TOWN OF DIDSBURY AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 commencing at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 1606 14 Street, Didsbury AB

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
2.1. Additions/Deletions

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
3.1. October 13, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

4. DELEGATIONS
4.1. Parkland Regional Library System – Ron Sheppard (Director) and Barb Gilliat (Board Chair)
4.1.1. RFD – Parkland Regional Library Systems 2027 Budget
4.1.1.1. Parkland Regional Library System – 2027 proposed budget
4.2. Mountain View Regional Film Office – Jon Allan
4.2.1. RFD – Mountain View Regional Film Office – Letter of Support
4.3. Rosebud Health Foundation
4.3.1. RFD - Facility Waiver - Rosebud Health Foundation

5. BYLAWS & POLICIES
5.1. RFD – Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-17 First Reading

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
6.1. Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
6.1.1. Chief Administrative Officer Report – October 2026
6.2. Community Services
6.2.1. Monthly Report - October 2026
6.3. Development & Planning
6.3.1. Monthly Report – Development Permits Issued

7. BUSINESS
7.1. Community Services
7.1.1. RFD - Community Grant – MV Colts Recreation Association
7.1.2. RFD - Community Grant – Farm & Ranch 2027
7.1.3. RFD - Community Partnership Recommendation – Didsbury & District Pickleball Club
7.2. Legislative Services
7.2.1. RFD - Appointments to the Town of Didsbury Library Board
7.3. Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
7.3.1. RFD - U18 Provincial Championships Letter of Support
7.3.2. RFD - 2026 Council Meeting Date Changes

8. COUNCIL REPORTS
8.1. Monthly Report – Deputy Mayor Lambert – November

8.2. Monthly Report - Councillor Quantz – November

9. QUESTION PERIOD

10. CLOSED MEETING

In Alberta, when municipalities or public bodies transition into "Closed Sessions", they must formally state their authority to do so under the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* RVA 2000 Chapter M-26, Section 197 and the *Access to Information Act (ATIA)/Protection of Privacy Act (POPA).*

If Council or a Council Committee allow one or more other persons to attend a closed meeting, the names of those persons and the reason for their attendance must be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

A strict reminder that all discussions, documents, and recordings are confidential and cannot be disclosed to the public.

Once Council returns from Closed Session, 5 minutes will be required to allow the public time to return to the scheduled Council Meeting.

Please note that no back up material or information will be sent with the Agenda for the Closed Sessions and material circulated the meeting will be returned to the CAO and destroyed unless otherwise noted.

10.1. High Water Consumption July-Aug 2026 – *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) – Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

10.2. Lease Amendment – *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) – Section 30 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

11. RECONVENE

12. ADJOURNMENT

Town of Didsbury
Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Leonie-Arianne Becker, Legislative Advisor
Department:	Legislative Services
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	October 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	3.1.

Recommendation(s) to Council:

That Council adopt the October 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Subject / Background:

The minutes of the October 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting are being presented to Council for their review and approval.

Implications:

Not applicable.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Not applicable.

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Not applicable.

Attachments:

3.1.1. Draft Minutes of the October 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Other Options to Consider:

Not applicable.

Leonie-Arianne Becker

Author

Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Mayor Chris Little
Councillor Curt Engel
Councillor Troy Lambert
Councillor Irwin Mahon
Deputy Mayor Bob Murray
Councillor Norm Quantz
Councillor Will Stevens

Council Members Absent

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Vanessa Van der Meer
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen
Communications Coordinator, Lisa Bastarache
Legislative Advisor, Leonie-Arianne Becker
Planner, Tracey Connatty
Development Officer, Lee-Ann Gaudette
Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, Shawn Persad
Director of Corporate Services, Amanda Riley
Executive Assistant, Ty Tomasta

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chris Little called the Tuesday, October 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 351-26
MOVED by Councillor Quantz
That Council adopt the October 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.
Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Res. 352-26
MOVED by Councillor Stevens
That Council approve the September 29, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.
Motion Carried.

4. DELEGATIONS

Res. 353-26

MOVED by Councillor Murray

That Council That Council thank STARS and accept this as information and ask Administration to add this to our 2027 documentation for budget recommendations.

Motion Carried.

Recess of the Regular Meeting of Council at 6:28 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1. **Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-15**

Mayor Chris Little declared the Public Hearing for Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-15 open at 6:28 p.m..

Mayor Chris Little declared the Public Hearings for Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-15 closed at 6:34 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

6. BYLAWS & POLICIES

Res. 354-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

That Council that Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 2026-15, being the Land Use Amending Bylaw.

Motion Carried.

Res. 355-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

That Council give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 2026-15, being the Land Use Amending Bylaw.

Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS

Res. 356-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

That Council accept all of the administrative reports included in the package, for information.

Motion Carried.

8. BUSINESS

Res. 357-26

MOVED by Councillor Murray

That Council accept the proposed 2027 Parkland Regional Library System budget as information and to have the Administration request Parkland Regional Library System to attend a future Council Meeting to discuss their budget and documentation.

Motion Carried.

Res. 358-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

That Council adopts the Heritage Square Development Conceptual Scheme for Plan 0514037 Block 18 Lot 1.

Motion Carried.

Res. 359-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

That Council accept the Didsbury Playground Society Donation report, for information.

Motion Carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION, INCLUDING COUNCIL REPORTS

Res. 360-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

That Council accept the correspondence and the Council Reports for October 13, 2026, for information.

Motion Carried.

10. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 361-26

MOVED by Councillor Murray

That Council move to Closed Session at 7:58 p.m. for the following items:

11.1 Didsbury Golf Course Servicing – Section 30 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

11.2 Colts Provincial Request – Section 30 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

11.3 Spring Ice Proposal – Section 30 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

Motion Carried.

11. RECONVENE

Res. 362-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
That Council come out of closed at 8:13 p.m..
Motion Carried.

Res. 363-26
MOVED by Councillor Murray
That Council not award a contract from the Didsbury Golf Course Servicing Tender received October 2, 2026; and that Council direct Administration to work with ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. to revise the completion requirements and re-tender the project to before the end of 2026 for construction in the Spring of 2027.
Motion Carried.

Res. 364-26
Councillor Mahon recused himself from voting for perceived pecuniary interest.
MOVED by Councillor Murray
That Council direct Administration to assist the Mountain View Colts Junior Hockey Club Provincial Committee with their questions around their application to the community grant program.
Motion Carried.

Res. 365-26
MOVED by Councillor Stevens
That Council approve the extension of arena ice operations to include a spring season, which would include the months of April and May 2027.
Motion Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 366-26
MOVED by Councillor Lambert
That Council adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m..
Motion Carried.

Mayor - Chris Little

Chief Administrative Officer
Vanessa Van der Meer

Town of Didsbury
Report for Decision (RFD)

To:	*Didsbury Town Council*
From:	*Amanda Riley, Director of Corporate Services*
Department:	*Corporate Services*
Date:	*November 3, 2026*
Subject:	*Parkland Regional Library System Proposed 2027 Budget*
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	*Not Applicable.*
Item Number:	*4.1*

Recommendation(s) to Council:

1. That Council approve the Parkland Regional Library System proposed 2027 Budget, with a membership fee of $11.05 per capita, an increase of $1.06 (10.6%) per capita.

OR

2. That Council accept the proposed 2027 Parkland Regional Library System budget, for information.

Subject / Background:

The Town of Didsbury is a member of the Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS). PRLS is a regional library system supporting 49 public libraries across central Alberta in 64 municipalities. It provides support services and shared resources to public libraries to make things more efficient and accessible. As a member, the Town pays a membership fee which is included as part of the Town's annual budget.

Annually the PRLS budget is submitted to its members for notification of approval. As part of the budget, PRLS sets out its membership fee for the following year which is paid on a per capita basis based on the population published by Alberta Municipal Affairs. PRLS requires two-thirds approval from its member population to approve an increase to the annual membership fee.

The 2026 per capita membership fee was $9.99, up from $9.81 in 2025. PRLS is proposing an increase of $1.06 per capita to $11.05 per capita, an increase of 10.6%.

The population list published by Alberta Municipal Affairs is comprised of figures determined in the most recent published federal census. Didsbury's population for the purposes of the PRLS membership fee is currently 5070.

In 2026, the membership fee amounted to $50,649.30, compared to the proposed 2027 fee amount of $56,023.50. If approved, this will be an increase of $5,374.20 to the Town operating budget.

Town of Didsbury
Report for Decision (RFD)

Implications:

Financial:
Approval of the proposed 2027 PRLS budget would increase the Town's annual membership fee from $50,649.30 in 2026 to $56,023.50 in 2027, representing an increase of $5,374.20 to the Town's operating budget. This is based on a proposed membership rate of $11.05 per capita and a PRLS population of 5,070.

Service:
Continued membership in PRLS provides the Didsbury Municipal Library with access to regional library services, shared resources, and support provided through the regional system. PRLS currently supports 49 public libraries across 64 municipalities.

Governance:
Council's decision will contribute to the overall member approval process for the proposed 2027 PRLS budget. Approval of the proposed increase requires support from two-thirds of member municipalities representing two-thirds of the member population.

Operational:
No direct operational changes to Town services are identified as a result of the proposed budget. The primary Town-level impact is the increased annual membership expenditure.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

None at this time.

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

None at this time.

Attachments:

4.1.1 Parkland Regional Library System 2027 Proposed Budget

Other Options to Consider:

None at this time.

Amanda Riley

Author

Parkland Regional Library System

Proposed BUDGET 2027

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Proposed 2027 Budget

Salary uses current grid with step awarded

		Present Budget 2026		Proposed Budget 2027	
	Income				
1.1	Provincial Operating Grant	1,045,242		1,045,774	
1.2	On Reserve, On Settlement Grant	156,647		156,647	
1.3	Membership Fees	2,234,174		2,485,636	
1.4	Alberta Rural Library Services Grant	452,928		386,652	
1.5	Interest Income	50,000		46,000	
	TOTAL Income	**3,938,991**		**4,120,709**	
	Support Materials & Services Direct to Libraries				
2.1	Alberta Rural Library Services Grant	452,928		386,652	
2.2	Allotment Funds Issued to Libraries	253,392		254,866	
2.3	Computer Maint.Agree. Software licenses	242,398		257,770	
2.4	Cooperative Collection Fund	25,000		25,000	
2.5	eContent Platform fees, Subscriptions	73,000		73,000	
2.6	On Reserve, On Settlement Grant expenses	84,756		84,756	
2.7	Freight	1,200		1,200	
2.8	Internet Connection Fees	9,600		10,290	
2.9	Library Services Tools	8,000		6,500	
2.10	Marketing/Advocacy	20,000		20,000	
2.11	Member Library Computers	67,092		102,000	
2.12	Outlets - Contribution to Operating	600		600	
2.13	ILL Postage for libraries	2,300		1,950	
2.14	Records purchased Cataloguing	9,000		9,000	
2.15	Supplies purchased (mylar, library supplies)	17,600		19,500	
2.16	Vehicle expense	58,000		58,000	
2.17	Workshop/Training expense	16,000		16,000	
	PRL Circulating Collections				
2.18	Audio Book	5,000		5,000	
2.19	eContent	85,000		90,000	
2.20	Large Print	12,000		12,000	
2.21	Programming Kits	5,000		5,000	
2.22	Professional Development Materials (formerly reference)	3,600		3,600	
	TOTAL Support Materials & Services Direct to Libraries	**1,451,466**		**1,442,684**	
	Cost of Services				
3.1	Audit	23,500		23,500	
3.2	Bank expenses	1,200		1,000	
3.3	Bank Investment Fees	4,700		5,000	
3.4	Building-Repairs/Maintenance	27,250		27,250	
3.5	Dues/Fees/Memberships	13,000		13,000	
3.6	Insurance	26,500		27,000	
3.7	Janitorial/Snow removal/Outdoor maintenance expense	38,000		37,000	
3.8	Photocopy	4,000		7,000	
3.9	Salaries	1,844,451		1,877,500	
3.10	Salaries - Employee Benefits	391,024		390,000	
3.11	Staff Development	18,000		18,000	
3.12	Supplies/Stationery/Building	21,400		20,275	
3.13	Telephone	11,000		11,000	
3.14	Travel	3,500		3,500	
3.15	Trustee expense	26,000		20,000	
3.16	Utilities	34,000		34,000	
	TOTAL Cost of Services	**2,487,525**		**2,515,025**	
TOTAL Expenses (library materials & cost of service)		**3,938,991**		**3,957,709**	
	Capital expense			65,000	Van
				60,000	HQ Comp.
				30,000	Building
				8,000	Equip.
TOTAL Capital Expense				163,000	
	AMOUNT PER CAPITA REQUISITION	**9.99**		**11.05**	

Population 224,945 times AMOUNT PER CAPITA

Pop increase of 1,774 over 2026

Notes for the Parkland Regional Library System Budget 2027

Parkland's budget is developed according to Board policy and the constraints imposed by the Parkland Regional Library System Agreement. According to clause eight of the agreement

Library System Budget

8.1 The PRLS Board shall prior to November 1 of each year submit a budget to the Parties to this Agreement and an estimate of the money required during the ensuing fiscal year to operate the library system. [Reg. s.25 (1)(f)]

8.2 The budget and estimate of money required referred to in clause 8.1 above, shall be effective upon receipt by the PRLS Board of written notification of approval from two-thirds of the Parties to this Agreement which must represent at least two-thirds of the member population; and thereupon, each Party to this Agreement shall pay to the PRLS Board an amount which is the product of the per capita requisition set out in Schedule "B" and the population of the Parties to the agreement. Payments shall be made on or before the dates set out therein.

8.3 The population of a municipality that is a Party to this Agreement shall be deemed to be the most recent population figure for the municipality as published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

8.4 Municipalities which join the library system after January 1, 1998 shall pay a signing fee as determined by the PRLS Board.

8.5 The PRLS Board shall apply to the Government of Alberta for all library grants for which it is eligible, in accordance with the Department of Community Development Grants Regulation 57/98.

8.6 Notwithstanding Clause 17.1.c., any increase in the requisition requires written notification of approval from two-thirds of the parties to this agreement which must represent at least two-thirds of the member population.

Generally speaking, PRLS budgets are prepared with conservative estimates. Revenue is estimated at its minimum level and expenditures are estimated at their maximum level. For 2027, the Executive Committee is recommending the $11.05 budget, which is a $1.06 increase over the 2026 budget. This budget includes capital expense purchases, which is a change from the old process.

In an effort to maintain the level of reserves as recommended by the auditors and revamp the reserves to correctly reflect the fiscal position of the organization in a more easily understood

format, the Executive Committee recommended that the capital expenses be reflected in the actual budget, rather than using an additional supplement.

The budget assumes that the Government of Alberta operating grant will remain at the 2023 rate of $4.75 per capita, calculated using the 2019 Alberta Municipal Affairs population list. It also assumes that the Rural Library Services Grant will remain at $5.60 per capita, based on the same 2019 population figures.

Points within the budget to note include:

- Overall, expenditures, other than capital expenses, are anticipated to increase by 1.44% in 2027. (This does not include the Alberta Rural Library Services Grant which is a direct payment from funds Parkland receives, which is out of PRLS' control and based on funding from the Government)
- For 2027, twenty expense lines are projected to remain unchanged from 2026, nine will see increases, and seven will decrease
- To balance the budget, it will be necessary to increase the municipal requisition/levy by $1.06. This is primarily to allow the inclusion of capital required for maintaining Parkland's current service structure
- Computer Software License costs are increasing – these costs have been significant, resulting in changes to software licenses in order to protect from dramatic cost increases in this area (line 2.3)
- Internet Connection fees have increased slightly due to pricing beyond Parkland's control (line 2.8)
- Member Library Computers (line 2.11) has changed from reflecting the .30 cent per capita allotment to the actual cost of the computers required for member libraries
- Supplies purchased (line 2.15) reflects the actual cost of these library supplies, which previously had some of the direct costs for the libraries coming from Supplies/Stationery (line 3.12)
- eContent (eBooks, eAudiobooks, etc.) has been increased slightly due to demand (line 2.19)
- The current salary grid has been used, allowing eligible employees a step up the grid. Four employees have reached the top of the grid and will not be eligible for an increase. No COLA was added. The increase to the salary line equals approximately 1.8%. (line 3.9)

Provincial grants amount to approximately 38.6% of PRLS' total income (lines 1.1, 1.2, 1.4), based on the $11.05 budget.

Parkland Regional Library System
Requisition Comparison for 2026 - 2027

	2026		2027		Requisition change
	billing population	**per capita 9.99**	billing population	per capita 11.05	2026 to 2027
ALIX	783	7,822.17	783	8,652.15	829.98
ALLIANCE	166	1,658.34	166	1,834.30	175.96
AMISK	219	2,187.81	219	2,419.95	232.14
BASHAW	848	8,471.52	848	9,370.40	898.88
BAWLF	412	4,115.88	412	4,552.60	436.72
BENTLEY	1,042	10,409.58	1,042	11,514.10	1,104.52
BIG VALLEY	331	3,306.69	331	3,657.55	350.86
BIRCHCLIFF SV	211	2,107.89	211	2,331.55	223.66
BITTERN LAKE	216	2,157.84	216	2,386.80	228.96
BLACKFALDS	11,415	114,035.85	11,415	126,135.75	12,099.90
BOWDEN	1,280	12,787.20	1,280	14,144.00	1,356.80
CAMROSE	18,772	187,532.28	19,984	220,823.20	33,290.92
CAMROSE COUNTY	8,504	84,954.96	8,504	93,969.20	9,014.24
CARSTAIRS	5,313	53,076.87	5,313	58,708.65	5,631.78
CASTOR	803	8,021.97	803	8,873.15	851.18
CLEARWATER M D	11,865	118,531.35	12,335	136,301.75	17,770.40
CLIVE	775	7,742.25	775	8,563.75	821.50
CORONATION	868	8,671.32	868	9,591.40	920.08
CREMONA	437	4,365.63	437	4,828.85	463.22
CZAR	248	2,477.52	248	2,740.40	262.88
DAYSLAND	789	7,882.11	789	8,718.45	836.34
DELBURNE	919	9,180.81	919	10,154.95	974.14
DIDSBURY	5,070	50,649.30	5,070	56,023.50	5,374.20
DONALDA	226	2,257.74	226	2,497.30	239.56
ECKVILLE	1,014	10,129.86	1,014	11,204.70	1,074.84
EDBERG	126	1,258.74	126	1,392.30	133.56
ELNORA	288	2,877.12	288	3,182.40	305.28
FLAGSTAFF COUNTY	3,660	36,563.40	3,660	40,443.00	3,879.60
FORESTBURG	807	8,061.93	807	8,917.35	855.42
GULL LAKE	226	2,257.74	226	2,497.30	239.56
HALF MOON BAY SV	65	649.35	65	718.25	68.90
HARDISTY	548	5,474.52	548	6,055.40	580.88
HAY LAKES	456	4,555.44	456	5,038.80	483.36
HEISLER	135	1,348.65	135	1,491.75	143.10
HUGHENDEN	213	2,127.87	213	2,353.65	225.78
INNISFAIL	7,985	79,770.15	7,985	88,234.25	8,464.10
JARVIS BAY SV	213	2,127.87	213	2,353.65	225.78
KILLAM	918	9,170.82	918	10,143.90	973.08
LACOMBE	14,258	142,437.42	14,258	157,550.90	15,113.48
LACOMBE COUNTY	10,283	102,727.17	10,283	113,627.15	10,899.98
LOUGHEED	225	2,247.75	225	2,486.25	238.50
MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNT	12,981	129,680.19	12,981	143,440.05	13,759.86
NORGLENWOLD SV	306	3,056.94	306	3,381.30	324.36
OLDS	9,209	91,997.91	9,209	101,759.45	9,761.54
PAINTEARTH COUNTY	1,990	19,880.10	2,082	23,006.10	3,126.00
PARKLAND BEACH SV	168	1,678.32	168	1,856.40	178.08
PENHOLD	3,484	34,805.16	3,484	38,498.20	3,693.04
PONOKA	7,331	73,236.69	7,331	81,007.55	7,770.86
PONOKA COUNTY	9,998	99,880.02	9,998	110,477.90	10,597.88
PROVOST	1,900	18,981.00	1,900	20,995.00	2,014.00
PROVOST MD	2,071	20,689.29	2,071	22,884.55	2,195.26
RED DEER COUNTY	19,933	199,130.67	19,933	220,259.65	21,128.98
RIMBEY	2,470	24,675.30	2,470	27,293.50	2,618.20
ROCHON SANDS SV	97	969.03	97	1,071.85	102.82
ROCKY	6,765	67,582.35	6,765	74,753.25	7,170.90
ROSALIND	162	1,618.38	162	1,790.10	171.72
SEDGEWICK	761	7,602.39	761	8,409.05	806.66
STETTLER	5,695	56,893.05	5,695	62,929.75	6,036.70
STETTLER COUNTY	5,666	56,603.34	5,666	62,609.30	6,005.96
SUNBREAKER COVE SV	131	1,308.69	131	1,447.55	138.86
SUNDRE	2,672	26,693.28	2,672	29,525.60	2,832.32
SYLVAN LAKE	16,275	162,587.25	16,275	179,838.75	17,251.50
WHITE SANDS	174	1,738.26	174	1,922.70	184.44
	223,171	2,229,478.29	224,945	2,485,642.25	256,163.96

Brief Notes – September 2027

INCOME

1.1 The Provincial Operating Grant is an estimate, based on statements from the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) calculated at $4.75 per capita using 2019 population statistics

1.2 The On Reserve, On Settlement grant from the PLSB for reserve populations within Parkland's service area. It is calculated at $10.35 per capita; $4.75 operating grant used by PRLS and $5.60 funding for First Nations initiatives (line 2.6)

1.3 Estimated requisition to municipalities to balance budget increased to $11.05 to cover capital purchases

1.4 Grant received for service to rural residents at a rate of $5.60 per capita; based on the PRLS membership agreement, the grant is dispersed directly to member libraries as directed by municipalities and municipal districts that do not appoint a library board

1.5 Decrease reflects the changes in interest rates and estimated returns on investments in RBC investment program and the operating bank account

SUPPORT MATERIALS & SERVICES DIRECT TO LIBRARIES

2.1 Estimate, based on statement from PLSB, grant entirely dispersed - see line 1.4 above

2.2 Reflects materials allotment rate of $1.13 per capita

2.3 Line increased due to dramatic increase costs for maintenance agreements SoftChoice for Microsoft Office suite. Changes implemented to software provided on public computers have mitigated the overall budget increase. Other software providers are also increasing their fees by an average of 5% per year. This line also includes purchases of non-capital hardware and misc. I.T. items such as adapters, cables, and supplies. For software, subscriptions, maintenance agreements, ongoing website development, the Microsoft Office suite of software for PRLS and member library computers, and PRLS' management of wireless networks

2.4 Cooperative Collection Fund – funds to allow Parkland staff to purchase physical materials (e.g., books and DVDs) for placement in member libraries with the intent of reducing interlibrary loans and improving the system-wide collection

2.5 This line maintained for eContent platform fees and subscription for the TAL (The Alberta Library) core of eResources and other library license agreement renewals like eMagazines

2.6 This line is for the expenses of the On Reserve, On Settlement grant provided through a provincial government grant program calculated at $5.60 for library service to the Indigenous residents of Parkland's six First Nations Reserves

2.7 Held at 2026 level - for vendor freight costs for library materials, in-house collections, IT equipment, and shipment of computers for repairs and/or replacement parts

2.8 Increased to account for price increases for internet service provision to member libraries and HQ

2.9 Decreased slightly to $6,500 – tools to assist with cataloguing library materials like WebDewey, as well as Audio Cine, Survey Monkey, Loomly etc.

2.10 Held at 2026 level - used to provide tools for marketing, advocacy, and other initiatives for member libraries and PRLS

2.11 This line used to reflect .30 cents per capita (plus the remainder of costs to come from reserves). In 2027, the budget includes the actual cost of providing computers for member libraries without using reserve funds

2.12 Held at $600 - operating funding provided to PRLS' three outlet libraries as set by board policy, if local library outlet's sponsoring society provides matching funds

2.13 Reduced to reflect actual cost – includes both interlibrary loan postage reimbursement to libraries and interlibrary Loans sent from HQ for libraries

2.14 Purchase cataloguing records

2.15 Increased slightly to reflect actual cost - used for purchasing library material processing items such as laminated book covers, multimedia cases, as well as library cards

2.16 Held at 2026 level - for the operation of three cargo vans and two staff vehicles - anticipated maintenance costs for five vehicles and fuel, using an estimate of actual costs and considering variances for fuel prices

2.17 Held at $16,000 - includes costs for all workshops, conferences, projects, and training activities for member libraries, library managers, staff, and boards

PRLS Circulating Collections

2.18 Held at 2026 level to support the physical audiobook collection

2.19 Increased due to demands by libraries and renewal of license agreements includes allotment for eBooks, eAudiobooks and other eContent agreements

2.20 Held at 2026 level $12,000 to support Large Print collection

2.21 Held at 2026 level $5,000 to build new kits and replace consumables in current kits for programming in member libraries

2.22 Held at 2026 level $3,600 for reference and professional materials in both print and eResources used by member libraries and PRLS staff

COST OF SERVICES

3.1 Held at 2026 level. Covers MNP's agreement to provide audit services, as well as costs for annual letter from PRLS lawyers required for the audit

3.2 Reduced slightly to $1,000 - covers the cost of enhanced electronic banking services and cheques

3.3 Increase slightly to $5,000 based on review of actual over a three-year period. Management fee for the RBC investment program

3.4 Held at 2026 level $27,250 - actual costs reviewed. Covers maintenance and repair, however not capital repairs or replacement

3.5 Held at 2026 level $13,000 - to cover PRLS' cost to belong to membership organizations (e.g., The Alberta Library (TAL), Alberta Library Trustee Association (ALTA), Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) etc.)

3.6 Increased slightly to $27,000 based on actual and anticipated increases - covers five vehicles, general liability, cyber, bond and crime insurance, building and contents, as

well as employee drivers abstracts and reimbursements for business use on personal vehicles. Parkland also pays content insurance for its outlet libraries

3.7 Reduced slightly to $37,000 - for janitorial building maintenance including carpet and window cleaning – also includes outside building maintenance and snow removal

3.8 Increased to cover increased costs for providing printed material for training. Reflects contract and usage fees for photocopiers

3.9 Reflects current staff levels, with eligible staff receiving a step on the grid but no COLA

3.10 Reflects predicted costs for staff benefits, including but not limited to LAPP and Blue Cross based on current staff levels

3.11 Held at the 2026 amount – to fund PRLS staff attend and travel to continuing education activities such as seminars, conferences and courses, along with staff performance and support items and activities

3.12 Supplies line covers the cost of book processing supplies, general office supplies including stationery, and any other building supplies

3.13 Held at 2026 level - includes line charges, toll free number, mobile telephones, and long-distance costs

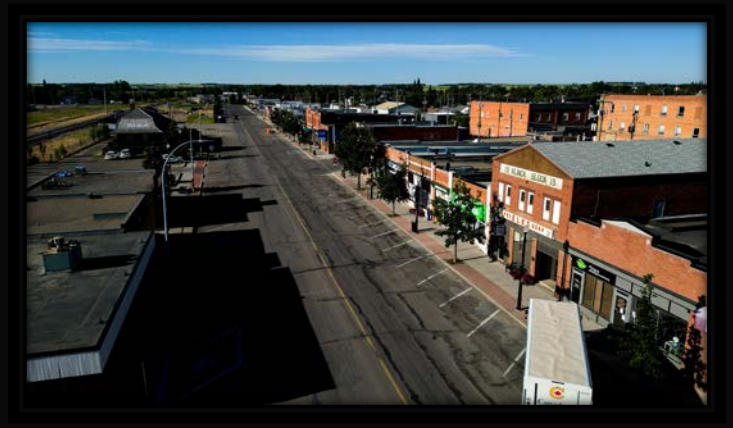
3.14 Held at 2026 level – Based on 5-year review of actual expenses to travel including $0.57 km reimbursement when staff are unable to use PRLS staff vehicles

3.15 Reduced due to the suspension of the Advocacy Committee; includes travel, honorarium and expenses for Executive Committee meetings, external meetings for trustees, and to support trustee activities using virtual and in-person meetings

3.16 Held at 2026 level of $34,000 - based on review of actual costs and then estimated

Also included is a document comparing the change in requisition paid by each municipality in 2026 and 2027.

MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL FILM OFFICE



Untamed Country. Cinematic Beauty.

Mountain View Regional Film Office

Presentation to Town of Didsbury Council
November 3, 2026



INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

Overview of the Film Office

Dedicated Regional Agency

A single-window liaison representing Didsbury, Mountain View County, and Sundre for all film inquiries.

Economic Growth Engine

Attracting multi-million dollar television series, feature films, and commercial campaigns into local businesses.

First Alberta Rural Office

Pioneering rural film promotion, location concierge services, and film-friendly municipal policy development.

One-Stop Production Partner

Facilitating municipal permits, location scouting, local vendor matching, and seamless community integration.

MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL FILM OFFICE

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Why Film In Mountain View Region?

30% Tax Credit Hub

Closest film region to Calgary qualifying for Alberta’s 8% rural tax incentive top-up bonus.

Soundstage Assets

Home to West of 22 Productions studio in Didsbury, featuring a 20ft green screen facility.

Accessibility

Located just outside Calgary with easy connectivity to Highways 2 and 2A. Quick access to Calgary International Airport alongside local regional support from Olds-Didsbury and Sundre airports.

Award-Winning Leadership: Recognized nationally for rural economic film initiatives.



GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE

Strategic Regional Location

Calgary & Backlot Hub

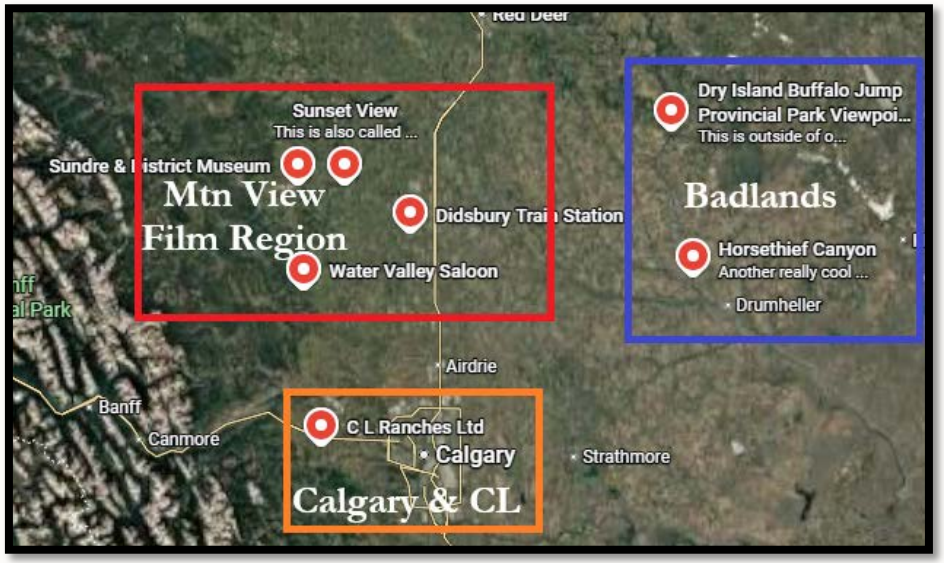
Direct proximity to Calgary union crews and CL Ranches backlot facilities for major productions.

Prairie to Peak Diversity

Instant access to mountain vistas, rolling foothills, river valleys, and historic main streets.

Badlands Corridor

Positioned strategically between Calgary studio zones and the Drumheller badlands.



INFRASTRUCTURE & POLICY

Film Readiness: Turnkey Operational Standard

Working to Streamline Policies

Working on unified film-friendly municipal frameworks to eliminate bureaucratic approval delay.

Low Permitting Fees

Standardized, transparent fee schedules keeping production overhead minimal.

Tech & Studio Support

High-speed connectivity; and specialized soundstage support in Didsbury.

Network of Resources

Connecting productions to regional assets and essential community services.

Inter-Municipal Alignment: Both urban centers and rural county zones aim to share a unified permit pooling and distribution model.



PRODUCTION SUPPORT

Concierge Servicing: Streamlining Production Support

1

Single Point of Contact

Dedicated staff liaison handling all producer inquiries, municipal permits, and approvals.

2

Custom Location Tours

Personalized scouting packages across prairie, mountain, and historic town sites.

3

Vendor Matchmaking

Direct connections for local resources.

4

Municipal Clearances

Turnkey management of road closures, municipal permits, and cross-jurisdictional filming approvals.

GOVERNANCE & FUNDING

Regional Partnership Framework

MUNICIPAL STAFFING

Dedicated Officers

One dedicated staff member per municipality collaborating on location tours, trade shows, and marketing.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT

$7,500 / Municipality (2026)

Shared municipal commitment ($22,500 total base) delivering high-return regional promotion.

GRANT LEVERAGE

$17,500 Secured

Northern & Regional Economic Development (NRED) program grant secured for communications (2026).


UNION BANK OF CANADA
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PROVEN RESULTS

Economic Impact & Track Record

14+
Productions Completed Since 2023

$1M+
Estimated Local Film Expenditure

33%
Directly Recruited by MVRFO

Featured Major Productions Hosted

Fargo (Season 5)
FX / MGM • Didsbury

The Order
Feature Film • Amazon Prime

Wynonna Earp
Syfy / Tubi Vengeance

Die My Love
Feature Film • 2024

Also hosted: *The Order*, *Abracadavers*, *Reminders of Him*, and va other productions.

Questions?

Town of Didsbury
Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	*Didsbury Town Council*
From:	Lisa Bastarache, Communications Coordinator
Department:	*Communications*
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Mountain View Regional Film Office Letter of Support
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	4.2.1

Recommendation(s) to Council:

That Council direct Administration to provide a letter of support for the Mountain View Regional Film Office's application to the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) grant, committing $7,500 towards its operations and the development and execution of an investment attraction campaign.

Subject / Background:

In the Delegations/Presentations portion of the agenda, Council heard a presentation on the history and impact of the Mountain View Regional Film Office (MVRFO), of which the Town of Didsbury is a founding member.

The MVFRO applies for a yearly matching grant through the Government of Alberta's Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) program, which provides funding to support economic growth, diversification, and investment readiness across Alberta. The deadline for the application is November 19, 2026.

Each of the three partner communities (Town of Sundre, Town of Didsbury, and Mountain View County) is asked to commit $7500. The total MVFRO commitment of $22,500 may then be matched through the grant for a total of $45,000 to be used in the development and execution of an investment attraction campaign. This amount is included in the 2027 proposed budget for the Town of Didsbury.

Implications:

With a letter of support and commitment from the Town of Didsbury, the MVRFO may proceed with the NRED grant application, requesting funding in the amount of $22,500.

Without Didsbury's letter, the request will be for $15,000, with only Mountain View County and the Town of Sundre contributing funds.

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Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Not applicable.

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Not applicable.

Attachments:

Not applicable.

Other Options to Consider:

Not applicable.

Lisa Bastarache

Author

Town of Didsbury
Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Tracey Connatty, Planner
Department:	Development & Planning
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	First Reading
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-17
Item Number:	5.1.

Recommendation(s) to Council:

1. That Council grant first reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-17

2. That Council set Tuesday, December 15, 2026 as the public hearing for Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-17.

Subject / Background:

The landowner has requested to change the Land Use Designation from C3: Commercial District - Core to RC: Residential Commercial District as the primary use of the building is residential.

This lot adjacent to the west is zoned RC: Residential Commercial District and the lot to the east is zoned C3: Commercial District – Core.

Implications:

The change of the Land Use Designation should not have a negative impact on the established neighbourhood.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Municipal Government Act
Division 12 Bylaws, Regulations
Planning Bylaws

692 (1) Before giving second reading to

(f) a proposed bylaw amending a statutory plan or land use bylaw referred to in clauses (a) to (e),

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A council must hold a public hearing with respect to the proposed bylaw in accordance with section 216.4 after giving notice of it in the accordance with section 606.

(4) In the case of an amendment to a land use bylaw to change the district designation of a parcel of land, the municipality must, in addition to the requirements of subsection (1),

(a) include in the notice described in section 606(2)

Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 2024-12
According to Figure 2 Policy Areas this property is within the Core and Entranceway Policy area.
5.2 Central Core and Entranceway
5.2.3 Promote the Downtown Core as a stable residential neighbourhood by encouraging a variety of housing options that support mixed- use development and live-work units.

Central Core Heritage Plan Bylaw 2008-04
According to Map 2: Character Areas in Downtown Didsbury, this property is within the #1 Character Area: Commercial Core

Policies

- Commercial office and retail development are encouraged to locate within this area.
- New development and redevelopment shall maintain and continue the historical character present in Downtown Didsbury.
- New development and redevelopment shall continue streetscape improvements following the design elements that currently exist in this community, exhibited in the design guidelines.

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Not applicable.

Attachments:

Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-17

Other Options to Consider:

Not applicable.

Tracey Connatty

Author

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-17

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND THE LAND USE BYLAW 2019-04.

WHEREAS, section 640(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A 2000 c. M-26, and any amendment thereto, requires that every municipality pass a land use bylaw; and

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

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

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited and referred to as "Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-17"

General Provisions

2. Bylaw 2019-04, being the Land Use Bylaw of the Town of Didsbury, is hereby amended as follows:

   2.1. Schedule A of this bylaw shall amend Appendix A of Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 to redesignate the following property from the C3: Commercial District - Core to RC: Residential/Commercial District.

	Legal	Civic
a)	Plan 474I Block 9 Lot 12	2018 20 Avenue

Transitional

3. This Bylaw comes into full force and effect upon third reading of the bylaw and being duly signed.

Read a first time this ___ day of _____, 2026

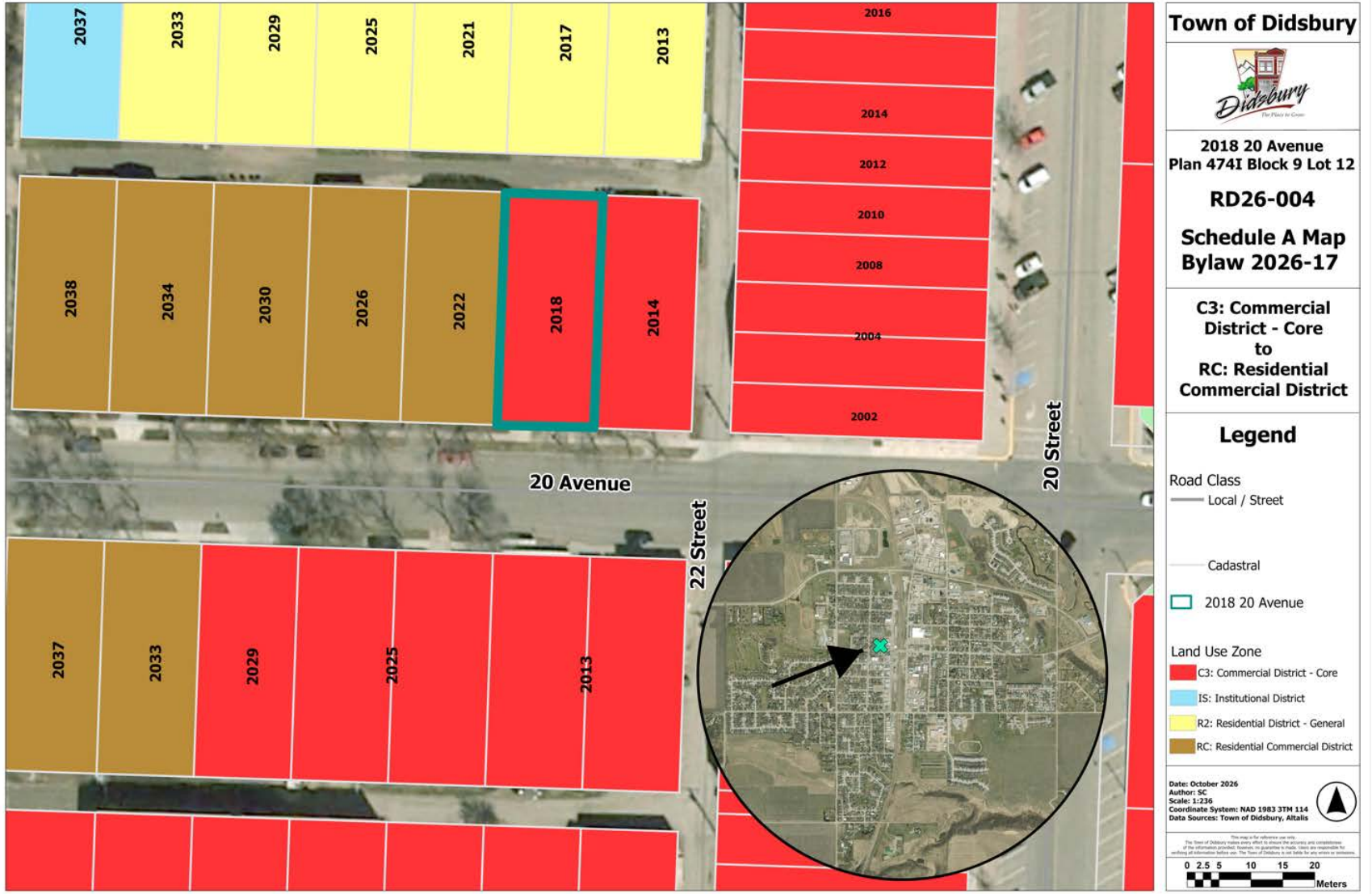
Read a second time this ___ day of _____, 2026

Read a third and final time this ___ day of _____, 2026

Mayor – Chris Little

Chief Administrative Officer – Vanessa Van der Meer

Schedule A


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Plan 474I Block 9 Lot 12
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Schedule A Map
Bylaw 2026-17
C3: Commercial District - Core
to
RC: Residential Commercial District
Legend
Road Class
Local / Street
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2018 20 Avenue
Land Use Zone
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IS: Institutional District
R2: Residential District - General
RC: Residential Commercial District
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To:	*Didsbury Town Council*
From:	*Vanessa Van der Meer, Chief Administrative Officer*
Department:	*Office of the CAO*
Date:	October 27 2026
Subject:	*CAO Report – October 2026*
Item Number:	6.1.1

Subject / Background:

Introduction

The following report summarizes the activities of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer for October 2026. Highlights include continued progress on staffing and leadership, ongoing development discussions, regional transportation planning, utility operations, intermunicipal relations and community partnerships.

Staffing and Organizational Changes

Work continued on staff performance reviews throughout October. These reviews began in August and September and are being finalized this month. The process provides a valuable opportunity to recognize the contributions of our staff, discuss individual goals and identify training and development needs for the coming year.

The first leadership team meeting was held this month. This meeting brings the Town's directors together to share updates, align on organizational priorities and coordinate work across departments. Regular leadership meetings will support clear communication, consistent decision-making and a collaborative approach to delivering services to residents.

Planning and Development: Administration and I met with the developers of Creekside to discuss the status of the development and next steps. Administration will continue to work with the developer to ensure the project moves forward in line with the Town's development standards and long-term growth objectives.

Administration and I also met regarding the Shantz Drive development. These discussions are an important part of planning for future growth in this area of the community, including servicing and road access. Administration will continue to work with our Development Officer, our Planner and ISL Engineering as these projects progress.

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Infrastructure and Utilities

Alberta Transportation: Some Council members, Staff and I travelled to Red Deer to meet with Alberta Transportation regarding 23rd Street, as well as the 20th Street connector into Shantz. These routes are important to traffic flow, safety and access as the community continues to grow. Building a strong working relationship with the Province on these corridors will help position the Town for future planning and potential funding opportunities.

Wastewater: I had a very good discussion with our wastewater operators regarding current operations and priorities. Our operators play a key role in protecting public health and the environment, and I appreciate their knowledge and dedication. These conversations help ensure Administration understands operational needs as we plan for future infrastructure and budget requirements.

Intergovernmental Relations

I attended the Zone 2 meeting in Cochrane with the Chief Administrative Officers from across our region. The meeting provided an opportunity to share information on current initiatives, discuss common challenges and learn from the experiences of neighbouring municipalities. These regional connections continue to be a valuable resource for the Town.

A debrief was held regarding the Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee (ICC). The debrief allowed Administration to review progress to date and prepare for the next stage of discussions. We are hoping to schedule the next meeting for either November 9 or November 12, with both Councils Committee members present as these discussions move forward.

Community Partnerships and Events

I met with the Lions Club. The Lions continue to be a strong community partner, and I appreciate their ongoing commitment to Didsbury. Administration looks forward to continuing to build on this partnership, including the work underway on the operation of the campground.

I met with the Historical Society, which has some fantastic events coming up, including its haunted house. Events like these bring residents and visitors together, celebrate our community's history and help support local businesses. I encourage Council and residents to come out and support these events.

This month I had surgery on my ankle and am now in recovery. Thank you for your patience and understanding as I heal. Administration continues to move forward on all files, and I look forward to continuing this momentum through the remainder of the year.

Vanessa Van der Meer - CAO

Author

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To:	*Didsbury Town Council*
From:	Nicole Aasen, Director of Community Services
Department:	*Community Services*
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	October 2026 Report- Community Services Department
Item Number:	*6.2.1*

October 2026:

The month of October was a busy one in the Community Services department:

- The Didsbury Aquatic Centre resumed school swim lessons, where we will host all students Grades K-4 from Didsbury and Grades K-5 from Carstairs during this school year.
- The Didsbury Arena moved from pre-season into our regular season with all clubs, teams and users returning to their regular season use.
- The Mountain View Colts Home Opener game was held on October 2, with a crowd of nearly 500 in attendance to watch them win!
- Ice installation in the Didsbury Curling Rink began mid-month, with use beginning the last week of October.
- Fall programs, hosted by both Didsbury FCSS and the Mountain View Family Resource Network, have been very well-attended.
- The annual Halloween Howler family event was hosted on October 24 at the Memorial Complex.
- As both an Advanced Polls and Referendum Day voting station, the Multi-Purpose Room was extremely busy in mid-October with hundreds of people casting their ballots daily.
- The Didsbury Fire Department has approached Fire Safety Week differently in 2026. Rather than an Open House at the Fire Hall, trucks and members have attended events within the community to educate our residents on the importance of fire safety and planning.

Department leadership focused their attention on budget preparation, project reporting, the spring ice proposal, and a professional development opportunity hosted by AB Munis.

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Nicole Aasen

Author

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To:	*Didsbury Town Council*
From:	Lee-Ann Gaudette, Development Officer
Department:	*Development & Planning*
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Development Permits Issued
Item Number:	6.3.1

Subject / Background:

Outlined below are the Development Permits issued by the Development Officer as of October 20, 2026:

PERMIT #	ADDRESS	TYPE	DECISION DATE
DP 26-070	14 Valarosa Way	Dwelling, Single Detached w/ Garage & Rear Yard Deck	Oct. 5, 2026
DP 26-071	Hwy 582 & RR 15 and Copperview Landing	Signage (Freestanding) (Community Identification)	Oct 2, 2026
DP 26-072	16 Valarosa Way	Dwelling, Single Detached w/ Garage & Rear Yard Deck	Oct. 14, 2026
DP 26-073	18 Valarosa Way	Dwelling, Single Detached w/ Garage & Rear Yard Deck	Oct. 14, 2026
DP 26-074	20 Valarosa Way	Dwelling, Single Detached w/ Garage & Rear Yard Deck	Oct. 14, 2026
DP 26-075	22 Valarosa Way	Dwelling, Single Detached w/ Garage & Rear Yard Deck	Oct. 14, 2026
DP 26-076	24 Valarosa Way	Dwelling, Single Detached w/ Garage & Rear Yard Deck	Oct. 14, 2026
DP 26-077	1714 B – 20 Avenue	Establishment (Eating or Drinking Class 1) The Night Owl	Oct. 15, 2026
DP 26-078	2834 – 19 Street	Industrial Services: Shop; Accessory Building: Sprung Structure & Accessory Building: Office	Oct. 16, 2026

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DP 26-079	1417 – 18 Avenue	Accessory Building: Garage	Oct. 19, 2026

DP 26-070, 26-072 to 26-076: These are all new dwellings being developed in Valarasa Ph. 1



DP 26-071 Community Identification Sign:



DP 26-077 Establishment (Eating Class 1) The Night Owl





Lee-Ann Gaudette, Development Officer

Author

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Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	*Didsbury Town Council*
From:	Nicole Aasen, Director of Community Services
Department:	*Community Services*
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Community Grant - Mountain View Colts Recreation Association
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	7.1.1.

Recommendation(s) to Council:

That Council approve a Community Grant of $2000 for the Mountain View Colts Recreation Association, to assist with bussing costs during their 2026-27 season.

Subject / Background:

A 2026 Community Grant application has been received from the Mountain View Colts Recreation Association to assist with costs associated with bussing for the hockey club. The value of the request is $2000, the maximum allowed under Policy CS 003-26.

After a review by Administration, this application meets requirements through the policy, and scored a 19/24 on the evaluation matrix. The Mountain View Colts have received Community Grant funding in previous years and all reporting requirements have been met.

Implications:

The 2026 Community Grant fund currently has a value of $11,500. If Council approves this request, the value available to year-end would be $9,500.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Policy CS 003-26 - Community Grant Program

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Not applicable.

Attachments:

Not applicable.

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Other Options to Consider:

Council may choose to provide Community Grant Funding of a different value, or accept this request, for information.

Nicole Aasen

Author

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To:	*Didsbury Town Council*
From:	Nicole Aasen, Director of Community Services
Department:	*Community Services*
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Community Grant - Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel Sponsorship
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	7.1.2

Recommendation(s) to Council:

That Council approve a Platinum Sponsorship for the 2027 Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel, valued at $1000, to be funded from the 2026 Community Grant Program fund.

Subject / Background:

Administration has received a sponsorship request from the organizers of the 2027 Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel, which is scheduled for January 4-9, 2027.

In 2026, Council purchased a Platinum Sponsor package, and the organizers are requesting that the same level of support by offered in 2027. The sponsorship package is attached for Council's consideration.

Council has funded this sponsorship through the Community Grant in past years, as it meets eligibility requirements and the policy's priority of "sponsorship of Didsbury events and programs." This opportunity scored 18/24 on the evaluation matrix for the grant program.

Implications:

The Community Grant fund has a current value of $9500. If Council were to purchase a platinum package, this would leave $8500 available in the Community Grant fund to year-end.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Community Grant Policy CS 003-26

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Not applicable.

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Attachments:

2027 Didsbury Farm & Ranch - Sponsorship Package

Other Options to Consider:

Council may choose to consider different sponsorship opportunities, or accept this request, for information.

Nicole Aasen

Author

Sponsorship Opportunities

JAN 4 – 9, 2027 – DIDSBURY, AB

31st Annual Didsbury Farm & Ranch Curling Bonspiel

The success of the Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel depends on sponsorship.

2027 Sponsorship Opportunities

DIAMOND – $2500 (10 available)

Commitment must be made by Oct. 15

- Title Sponsor for the week at the bonspiel
- Banner & Signage placement exclusive for the week on the ice and in the viewing area
- Recognition on all Print, Voice, Radio, & Social Media Ads
- Logo on Sponsor sign/Mat
- 4 complimentary Meal tickets
- Free curler Entry
- 2 complimentary Banquet Tickets

PLATINUM – $1000 (15 available)

- Title Sponsor for a day at the bonspiel
- Banner & Signage placement for the day throughout curling rink
- Recognition on all Print, Voice, Radio, & Social Media Ads
- Logo on Sponsor Sign/Mat
- 2 complimentary Meal tickets
- Free curler entry
- 2 complimentary Banquet tickets

GOLD - $750

- Meal Sponsor
- Signage displayed with meal
- Recognition on Radio, Print, & Social Media Ads
- Name on Sponsor Sign/Mat
- 2 complimentary Meal tickets
- Free curler entry

SILVER - $500

- Recognition on Radio & Social Media Ads
- Name on Sponsor Sign/Mat
- 1 complimentary Meal ticket
- Curler entry (first come first serve) for a fee of $40

BRONZE - $250

- Name on Sponsor Sign/Mat
- 1 complimentary Meal ticket
- Curler entry (first come first serve) for a fee of $40

Friends of the Bonspiel - $100 or Prize Donation

- Name on Sponsor Sign/Mat

Contact:
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Town of Didsbury
Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Nicole Aasen, Director of Community Services
Department:	Community Services
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Community Partnership Recommendation - D&D Pickleball Club
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	7.1.3.

Recommendation(s) to Council:

That Council approved the Pickleball Court Project and allocate land on the eastern edge of the parking lot at Memorial Park, contingent on the Didsbury & District Pickleball Club fundraising for construction and installation costs.

Subject / Background:

On May 26, 2026, Council welcomed a delegation by the Didsbury & District Pickleball Club who seek a partnership with the Town of Didsbury for the future development of outdoor pickleball courts within the community. The club is seeking a land allocation from Council in order to proceed with fundraising and grant applications for their project.

The site recommended by the club is a portion of land at Memorial Park, just off the eastern section of the parking lot. Currently this land makes up a portion of the larger park area. No other plans are associated with this portion of land.

At the June 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, Council stood up an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Community Partnership application received by the Didsbury & District Pickleball Club. Membership of this committee includes Councillors Engel, Lambert and Mahon and the Director of Community Services. The Ad Hoc Committee was tasked with reviewing the application and bringing a recommendation back to Council.

The Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee met on October 7, 2026 to review the application. The Committee is recommending that a land allocation, contingent on fundraising for the pickleball courts, be approved as per the following:

- Pickleball courts within Didsbury would be a draw for new residents, and an additional recreation amenity for current residents and visitors
- There are potential economic benefits associated with pickleball leagues, tournaments and events that would draw visitors to our community

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- The land identified was considered suitable by the Committee as it would utilize otherwise unusable land, offer adequate parking for pickleball users and ensure the courts were not located adjacent to residential neighborhoods.

Implications:

Not applicable.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Community Partnership Program Policy – CS 002

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Didsbury & District Pickleball Club Partnership Application – Received as part of a delegation hosted at the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council

Attachments:

Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee Notes – October 7, 2026

Didsbury & District Pickleball Club – Partnership Application

Other Options to Consider:

Council may consider accepting the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee, for information.

Nicole Aasen

Author

Community Partnership Project – Application

Proposed Project Name: Didsbury and District Pickleball Courts

Community Group Name: Didsbury and District Pickleball Club

Contact name: Kevin Grahl

Address for proposed Project: Memorial Park at the NE corner of 16 St and 27th Ave.



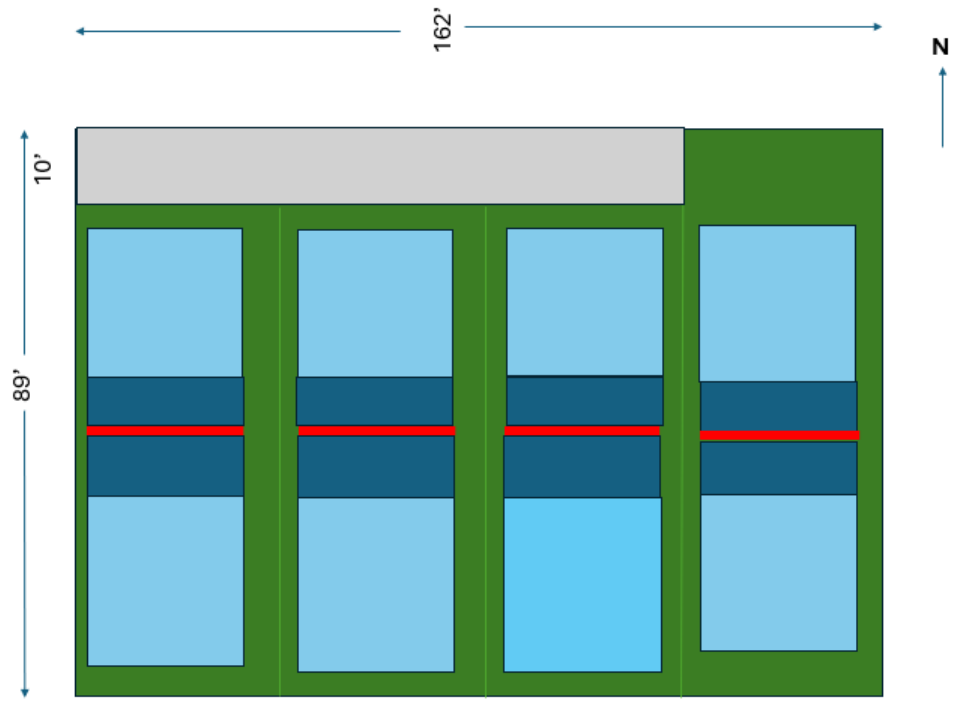
Society Name: Didsbury and District Pickleball Club

Registered Society: Yes

Society Number: 5027122901

1. **Brief description of the project that includes the location and amenities added. Please include a rough site plan that shows all materials being proposed.**

   A 4-court pickleball facility complete with wind fencing, (9 foot chain-link fence in 5-foot by 2-foot concrete footings. 2 - 7’ X 4’ facility entry gates. Fence is wrapped in wind screen.
   Plexi-pave surface, over all courts and walkway; 3 color design.
   (The windscreen and Plexi-pave surface will allow for play throughout the spring, summer and fall. Currently Carstairs, Sundre and Olds all schedule outdoor games on their outdoor courts from mid May to the end of September but unscheduled play starts when the nets and windscreen are put back up and seems to continue until the nets and windscreen are actually taken down.)
   Court dividers: 4’ high fencing topped with safety topping. 4 – 4’ court entry gates.
   Permanent nets. 8 - net posts sunk in 36” X 30” footings, 4 – center stays sunk in 12” X 12” concrete footings.
   A storage shed located on one end. 6’ X 8’ lockable storage shed.
   Surface would be concrete or asphalt depending on fund-raising or donations.
   162’ X 89’. (For context, 1 optimally sized tennis court has the total recommended space including run-offs at 120 feet by 60 feet, this allows for safe movement behind the baselines and outside the sidelines.)
   502’ X 6” weeping tile under 12” wide X 18” deep washed gravel bed on each long end of the court facility.
   Court lay-out would be 4 courts on one side of a common walkway, complete with family gathering centres.



2. How many people would benefit from this project once it's completed?

Residents:

Primarily; pickleball players. Our Club currently (as of Feb 25th,) has 84 paying members. These are folks who have paid to play Pickleball with our Club. Beyond these 84 players (Average age of 63.2. 39% Male, 61% Female) are the students that have gone to Didsbury High School, where pickleball has been taught in gym class for the last 4 years. This facility would finally give all those teenagers a place to play a sport they know, during the summer months. (See letter of support from High School.) Beyond that: Anyone looking to make new friends. (You generally switch partners every new game.) Anyone looking to become more physically active. Any parent looking for a game they could compete with the teenagers at. Any teenager looking for a game they could compete with their grandparents at. Any player looking for a game where they can compete with anyone, regardless of gender. Right now, pickleball is only played indoors, and with no outdoor courts, there is unfortunately, no public exposure other than TV commercials. Having outdoor courts located next to the walking path allows those folks that are already outdoors exercising, an opportunity to stop and watch and ask questions about the fastest growing sport in North America for 4 years running. A more physically active population is generally a healthier population.

Secondarily; town merchants. Currently we have players coming to Didsbury every week through the winter months, from Airdrie, Sundre, Carstairs and Olds to play pickleball. While they are here, they grab a coffee, they grab a bite to eat, they get something to make for supper when they get home. During the summer months, our players travel to Carstairs, Airdrie and Olds to play on their outdoor courts. Keeping our players in town for the summer means that we

are also keeping their money in town for the summer. Having the ability to host tournaments gives us the ability to attract more players from out of town, for longer periods of time. Multi-event tournaments are held over multiple days.

Non-residents:

County residents would benefit from having a recreational facility that all can use. Because of this, MountainView County will be approached for fundraising assistance.

Who would benefit from the proposed community partnership project? Would there be any restrictions? If so, describe any possible restrictions.

The Town of Didsbury would be the main benefactor of any agreement. Partnering with the Club would help the club in their fundraising efforts, which would in turn reduce the costs of a facility, that could be used by all the citizens of Didsbury. (IE:SK8park) Possible restrictions would be limited to the allocation of set times for the Club membership to have access the facility. We currently have players that drive in to Didsbury from other municipalities because they know there are enough players for a game and that there is a place to play. For the Club to run tournaments and bring players in from farther afield, we need to be able to guarantee that the games will have a venue to be played upon.

3. **Identify any other organisations that would be involved in this project and describe what their involvement would include. (Expertise, maintenance, operations, security, financial support, etc.)**
   We would hope to be in contact with the Mtn View County and approach them, with the town's support, for some financial support for the project.

4. **How would this project improve the Town's current service levels? What need would this project meet in the community?**
   There is currently a perceived shortage of outdoor sport facilities within the Town for its citizens and in particular, it's youth. Pickleball has been taught at the High School level for the last 4 years so we now have 4 years of kids that know how to play but have no facilities to play on. Pickleball has experienced a phenomenal growth rate (Fastest growing sport in North America,) in part due to its low entry cost, it's social benefits and the way the sport allows brand new players the chance to be competitive at any age, even without any past sports experience.
5. **What impacts (positive and negative) could this project have within the community?**
   Positive:
   Currently pickleball is only played indoors at the Zion Church or in gym class at the High School. No one sees the game and as a result we are constantly approached by folks who had no idea that pickleball was even an option in town. Having an outdoor facility would provide a lot of exposure to the sport and provide an option for citizens to become more active. Pickleball offers many health benefits:
   Cardiovascular Health & Weight Loss: The rapid, stop-and-go nature of the game acts as an effective cardio workout, improving heart health, lowering blood pressure, and managing weight.

Low-Impact Conditioning: Compared to tennis or running, the smaller court size and underhand serve reduce strain on joints, making it ideal for older adults.
Cognitive and Mental Boost: The fast-paced, strategic nature of the game keeps the mind sharp, improves reaction time, and enhances memory.
Strength and Agility: Regular play improves muscle endurance, balance, and coordination through constant movement and lateral motion.
Social and Mental Wellbeing: It acts as a stress reliever, releases endorphins, and provides valuable, consistent social interaction.
Pickleball is very heavily weighted toward doubles play. Add in the fact that partners and opponents are changed after every game and there is a lot of mixing going on. This results in a lot of socializing and connecting with other members of the community. Friends are made on the pickleball court.
It is one of the few sports to allow competitive intergenerational play. Kids can play their grandparents and get beat and then play their own parents and lose. What matters is that it is a sport to bring them all together on the same playing surface. Paddles are now available very reasonably from almost all large retailers (Canadian Tire, Wal-Mart, etc.) A paddle, ball and a pair of runners are all you need to start playing.

Negative:

There has been a lot of press coverage about the incidence of injuries in the sport. In the past this has been attributed, in part, to the age of the average participant. That age has dropped substantially in the last 7 years. The reported average age in 2019 was 41. Today the average reported age is 34.8 with more than 70% of avid (more than once a month,) pickleball players between the ages of 18 and 44

https://www.theapp.global/news/nearly-50-million-adult-americans-have-played-pickleball

The other commonly accepted reason for the higher injury rate goes back to the low barrier for entry. We are getting folks that have never participated in a sport before, playing a competitive game for the first time and pushing themselves beyond their body's current capabilities.
Another potential negative is the noise that comes from playing pickleball. Laughter and shrieks of happiness intermix with the crack of the pickleball against the paddle. The ball is unlike a tennis ball in that it is a hard ball, and the contact sound has been described as harsh and carrying. The originally chosen site for the town's outdoor pickleball court as identified in the Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan was rejected by the club because of the proximity to residential properties. The Club's proposed site is over 650' from the nearest residential property line. (The recommended distance from court to nearest residential property is between 250' - 500' depending on the source; there does not appear to be an officially recommended distance.)

6. **Describe how any of the potential negative impacts would be managed in the short and long term and by whom.**

The Club currently has 3 certified instructors. They have already instructed 6 Introduction to Pickleball classes throughout Mtn View County. This is the time to stress the importance of proper eyewear, proper footwear and playing within your

limits. The Club will continue to offer these courses as the needs arise. By stressing the safety points to new players coming in, injuries can be reduced. Noise would be reduced by the utilization of a windscreen on the exterior fencing. While not eliminating all noise, it does reduce it.

7. **Describe any potential safety risks to users if this project was completed. Describe a potential plan for managing these risks.**
   The potential risks are mainly going to be injuries that are associated with any sporting endeavor. Specific to this project; to reduce the risks of slips and falls on a wet surface, the club wishes to have the topcoat “Plexipave” applied to the court surfaces. This top coating has fine sand mixed in and provides added protection against slips. The club has planned for a storage shed on the premises that would have squeegees and possibly blowers, that could be utilized to dry the courts after a rainfall; again to reduce the likelihood of slipping on a wet surface. Signage would be posted warning of the dangers and how to mitigate the risk.
   To belong to the club, players must also belong to Pickleball Canada. Membership in Pickleball Canada comes with a $15,000 sport accident insurance policy that covers all club members during club events.

8. **Identify all capital costs required to COMPLETE this project; include labour and materials. Include who would be responsible for each cost: community group, Town of Didsbury, another organization, etc., and the level of funding currently in place to implement.**
   1. Site prep and paving:
      - Quote from Conash paving - $179,340.00 Paid by Town/Club

   Note: this quote is based on the specs from the City of Calgary for their tennis courts. When the quote was given by the company rep, it was mentioned by him that the site prep specs would be suitable for a heavy-duty parking lot and far beyond what foot traffic would require. We do not profess to be asphalt experts but we have seen the difference between the B mix and M mix. We feel that the 2 different lifts of asphalt are the critical component. As the chosen site has very few trees in the area, tree roots damaging the playing surface, as has happened with the tennis courts, would not be a problem.
      - Quote from Foothills Ready Mix Concrete – $94,513.37
   2. Plexipave, permanent net post and nets, 4’ court dividing fencing with top protectors:
      - Quote from Tomko Fencing - $43056.09 Paid by Club
   3. 10’ Perimeter fencing with windscreen;
      - Quote from Rite-way fencing - $46,325.42 Paid by Club
   4. A timed lockable entry gate to prevent access after hours.
      - No Quote – Approx $500.00

9. **Identify all potential operating costs required to MAINTAIN this project once it is operating; include labour and materials. Include who will be responsible for each cost: community group, Town of Didsbury, another organization, etc., and the level of funding currently in place for operations.**
    1. Every 7 – 10 years a new coat of Plexipave will be required. $35,096 Paid by the Club through ongoing fundraising efforts.
    2. Every spring the windscreen would be re-installed by the club and every fall the windscreen would be removed by the club.
    3. Minor Maintenance – Fencing repairs, pressure washing of courts, etc. to be handled by the club

Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Notes
Held on October 7, 2026 in Board Room – 1606 14 Street
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present:
Councillor Curt Engel (virtual)
Councillor Troy Lambert
Councillor Irwin Mahon

Administration:
Nicole Aasen, Director of Community Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Administration called the Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

The Committee, by consensus, accepted the agenda as presented.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Pickleball Proposal

Administration presented the partnership application received from the Didsbury and District Pickleball Club. The Committee reviewed the application for suitability of the project, location and need within the community.

The Committee members discussed the benefits of adding pickleball courts as an amenity within Didsbury, including the draw for new residents, the additional recreational opportunities for new and existing residents, and the economic benefits associated with pickleball leagues, tournaments and visitors to the community.

The Committee agreed that the proposed location of the pickleball courts would be appropriate. The identified site at Didsbury Memorial Park would utilized otherwise unusable lands, offer adequate parking for pickleball users and ensure the courts were located in an area not adjacent to residential neighbourhoods.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to bring forward the partnership opportunity to Council for land allocation, which would be contingent on the fundraising efforts of the pickleball club.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee, by consensus, adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Nicole Aasen, Director of Community Services]
Department:	Community Services
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Facility Waiver Request - Rosebud Health Foundation
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	7.1.4.

Recommendation(s) to Council:

That Council approve the facility discount request for the Rosebud Health Foundation Spring Gala 2027, valued at $1683.00, to be funded from the 2026 Facility Discount fund.

Subject / Background:

A request for a facility waiver has been received by the Rosebud Health Foundation for their annual Spring Gala, planned for April 17, 2027 (attached). The request is to waive all fees associated with the rental of the Didsbury Curling Rink, Multi-Purpose Room and Kitchen, valued at $1683.00. The staff set-up and clean-up costs, valued at $225, are not eligible as per Policy CS-004-26 - Facility Discount Program.

As this request exceeds the 50% waiver maximum allowable without Council decision under the policy, Council is being presented with this request this evening. This requests meets the policy priority for facility discounts that focus on "local fundraising efforts that will benefit Didsbury citizens, services and/or programs."

Implications:

There is currently $1816.50 available in the 2026 Facility Discount fund. If Council were to approve this request, the balance would become $133.50. To Administration's knowledge, there are no further facility discount applications anticipated in 2026.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Policy CS 004-26 - Facility Discount Program

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Not applicable.

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Attachments:

Letter - Rosebud Health Foundation

Other Options to Consider:

Council may choose to fund this request at a different value or accept the request, for information.

Nicole Aasen

Author

Rosebud Health Foundation
Box 962
Didsbury, AB
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Email: coordinator@rosebudhealth.ca

Town of Didsbury
Attention **Nicole Aasen**
Email: naasen@didsbury.ca

Re: Rosebud Health Foundation Spring Gala 2026 – Town of Didsbury Sponsorship

Dear Nicole,

Thank you for taking the time to assist with the booking of the Multipurpose Room and kitchen at the Memorial Complex for our upcoming Spring Gala.

The Rosebud Health Foundation will be celebrating our 30th (thirtieth) birthday in 2026. We are hosting our Birthday Gala on April 25, 2026, and have booked the Multipurpose Room and kitchen Memorial Complex.

Our request to the Town of Didsbury is to assist with the facility rental for the Multipurpose Room and kitchen for this event. As this event is our largest fundraiser, we are looking for sponsors who can make this event successful. Your support allows the Foundation to enhance access to quality healthcare services in the communities we serve, by supporting programs and services at the Didsbury District Hospital Center and throughout Mountain View County.

We thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 403-660-5432.

Sincerely,

Leone Regner

Leone Regner
Rosebud Health Foundation
Executive Coordinator
403-660-5432

Town of Didsbury
Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Leonie-Arianne Becker, Legislative Advisor
Department:	Legislative Services
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Appointments to the Town of Didsbury Library Board
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	7.2.1.

Recommendation(s) to Council:

1. That Council reaffirm the current public members at large for the Town of Didsbury Library Board, being Jennifer Bommarito, Brittany Stevens, Bill Windsor, Aimee Hunter, Pat Harty, and Trudy Woodlands.

2. That Council appoint Angela Look as a member of the Board, given her nomination by Mountain View County Council, effective until the County's October 2027 Organizational Meeting.

Subject / Background:

The resolutions for the discussion held during Closed Session at the Organizational Meeting on November 2, 2026, are needed.

Implications:

Not applicable.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Town of Didsbury Library Board Bylaw 2023-17
Libraries Act, RSA 2000, c L-11.

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Res. 581-24
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel
To appoint the following Didsbury Municipal Library Board Trustees to a three-year term ending November 1, 2027: Jennifer Bommarito and Brittany Stevens.
Motion Carried

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Res. 228-24 (2024-03-26)
MOVED by Councillor Williams
To appoint Bill Windsor to the Didsbury Municipal Library Board as a Trustee for a three-year term.
Motion Carried

Res. 533-25
MOVED by Councillor Mahon
To appoint Aimee Hunter to the Didsbury Municipal Library Board for a three-year term commencing November 1, 2025 and ceasing on November 1, 2028.
Motion Carried

Res. 012-26
MOVED by Councillor Quantz
To appoint Pat Harty to the Town of Didsbury Library Board for a term commencing January 14, 2026 and ceasing on November 1, 2028.
Motion Carried

Res. 154-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
To appoint Trudy Woodlands to the Town of Didsbury Library Board for a term commencing March 25, 2026 and ceasing on November 1, 2028.
Motion Carried

Attachments:

Not applicable.

Other Options to Consider:

Not applicable.

Leonie-Arianne Becker

Author

Town of Didsbury
Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Vanessa Van der Meer, Chief Administrative Officer
Department:	Office of the CAO
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Letter of Support for 2027 U18 B Provincial in Crossfield
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not applicable.
Item Number:	7.3.1

Recommendation(s) to Council:

That Council motion to grant a letter of support to Renegades Minor Hockey in support of the 2027 Hockey Alberta U18 B Provincial Championship on March 25-28, 2027 in Crossfield, Alberta.

Subject / Background:

Bids have opened for the 2027 Hockey Alberta U18 B Provincial Championship, with the Renegades Minor Hockey Association submitting a bid to host the tournament at Pete Knight Memorial Arena in Crossfield. The Renegades operate in Didsbury and the surrounding area, drawing U18 players from Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield. The bid represents a regional partnership between the three communities.

The Association has requested that Council provide a letter of support recognizing and endorsing this regional partnership.

Didsbury families will contribute to the tournament's volunteer team, and the Town's support would demonstrate its commitment to regional collaboration and minor hockey development.

Any surplus generated by the tournament will be directed to a legacy fund supporting minor hockey across all three communities, including Didsbury.

Implications:

Providing a letter of support would demonstrate the Town's commitment to regional collaboration and the continued development of minor hockey in Didsbury and the surrounding communities.

The championship would provide an opportunity to showcase the region, encourage community involvement through volunteer participation, and support a legacy fund benefiting minor hockey in Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield.

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Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Not applicable.

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

Not applicable.

Attachments:

None.

Other Options to Consider:

That Council accept the report on the 2027 U18 B Provincials, for information.

Vanessa Van der Meer

Author

Town of Didsbury
Request for Decision (RFD)

To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Vanessa Van der Meer, Chief Administrative Officer
Department:	Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	2026 Council Meeting Date Changes
Bylaw Number (If Applicable):	Not Applicable
Item Number:	7.3.2.

Recommendation(s) to Council:

1. That Council schedule a Special Council Budget Meeting for November 9, 2026, to be held at the 6 p.m. Located at the Town Office.

2. That Council reschedule the December 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 15, 2026, to be held at the regularly scheduled time and location.

Subject / Background:

Council adopted its schedule of Regular Council Meetings, which includes a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2026.

Several Bylaws are being brought forward for Council's consideration in December. Before these Bylaws can proceed, they require statutory advertising in accordance with section 606 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), which requires notice to be given at least once a week for two consecutive weeks, or by another method authorized in the Town's advertising Bylaw, in accordance with the section 606 timelines.

Based on the current timeline, the required advertising period cannot be completed before December 8, 2026. Moving the meeting one week to December 15, 2026 allows the advertising requirements of the MGA to be fully met, so that the Bylaws can be considered by Council in December rather than being deferred to the first Regular Council Meeting of 2027.

Section 193 of the MGA provides that notice of regularly scheduled Council meetings is not required. However, if Council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, at least 24 hours' notice of the change must be given to any Councillors not present at the meeting at which the change was made, and to the public.

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Implications:

Financial: None at this time.

Legislative: Rescheduling the meeting ensures the December Bylaws meet the advertising requirements of section 606 of the MGA, reducing the risk of a Bylaw being challenged for improper notice.

Communications: If approved, Administration will give notice of the change to any Councillors not present and to the public in accordance with section 193 of the MGA, and will update the Council meeting calendar on the Town's website.

Related Policies, Bylaws & Legislation:

Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26:

- Section 193 – Regular Council meetings (notice of change of date, time or place)
- Section 194 – Special Council meetings
- Section 606 – Requirements for advertising
- Town of Didsbury Procedural Bylaw

Previous Reports/Council Decisions (If Any):

None at this time.

Attachments:

None at this time.

Other Options to Consider:

Council may choose to:

- **Keep the Regular Council Meeting on December 8, 2026.** The affected Bylaws would be deferred to the first Regular Council Meeting in January 2027, once advertising is complete.
- **Keep the Regular Council Meeting on December 8, 2026 and hold a Special Council Meeting** under section 194 of the MGA once advertising is complete, to deal only with the affected Bylaws. This adds a meeting to the December calendar.
- **Choose an alternate date** for the December Regular Council Meeting that allows the advertising requirements to be met.

Vanessa Van der Meer

Chief Administrative Officer

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To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Troy Lambert, Councillor
Department:	Didsbury Town Council
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Councillor Lambert Monthly Report - November
Item Number:	8.1.

Subject / Background:

PRLS Quarterly Meeting:

On Sept 17 2026 I attended the Parkland Regional Library System meeting VIA Zoom. The major issue concerning PRLS is the rise of costs across the board, and an incorrect understanding of amortization reserve & unrestricted reserves. Reserves are down and there is not enough cash to cover costs. A plan is needed to increase reserves. Discussions on what to do with the technology reserve, member websites, salary and wages, licensing fees, and vehicle purchase were some of the ways discussed to potentially save on costs.

2027 Budget Scenarios: The Board discussed the 2027 budget, and a proposed levy increase. The board approved an increase to $11.05 an increase of $1.06 (10.6%) per capita.

CAP Libraries: The new library regulations were discussed, the Province's compliance date will not change. The steering committee is trying to keep a good relationship with the provincial government, and are still waiting on more specific operating guidelines on the new regulations.

AB Munis Conference:

From September 22 to the 25 I had the pleasure of attending my first AB Munis conference in Edmonton.

Courses/Seminars:

I attended the EOEP - Effective Meetings Course, which focused on; practical skills for handling main motions, amendments, referrals, postponements, debate decorum, meeting rules, procedure bylaws, and the Municipal Government Act. I also attended a seminar on A.I. in the public sector, that focused on some of the failures of early implementation of A.I. in municipalities, and what was learned from those failures. From those failures however, discovering the practical approach to A.I. technologies through defining the right problem, planning for change, and securing stakeholder ownership. It gave me a new understanding on the potential for A.I. and data-driven technologies that are emerging for municipalities to utilize. I also attended the Trade Show and discovered some new systems that could be

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potentially used by our public works department, that could save on costs and potentially generate revenue.

Panels/AGM/Resolutions:

The Plenary Panel on the future of taxation in Alberta was very enlightening, with the former finance minister discussing what a possible provincial sales tax could mean for Albertans. I took part in my first Resolutions Vote and was quite impressed with the resolutions that passed and would be moving up to the provincial level. I think this is where AB Munis really shines, as this is where municipalities through passing resolutions can really advocate for themselves and their constituents to the provincial government. It was also great to hear from the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, Minister of Municipal affairs, and other representatives of the federal and provincial governments. I alsoattended the AGM.

I look forward to hopefully attending another AB Munis in the future, it was a great experience for education, networking, and advocating for our community.

Troy Lambert

Author

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To:	Didsbury Town Council
From:	Norm Quantz, Councillor
Department:	Didsbury Town Council
Date:	November 3, 2026
Subject:	Councillor Quantz Monthly Report - November
Item Number:	8.2.

Subject / Background:

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission (MVRWSC) Board has set the new water rate at $2.80 per cubic meter effective April 1, 2027. This rate adjustment will help support the continued operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability of the regional water system.

The new raw water storage pond at the Henday Water Plant is anticipated to be ready for service in the fall of 2027. It will help improve the quality of the raw water for a more secure and stable source during low river flow, less treatment costs in spring with river turbidity, and give more control during demand fluctuations.

I spearheaded a Citizens On Patrol (COP) meeting with Staff Sergeant Vince Bacon and Alberta's COP Association president. We are considering the viability of Didsbury establishing our own Association. More on this in the near future.

Norm Quantz

Author