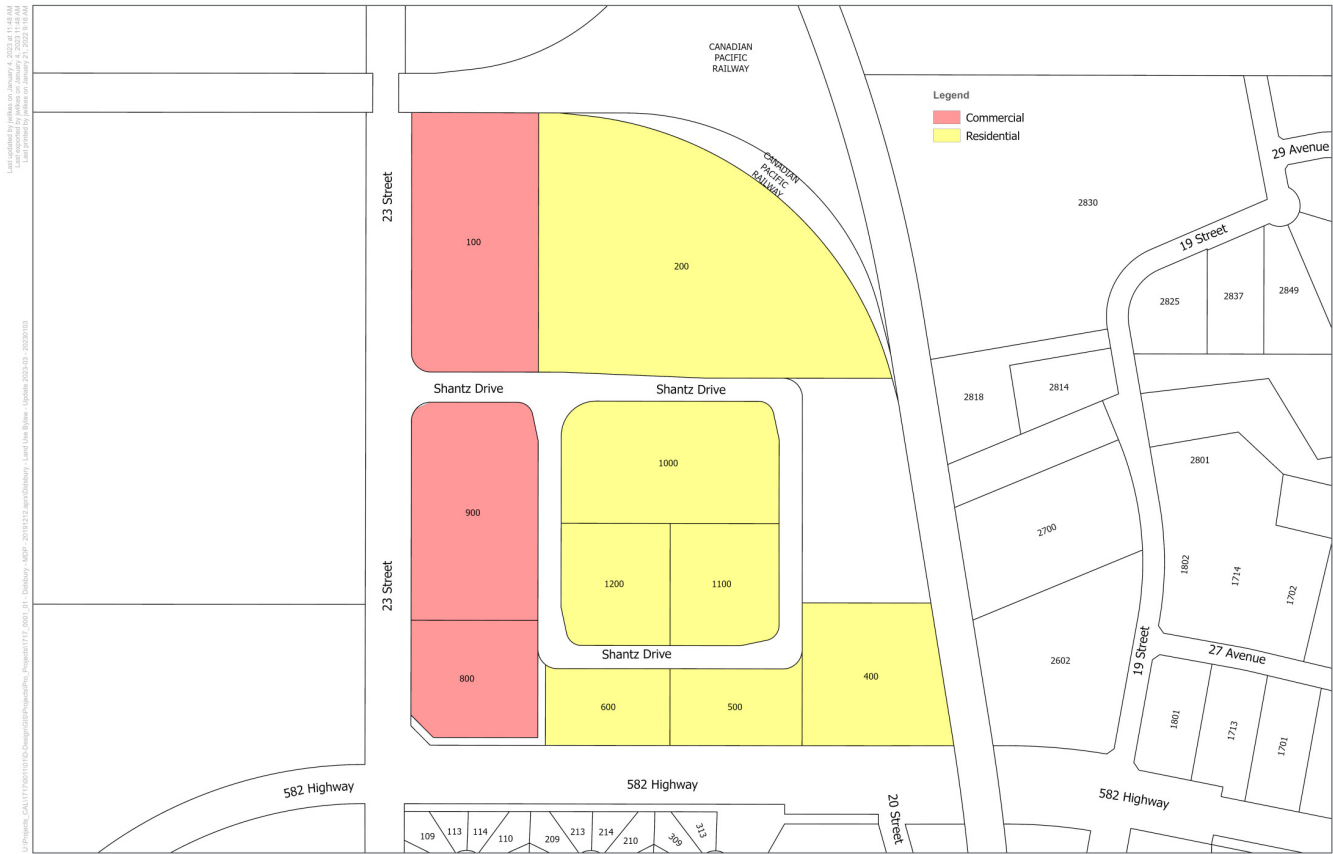
Mayor Rhonda Hunter

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Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Gorner

## SCHEDULE A

# Land Use Policy Areas





## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

*Vision: The Place to Grow.*

*Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Didsbury Lions Club Request  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Didsbury Lions Club made a request to Council for annual funding during the delegation portion of the agenda.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The Didsbury Lions Shuttle Bus program, which is a well-used service, is experiencing financial difficulties since the COVID pandemic. Expenses such as insurance, inspections, fuel, maintenance costs, and wages have gone up considerably. Previously, the Didsbury Lions Club was able to use members who volunteered to drive; however, they now have to pay drivers.

At the April 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Council made a motion to second the Town of Olds Resolution for Operational Transit Funding for Small to Medium Sized Municipalities, which was presented at the 2022 AB MUNIS Convention in September. This resolution is requesting that the Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta work to ensure sustainable and predictable operating funding opportunities be expanded under the new Rural Transit Fund. The request is to include small to medium sized municipalities so they are able to continue or begin planning for local transit solutions.

The Didsbury Lions Shuttle Bus currently provides transportation services to Didsbury residents. This service enables our seniors to remain active and engaged and have the ability to continue with their day to day tasks.

Until provincial and federal funding options are in place for small to medium sized municipalities, services such as the Didsbury Lions Shuttle Bus will rely on external funding support from organizations such as the Town to ensure our seniors are supported with needed transportation in the community.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

#### 4. Healthy Active Living

### RECOMMENDATION (2 separate motions)

That Council approve to allocate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help fund the operation of the Didsbury Lions Shuttle Bus for 2023, using funds from the 2023 Community Grant Program.

AND

That the Strategic Planning Committee, in their review of the Community Grants Policy, focus specifically on ways to enhance it to prioritize funding to critical service providers that don't already receive funding from the Town, like the Didsbury Lions Shuttle Bus.



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

*Vision: The Place to Grow.*

*Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Council Strategic Plan  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council held their Strategic Planning Session on October 27 and 29, 2022 with facilitator, Chris Fields.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The link below will take you to the Draft Strategic Plan as well as the Strategic Plan Survey Results for review and consideration.

<https://www.didsbury.ca/p/2023-draft-strategic-plan>

Administration is recommending the Strategic Plan be referred to the Council Visioning Committee (Committee of the Whole) for further consideration, discussion and recommendations.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

2. An Informed & Engaged Community

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Draft Strategic Plan and Strategic Plan Survey Results as information and refer it to the Council Visioning Committee (Committee of the Whole) for consideration and recommendation.



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

**Vision:** *The Place to Grow.*

**Mission:** *Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Council Meeting Recordings  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### **BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

The Policy and Governance Committee was tasked with reviewing Procedural Bylaw 2020-12 [Res. 138-22].

At the October 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Council directed the Policy and Governance Committee, in their review of the Procedural Bylaw, to implement the principle of keeping and posting the recorded livestreamed Council Meetings on the Town of Didsbury website.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES**

As the bylaw is still under review, the issue of what to do with the existing livestream recordings has arisen, and requires direction from Council.

At the December 7, 2022 Policy and Governance Committee meeting, the committee discussed this issues and is recommending that the recordings of livestreamed Town of Didsbury Council meetings be saved and shared on the Town of Didsbury website until such time that this is set forth in the updated procedural bylaw.

This principle will be included in an updated Procedural Bylaw, which will be presented to Council at a future date.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN**

2. An Informed & Engaged Community

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve to record the livestreaming of Council Meetings and post on the Town of Didsbury website.



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

**Vision:** *The Place to Grow.*

**Mission:** *Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Letter of Support – Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### **BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce is looking for a grant to complete a study on barriers to growth for businesses in Didsbury.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES**

The Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program funds initiatives led by Alberta municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations that promote regional economic development and diversification.

This grant would allow the Chamber to hire someone for the eight month project. The results would be used to help facilitate the Chamber's training focus and to create a new SHOP LOCAL campaign, also under the grant.

The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce are asking for a Letter of Support from the Town of Didsbury to include in the application.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### **1. Economic Prosperity**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve for Mayor Hunter, on behalf of Council, to provide a letter for the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce in support of their application for the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program grant.





## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

**Vision:** *The Place to Grow.*

**Mission:** *Creating the Place to Grow.*

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Correspondence and Information  
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

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### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Correspondence received from other agencies and departments of the Town, which may be of importance and interest, is being provided for Council's review and information.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Please find attached:

- Office of the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services – Re: Victim Services
- Mountain View County – Re: 2022-2023 Mountain View County Appointments
- Central Alberta Economic Partnership – Re: 2023 Board, New Members, New Funding, Summit Tickets
- Minister of Health—Healthcare Improvement Update

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

2. An Informed & Engaged Community

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the correspondence items presented as information.



ALBERTA  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-West*

AR 53295

Dear Community Leader:

Over the last number of weeks, many of our Alberta municipalities have been in contact with government, requesting further information and clarification on a number of items related to the provincial changes to victim services announced July 19, 2022, and scheduled for implementation by April 1, 2024.

I have heard from the many of you about your concerns with the redesign initiative. I am writing to provide clarification on a number of points.

I would like to reassure you the move to a regional governance model for police-based victim services units has always been intended to improve the consistency, stability, and continuity of services received by victims of crime across all regions of the province - municipal, rural and remote. It was also designed to ensure that all victims would continue to be supported locally, by dedicated workers and volunteers from within and around their own communities. While board governance is moving toward integration, all front-line services remain local. I appreciate this opportunity to provide further information about the ongoing redesign work that has occurred to date as it relates to your community and others like it.

**Is victim services being removed from your community?**

In short, no. The new governance model will empower more than 130 paid, front-line victim caseworkers (full and part-time equivalents), each of them living and working in the communities they serve now. Our new model never contemplated centralizing front-line victim caseworkers in a regional office. They will continue to be co-located with RCMP members in their local detachments, work alongside their volunteer advocates, and be supported not only by their regional boards but also by a new, full-time centralized professional support staff (CPSS); one CPSS for each region. These CPSS teams will consist of, at minimum: an executive director; human resources professional; regional operations manager; regional court support coordinator; cultural safety specialist; admin/office manager; qualified financial management professional; and a retained legal resource.

For smaller, rural and remote communities in Alberta, the new regional governance model for police-based victim services means all areas of the province will have uniform, flexible and sustainable victim services. The new layer of full-time, professional support staff for front-line victim caseworks will stabilize and improve programs above and beyond what is offered under the current governance structure. Front-line caseworkers will have more time to focus on working alongside volunteer advocates and with their local RCMP officers to support victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime, to provide court support within an integrated and coordinated court support program, and for engaging with local and community partners.

**How will our communities be represented at the regional level?**

As stated, front-line staff will work in the same detachment areas in which they live, as will their cadre of volunteer advocates. The new regional governance boards themselves will be virtual in nature, and will consist of members from communities all across the region. While every detachment area will not necessarily be represented at the board level, no more than one board member per detachment area will be selected.

**Did the MLA-led review ever seek to engage municipalities, and did it engage local victim services units (VSUs)?**

The MLA-led review of victims services took place over 2020/21 and included participants from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the Alberta Municipalities. Other individuals and organizations engaged during this period included MLAs from across the political spectrum, volunteers and staff at police-based VSUs, victim-serving community organizations, a variety of police service representatives, the RCMP, legal experts and Indigenous organizations. Alberta held about 40 engagement sessions, with around 150 stakeholders and organizations attending. The Victim Service Redesign is based on feedback received during these engagements and reflects the final report and recommendations of the MLA-led review. The Victims Services Redesign team continues to meet with affected and/or interested groups and municipalities to gather any outstanding questions, concerns and suggestions. These meetings have already been instrumental in informing improvements to the model.

**Will there be a reduction in scope of services provided by the new victim services model, and will this new model serve Albertans who have been traumatized by non-criminal and tragic events?**

As Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, I recognize that services other than those provided solely to victims of crime, such as for victims of non-criminal trauma, are incredibly important to Albertans. As such, Albertans will not experience a reduction in services currently available, now nor when the new zonal model is implemented. If legislative amendments to the Victims of Crime and Public Safety Act are required to assure this, then our government will pursue those.

**Are program managers and other staff guaranteed jobs or do they have to re-apply for positions within the new zonal model?**

The hiring of the victim caseworker positions will be the responsibility of each new executive director and respective support staff group. GOAVS will collaborate with the support staff groups, preferring a process that honours the skills and experience of the current cadre of police-based victim services workers. We will be recommending that current VSU employees be invited into a stream-lined on-boarding process prior to any positions being advertised publicly.

These changes to victim services in Alberta are an exciting step forward to ensure victims in our province have the help they need when they need it most. Over the next year, we will continue to work closely with municipalities and Indigenous communities to design and implement the new service delivery model. To ensure that you continue to have the most accurate and up to date information about the new victim services redesign, I encourage you to maintain direct contact with the Director of Victim Services Trent Forsberg at [Trent.Forsberg@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Trent.Forsberg@gov.ab.ca). He would be happy meet with you should you have any future questions, concerns, or suggestions. We look forward to continuing to engage Alberta municipalities on this important initiative.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring the needs of victims in your community continue to be met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Ellis', with a stylized, flowing script.

Honourable Mike Ellis, ECA  
Minister

cc: Trent Forsberg, Director, Victims Services, Strategy, Support and Integrated Initiatives



December 16, 2022

Via Email: [egorner@didsbury.ca](mailto:egorner@didsbury.ca)

Town of Didsbury  
Box 790  
Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

RE: 2022-2023 Mountain View County Appointments

Mountain View County Council, at its Regular Council Meeting held on December 14, 2022, amended the representatives appointed to the following Committees until the October 2023 Organizational meeting.

**Inter-municipal Collaboration Committee**

Reeve	Angela Aalbers	403-507-1057	<a href="mailto:aaalbers@mvcounty.com">aaalbers@mvcounty.com</a>
Councillor	Alan Miller	403-556-0551	<a href="mailto:amiller@mvcounty.com">amiller@mvcounty.com</a>
Councillor	Dwayne Fulton	403-606-8925	<a href="mailto:dfulton@mvcounty.com">dfulton@mvcounty.com</a>

**Municipal Area Partnership**

Reeve	Angela Aalbers	403-507-1057	<a href="mailto:aaalbers@mvcounty.com">aaalbers@mvcounty.com</a>
Deputy Reeve	Greg Harris	403-586-6267	<a href="mailto:gharris@mvcounty.com">gharris@mvcounty.com</a>
Councillor	Jennifer Lutz	403-556-6002	<a href="mailto:jlutz@mvcounty.com">jlutz@mvcounty.com</a>

Please update your records and forward any information pertaining to this matter to the appointed representatives.

If you have any questions concerning the above, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Christofer Atchison, Director  
Legislative, Community and Agricultural Services

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Luana Smith &lt;lsmith@didsbury.ca&gt;

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**Fwd: CAEP's 2023 Board, New Members, New Funding, Holiday Hours, Summit Tickets & Sponsorships, training and more inside this month's Connections Newsletter**

1 message

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**Joyce McCoy** <joycemccoy@gmail.com>  
To: Luana Smith <lsmith@didsbury.ca>

Thu, Dec 22, 2022 at 3:17 PM

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**From:** "Central Alberta Economic Partnership Ltd." <[info@caepalberta.com](mailto:info@caepalberta.com)>  
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**To:** [joycemccoy@gmail.com](mailto:joycemccoy@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** CAEP's 2023 Board, New Members, New Funding, Holiday Hours, Summit Tickets & Sponsorships, training and more inside this month's Connections Newsletter  
**Reply-To:** [info@caepalberta.com](mailto:info@caepalberta.com)



## CAEP receives additional funding!

As a participant in the Government of Alberta's stakeholder engagement processes over the past year, CAEP is pleased to learn about the resulting [Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan \(EDRAP\)](#)

The five-year plan focuses on 5 key issues in rural Alberta, including:

- economic development-enabling infrastructure,
- rural business supports and entrepreneurship,
- support for labour force and skills development,
- marketing and promoting rural tourism, and
- rural economic development capacity building.

So much of what CAEP does is in direct alignment with the direction of the EDRAP.

Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development, Brian Jean said:

*"With strengths in oil and gas, agriculture and forestry, tourism and emerging technologies, Alberta's rural and northern communities are the backbone of our province's economy. Actions identified in this plan will benefit rural and northern Albertans for years to come, including providing additional support to Alberta's network of regional economic development alliances to fuel further economic growth and prosperity across our province."*



As one of the province's nine economic regions  
**CAEP is excited to be receiving, \$125,000 to support long-term economic prosperity in Central Alberta.**

## Welcome to CAEP's Newest Members:



### Camrose County

The municipal district of **Camrose County** is located in Central Alberta and had a 2021 Census Population of 8,504 living in 3,223 private dwellings.

[Learn more at county.camrose.ab.ca/](https://county.camrose.ab.ca/)

### Municipal District of Bighorn

The **Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8** is located in the Rocky Mountains and Foothills between Calgary and Banff National Park. It had a 2021 Census population of 1,598 living in 640 private dwellings.

[Learn more at https://www.mdbighorn.ca/](https://www.mdbighorn.ca/)



## CAEP also welcomes new Associate Member:

DONNA PURCELL QC  
 ————— LAW —————

**Donna Purcell QC Law**

<https://dpqclaw.com/>



## CAEP announces 2023 Board of Directors & Executive Committee

At the first meeting of Directors following their election at the Fall General Meeting in November, The Central Alberta Economic Partnership directors are pleased to announce their 2023 executive committee and slate of directors.

James Carpenter, business representative for the Town of Olds was acclaimed as the Chair of CAEP for the second year. He says "I am humbled to hold this leadership position. With effective organizations such as CAEP leading regional collaboration, central Alberta communities will be instrumental in helping the province's economy rebound in the coming year. I am excited about the progress to date and about the work yet to be done."

The full slate of CAEP's 2023 Directors, effective December 14, 2022 is:

### Executive

Chair	James Carpenter	Town of Olds
Vice Chair	Chief Leonard StandingontheRoad	Montana First Nation
Treasurer	Mayor Jim Wood	Red Deer County
Secretary	Mayor Megan Hanson	Town of Sylvan Lake
Director at Large	Mayor Jean Barclay	Town of Innisfail

### Directors

<i>Indigenous Nations</i>	Chief Leonard StandingontheRoad	Montana First Nation
<i>Municipalities</i>		
Cities above 20,000	Councillor Bruce Buruma	City of Red Deer
Cities under 20,000	Councillor Dean Billingsley	City of Wetaskiwin
Counties & Municipal Districts	Councillor Faye McGhee	Kneehill County
	Councillor Brenda Knight	Lacombe County
	Mayor Jim Wood	Red Deer County
Towns & Villages	Councillor Joyce McCoy	Town of Didsbury
	Mayor Jean Barclay	Town of Innisfail
	Councillor Chris Vargas	Town of Sundre
	Mayor Megan Hanson	Town of Sylvan Lake
	Mayor Barry Kletke	Town of Trochu
<i>Businesses</i>	Pieter Broere	Ponoka County
	Lesley McMahon	Red Deer County
	James Carpenter	Town of Olds
<i>Associates</i>	Graham Ingham	Red Deer Regional Airport

The new Board's first order of business was approving the January release of the Regional Economic Growth Strategy which was completed with the involvement of stakeholders over the past year and will serve as the organization's strategic plan until 2027.

**CAEP Thanks its Sponsors and Red Deer's Golden Circle for hosting  
the Fall General Meeting.**





## CAEP Holiday Closure



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To:



## Healthcare Improvement Update

Your Update from the Ministry of Health and Alberta Health Services

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### ▼ MESSAGE FROM HEALTH MINISTER JASON COPPING

## *Bold steps necessary to ease healthcare pressures*

There is no question the health system is under strain.

The reality is, patients are waiting too long for the care they need, despite the fantastic work of our doctors, nurses, paramedics and other frontline staff. We need action now and a sustainable plan to ensure these issues are permanently resolved.

That is why Premier Danielle Smith and I asked the part-time AHS board to step aside in November and appointed Dr. John Cowell as the full-time Official Administrator. The board did great work and I extend my sincere gratitude for their service, but we need to drive change faster than a part-time Board normally could. Dr. Cowell brings urgent, efficient, effective, timely, and decisive leadership to improve productivity and healthcare



outcomes. This is vital so that we can support the incredible work of our dedicated frontline healthcare workers.

Dr. Cowell will be focused on four main goals in AHS we desperately need addressed:

- Improve EMS response times;
- Decrease Emergency Room wait times;
- Reduce surgical wait times: and
- Develop long-term reforms through consultation with frontline workers and other key stakeholders.

Some of these changes are directly informed by the insights we received via the engagement tour. Ideas like pushing down more decision-making to the local level so that the unique needs of each community are met in an efficient manner. On changes to EMS, you wanted improvements to how we perform interfacility transfers and that's one area Dr. Cowell and his team are targeting for change. Many more of your ideas are directly informing the changes being made to the healthcare system. I want to thank you, again, for giving of your time and insight over the past few months. We need to continue to work together to ease the strain we are facing.

We will measure these changes over the next 60 and 90 days through targeted metrics to make sure the changes made actually address the issues. If things aren't changing in the way we hoped, we will know it immediately and we will have the data necessary to tell us how and what to adjust.



From left: Newly appointed Alberta Health Services Official Administrator Dr. John Cowell, Health Minister Jason Copping and Premier Danielle Smith announce reforms to AHS at a news conference on Nov. 17.

I am confident this is the right move for AHS. By the end of Dr. Cowell's term, I know there will be an efficient and sustainable system, so the next iteration of the AHS board can focus on what they do best: strategic planning for the future needs of Alberta's healthcare system.

Dr. Cowell and I will have more to say in future editions of the newsletter. Until then, please continue to share your ideas and feedback at any time by sending me an email with the subject line HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT to [health.minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:health.minister@gov.ab.ca). We will ensure that your concerns and ideas are part of the decision-making process.

In closing, as the holiday season is upon us, I would also like to take time to wish all of you a Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas. I want to also extend best wishes for a Happy New Year. I know our healthcare workers have been under considerable strain the past few years and I hope you all are able to enjoy time with your families and enjoy a period of rest and rejuvenation over the holidays.

## ▼ MESSAGE FROM AHS OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR DR. JOHN COWELL AND AHS INTERIM CEO MAURO CHIES

### *Support coming for EMS, EDs, surgery*

Alberta has outstanding healthcare workers. We are all focused on improving care for Albertans.

As AHS Official Administrator and AHS Interim President and CEO, we are working together to address four priorities for AHS identified by Premier Danielle Smith and Health Minister Jason Copping.



**DR. JOHN  
COWELL**  
Official  
Administrator



**MAURO  
CHIES**  
Interim AHS  
CEO

They are: improving EMS response times; decreasing emergency department wait times; reducing wait times for surgeries; and developing long-term reforms through consultations with frontline workers.

The latter priority involves enhanced decision-making at the local level, encouraging innovation to improve and expand local health services, and attracting more health workers to Alberta. We'll report back to Alberta on our progress.

It's worth noting much of this work is underway. In this Update, you can read about regional innovations in Hinton, enabling the local health centre to provide orthopedic surgeries for residents in northern Alberta, and in Wetaskiwin, where eligible patients are receiving hospital-level care in their homes.

You can also read about how we're attracting healthcare professionals to the province, and upgrading the Canmore emergency department. We welcome your suggestions for positive change. Feel free to email us at [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca).

**▼ MESSAGE FROM HEALTH MINISTER JASON COPPING***What do you think our next steps should be?*

Since our last Health Engagement Tour stop in Camrose on Oct. 12, AHS has been working diligently to incorporate your ideas into the Health Care Action Plan. Our system is under real strain and we need to work together to improve access.

No two hospitals or urgent care centres are the same and neither are the challenges they face. That is why AHS has been taking the time to assess the feedback we received on the tour. In the new year, we plan on sending you a full report compiled from the World Café sessions detailing the challenges you identified, ideas for how we can make the necessary improvement, but also what is working well in your areas. We also need to look at what unique solutions you presented might be useful in other areas of the province.

There is, however, one consistent area of concern in every corner of Alberta:

we need more doctors, more nurses, more paramedics, and other healthcare

professionals. Our world-class healthcare workers are doing an incredible job but we need significantly more of them to ease the strain they are under. This is the long-term solution to the current situation.

That's why Dr. Cowell, Alberta Health, and I are developing a Health Human Resources Action Plan to attract and retain our amazing healthcare workers. I am looking forward to announcing the HHR Action Plan early in the New Year.

As we continue to work towards a better healthcare system for all Albertans, we will send you a draft report of our next steps and we will be seeking your input on how to proceed. The plan will include a report compiled from the Engagement Tour based upon what we heard from you. Your feedback on that plan will be invaluable, so I'm going to once again ask for more feedback to make sure we are addressing the local needs in our health system. Please be on the lookout for the next edition and I'm looking forward to hearing your thoughts in 2023.



### **VIDEO: Government hands over keys to new cancer centre**

Health Minister Jason Copping speaks at a news conference this month announcing the government has handed Alberta Health Services the keys to the new Calgary Cancer Centre.

## **▼ WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

### *Daily visit cap policy ended*

As part of the new agreement with the Alberta Medical Association, the province has ended the daily visit cap policy.

This will help increase patient access to physicians since there will no longer be a daily cap on the number of visits a physician can fully bill.

Doctors told us they could safely see more patients than the current cap allowed for.

Albertans want to know they can see a doctor when they need one, and physicians are able to provide Albertans with the healthcare services they need.

By changing the daily cap policy, some of the immediate pressures for services provided by general practitioners and specialists, including pediatricians and ophthalmologists, will be addressed.

Physicians will be fully compensated for every visit rather than receiving a discounted rate if they provide more than 50 visit services in one day, which was formerly the practice.

The agreement also includes a one per cent rate increase in each of the next three years, and a one per cent recognition lump sum payment.

This means that \$45 million will go to physicians to recognize the important work they do everyday to help keep Albertans healthy.

## *New healthcare providers recruited to northern Alberta*

Successful recruitment efforts have improved access to family medicine and psychiatric services in northern Alberta.

Dr. Anne-Marie Grew becomes the eighth psychiatrist in Grande Prairie; she is based out of the addiction and mental health offices in the Aberdeen Centre, and is also providing care at the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital.

Elsewhere, there are newly recruited family physicians now practising in four northern Alberta communities: Spirit River (Dr. Adefolake Olaniyan and Dr. Deanna Funk), Manning (Dr. Izanne Nel), Westlock (Dr. Isabella Tu) and Whitecourt (Dr. Tesh Oteghyekpen).

### ▼ **DIGITAL HEALTH EVOLUTION AND INNOVATION**

## *Connect Care expands again*

AHS this month completed its largest launch of Connect Care to date, involving more than 25,000 staff and physicians at 135 AHS sites. The initiative supports standardized care across AHS and enables all health records from AHS and its subsidiaries and partners to be accessed through a common provincial information system.

It also provides clinicians with common decision-making support.

Launch 5 was the first to involve sites and programs in all five AHS zones. The launch involved acute and long-term care sites in the Calgary, North and Central zones of AHS, and two major provincial programs: Cancer Care Alberta and Alberta Kidney Care South.

## *Home hospital pilot now in Wetaskiwin*



Some Wetaskiwin and area residents are now receiving hospital-level care in their homes following the launch of a pilot project last month.

The 'home hospital' pilot project — building on similar programs in Edmonton and Calgary — provides eligible patients with safe, hospital-level care in their homes.



Patients receive remote monitoring from the hospital and regular visits from community paramedics. So far, five local patients have received hospital-level care at home through this program, which can care for two patients simultaneously.



## **MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION RECOVERY**

### *Mental health, addiction walk-in clinics open*

Local and area residents in three northern Alberta communities now have increased access to services with the opening of addiction and mental health walk-in clinics.

Walk-in clinics for both mental health services and addiction services are now open every Tuesday in Cold Lake, St. Paul and Bonnyville.

The walk-in mental health clinic is a first point of contact for people seeking support for a variety of concerns. The addictions walk-in clinic provides counselling services for individuals with addictions, as well as for family members or friends.

## **▼ PUBLIC HEALTH & PANDEMIC RESPONSE, RECOVERY**

### *Design work underway to upgrade Canmore Emergency Department*



Planning and design work has started on a \$4.4-million revitalization project for the Canmore General Hospital's emergency department.

The project — funded by the Government of Alberta, Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Canmore & Area Health Care Foundation — will create private patient treatment spaces and improve patient flow, addressing a recurring theme during Health Minister Jason Copping's Health Engagement Tour earlier this year.

Construction will be done in phases and is expected to be complete in 2024.

## ▼ ALBERTA SURGICAL INITIATIVE

### *All six Fort Mac ORs get upgrades*

Upgrades and renovations to all six operating rooms (ORs) at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre are ongoing, enhancing surgical capabilities and improving patient care at the Fort McMurray hospital.

Four ORs are being upgraded to minimally invasive surgical suites (MIS suites) for minimally invasive general, gynecologic, orthopedic and spinal surgeries.

Two other ORs will receive renovations and upgrades, including new surgical lights.

The \$6.3-million project is funded through donations to the Northern Lights Health Foundation.



Surgical team staff at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre and representatives of the Northern Lights Health Foundation showcase one of four new minimally invasive surgical suites at the Fort McMurray hospital. The project is expected to add surgical capacity.

The new MIS suites are expected to add surgical capacity, addressing a recurring theme during Health Minister Jason Copping's Health Engagement Tour earlier this year.

The first two MIS suites opened this past July. About 500 minimally invasive procedures were performed in the two suites in the first three months.

The surgical suite project is expected to be completed in March.

## *Hip surgeries now available in Hinton*

Northern Albertans now have increased access to hip surgery with the opening of a new surgical program at Hinton Healthcare Centre.

An orthopedic surgeon is visiting the site for four days per month doing hip surgeries and eventually knee surgeries. Hinton becomes the fourth site in the AHS North Zone providing hip surgeries, joining Grande Prairie, Westlock and Bonnyville.

The program launched in October and, by early next year, local surgical teams expect to perform up to 16 orthopedic surgeries monthly.

## *Through CSFs, we're providing more orthopedic surgery options*

In early November, we were pleased to be a part of the grand opening of Alberta Surgical Group's state-of-the-art surgical facility in Edmonton.

Opening this facility means thousands of Albertans will be able to have long-awaited orthopedic surgeries sooner. AHS has contracted the surgical team to provide about 3,000 surgeries annually for the next two years.

These publicly-funded procedures are offered at no cost to Albertans, patients will get the same service as they would in a hospital, from the same surgeons who follow the same clinical standards. Doing surgeries at this and other surgical facilities means we free up hospital capacity for other procedures. This is just one solution we are exploring to reduce waiting periods to clinically appropriate times. With innovative partnerships like this one, more Albertans can get their surgeries sooner and get back to living full, pain-free lives.

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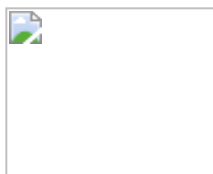


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