



**ADDENDUM**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 8, 2019**  
**6:00 PM Council Chambers**

**8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- b) Strategic Plan
  - i. Two emails with feedback from public on the Strategic Plan



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**Fwd: Strategic plan**1 message

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From: **Lowell Grasse** <[lowell@grasselumber.com](mailto:lowell@grasselumber.com)>  
Date: Wed, Dec 5, 2018 at 11:05 PM  
Subject: Strategic plan  
To: <[inquiries@didsbury.ca](mailto:inquiries@didsbury.ca)>

Hello:

Thank-you for the thought and energy put into the strategic plan. I believe a long term vision is part of what Didsbury has struggled with in the past. I am would encourage and support:

1-your initiative to provide incentives for development. The tax revenue and spin off business from developed land with thriving businesses and houses is exponential. I believe that the town has to see development incentives as a long term investment. And I trust that the Town has learned the hard way that municipalities should not be in the development business themselves.

2-I support the initiative to pursue CPR to sell the land along the tracks. The vacant land is valuable development land, and is an eyesore when it is used to store CPR garbage across from the arena.

Thanks for the chance to provide feedback.

Lowell Grasse



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**Fwd: STRAT PLAN Input**2 messages

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From: **Norm Quantz** <normquantz@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 31, 2018 at 1:03 PM

Subject: STRAT PLAN Input

To: ICouncil &lt;council@didsbury.ca&gt;, Harold Northcott &lt;hnorthcott@didsbury.ca&gt;, &lt;inquiries@didsbury.ca&gt;

Dear Council and CAO,

Thanks for inviting residents to contribute to Didsbury's STRAT PLAN revisions.

Firstly, from my detailed review of the Plan, I am very pleased to see the focus and emphasis on key issues that were part of the council's election platforms that were instrumental in your successful election. You're making it happen. Thanks.

Secondly, I'd recommend one issue be addressed in the STRAT PLAN that I and others are concerned about...the ability for timely input in public council meetings on agenda items prior to council meetings. If public input is only available in retrospect, given the timing from when council and residents know what is coming on the agenda to the time of deliberation, there are few opportunities for council members to consult with constituents on agenda items nor for residents to provide their input. As far as I can tell, the only public avenue for pre-agenda item input has been removed by this council. So I recommend changes to the STRAT PLAN as follows with suggested changes shown in bold lettering:

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## 1.6 Council engagement

- Council members are to ensure they have ongoing proactive **personal** engagement with residents and stakeholders. All of Council Ongoing
- **Council members are to ensure there are ongoing public opportunities for residents and stakeholders to address council agendas prior to and in reflection of regular council deliberations. All of Council Ongoing**

Thank-you for the opportunity to speak up and be engaged in the process of local public policy development.

**Norm Quantz**