



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 8, 2021  
Held through ZOOM Meetings

The regular meeting of Council for the Town of Didsbury was held through ZOOM Meetings on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 commencing at 6:01 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor R. Hunter  
Deputy Mayor B. Windsor  
Councillor J. Baswick  
Councillor C. Engel  
Councillor D. Moore  
Councillor E. Poggemiller

**Staff:** Chief Administrative Officer, E. Gerner  
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer, A. Riley  
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, C. Fox  
Director of Community Services, N. Aasen  
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, L. Smith

**Regrets** Councillor M. Crothers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Res. 276-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

**DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS**

**Council Compensation Committee**

Res. 277-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the report from the Council Compensation Committee as information and that the recommendations be referred to the Strategic Planning Committee for incorporation into the Council Remuneration Policy.

Carried

Res. 278-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore that the Council Compensation Committee be compensated at the per diem rate as per Council Remuneration Policy COUN 004.

Carried

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Res. 279-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the May 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

Res. 280-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the June 3, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** No public hearings

**BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**Bylaw 2021-07 Amending Committees Bylaw 2020-11**

- Res. 281-21      MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant first reading to Amending Bylaw 2021-07 which amends the Committees Bylaw 2020-11, and that it be referred to the Policy & Governance Committee. **Carried**

**BUSINESS**

**Committee Plan for the Policy & Governance Committee**

- Res. 282-21      MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the Committee Plan for the Policy & Governance Committee as presented. **Carried**

**Committee Plan for the Strategic Planning Committee**

- Res. 283-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the Committee Plan for the Strategic Planning Committee as presented. **Carried**

**Committee Plan for the Performance Evaluation Committee**

- Res. 284-21      MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to approve the Committee Plan for the Performance Evaluation Committee as amended to include grading on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street north of Buy Low. **Carried**

**Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee Recommendations**

- Res. 285-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to refer exploration of installing a permanent structure covering the stage at Memorial Park, to the Strategic Planning Committee. **Carried**

- Res. 286-21      MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to have Administration update any existing fee and information guides to further assist future renters of Town facilities. **Carried**

**Playground Project – Capital Budget Request**

**CLOSED MEETING**

- Res. 287-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to go into closed meeting at 6:46 p.m. in accordance with Division 2, Section 23 and 24 of the FOIP Act. **Carried**

**RECONVENE**

- Res. 288-21      MOVED Deputy Mayor Windsor to reconvene from Closed Meeting to Open Meeting at 7:01 p.m. **Carried**

- Res. 289-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to refer this item to the Strategic Planning Committee to gather further information, and explore in consideration of the outlying plan and bring back a recommendation to Council. **Carried**

  
Initials

## REPORTS

### COVID-19 Update

Res. 290-21      MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to accept the COVID-19 update for June 8, 2021 as information.  
**Carried**

### CAO Report

Res. 291-21      MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for June 8, 2021 as information.  
**Carried**

### Council Reports

Res. 292-21      MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Council Reports for June 8, 2021 as information.  
**Carried**

## CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- Alberta Municipal Affairs - MSI funding Capital for 2021
- Town of High River – Proposed Alberta Coal Policy
- April 14, 2021 MPC Minutes
- Letters regarding Bill C-21 (changes to the Criminal Code & Firearms Act)
- Town of Redcliff – Support for the RCMP
- Policy & Governance Committee May 19, 2021 Meeting Notes

Res. 293-21      MOVED by Councillor Baswick to accept the correspondence and information items presented as information.  
**Carried**

Res. 294-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor for Mayor Hunter to send a letter on behalf of Council to Mayor Snodgrass of the Town of High River endorsing support on the Town of High River's proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.  
**Defeated**

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Mayor Hunter thanked the Council Compensation Committee for their work and findings on remuneration for Council members. The Strategic Planning Committee will review their report and make additional recommendations to Council.
- Council is pleased with the 20<sup>th</sup> Street upgrade project which began in early June. While there is an inconvenience with doing these upgrades, when the project is complete it will enhance the south end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Street greatly.
- The Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan includes upgrades to the Jet's Playground. Some of these upgrades will require additional funds which would have an impact on the Capital Project Budget funding. Council referred this item to the Strategic Planning Committee to gather more information and explore this project in consideration of the outlying plan.
- Council is pleased with all the new developments in Didsbury, such as the new health centre in the downtown core which will enhance the look of the intersection of 20<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> as well as the construction taking place at the old AG Foods lands.

  
Initials

- Council is pleased with the announcement that the Provincial Government is moving forward with Stage 2 COVID-19 restrictions beginning June 10 and the Town will now be able to provide more services in recreation and culture.
- Council is pleased with the announcement on being able to move forward with Stage 2 COVID-19 restrictions beginning June 10 and being able to provide more services in recreation and culture.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**CLOSED MEETING**

Res. 295-21      MOVED by Councillor Baswick to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2 Sections 16, 23, 24 and 25 of the *FOIP Act* at 8:02 p.m.

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:

- E. Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
- A. Riley, Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
- C. Fox, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure
- L. Smith, Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer

**RECONVENE**

Res. 296-21      MOVED by Councillor Baswick to come out of closed meeting at 9:25 p.m. **Carried**

Res. 297-21      MOVED by Councillor Engel to have administration explore the alternative development proposal for the old fire hall. **Carried**

Res. 298-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor that a joint press release with the Didsbury Library Board be issued with regards to the CFEP grant application for the library expansion and renovation project. **Carried**

Res. 299-21      MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to amend the Council Calendar by removing the August 10, 2021 Regular Council meeting. **Carried**

Res. 300-21      MOVED by Councillor Moore to move forward on facility rentals as discussed. **Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Res. 301-21      MOVED by Councillor Moore to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2021 at 9:28 p.m. **Carried**

  
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Mayor – Rhonda Hunter

  
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Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner