



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting  
Held on October 24, 2023 in Council Chambers at 1606 14 Street  
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Administration Present** Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner  
ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley  
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen  
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox  
Planner, Tracey Connatty  
Municipal Intern, Jocelyn Baxter  
Development Officer, Lee-Ann Gaudette  
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hunter Called the October 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Add item: 15.4 Governance Update as per Section 23 & 24, of the FOIP Act

**Res. 464-23**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adopt the October 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried**

**3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Name that Park! Contest Winner**

**Res. 465-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To thank Dominic Loch for attending the Council Meeting and for submitting the name *Jets Park*.

**Motion Carried**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

**4.1 Renaming of the Memorial Complex Outlying Plan**

**Res. 466-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To approve *Jets Park* as the new name for the Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan.

**Motion Carried**

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 October 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Res. 467-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To adopt the October 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes presented.

**Motion Carried**

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**5.2 October 16, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**Res. 468-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adopt the October 16, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Hunter Called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:10 p.m. for Plan 0310537 Block 3 Lot 51MR, located at 2500 15 Avenue (former Didsbury 5-0 Club).

The Public Hearing is to consider Bylaw 2023-15 which updates the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 to reflect the redesignation of the property from IS Institutional District to R2: Residential District.

Mayor Hunter adjourned the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2023-15 at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Hunter Called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:17 p.m. for the removal of Municipal Reserve for the lands known as Plan 0310537 Block 3 Lot 51MR (formerly Didsbury 5-0 Club).

Administration is seeking approval from Council to remove the Municipal Reserve Designation for Plan 0310537 Block 3 Lot 51MR (Formerly the Didsbury 5-0 Club).

Mayor Hunter adjourned the Public Hearing for the removal of Municipal Reserve for Plan 0310537 Block 3 Lot 51MR at 6:20 p.m.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**7.1 Bylaw 2023-15 Amending Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 (2nd & 3rd Reading)**

**Res. 469-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That Council grant second reading of Bylaw 2023-15 Redesignation from IS to R2 - 2500 15 Avenue amending the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 470-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That Council grant third and final reading of Bylaw 2023-15 Redesignation from IS to R2 - 2500 15 Avenue amending the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

**Motion Carried**

**7.2 Removal of Municipal Reserve**

**Res. 471-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve the removal of the Municipal Reserve (MR) designation within Plan 0310537 Block 3 Lot 51MR.

**Motion Carried**

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 October 24, 2023 Council Reports**

**Res. 472-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To accept the Council Reports for October 24, 2023 as information.

**Motion Carried**

**8.2 Chief Administrative Officer Report for October 24, 2023**

**Res. 473-23**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for October 24, 2023 as information.

**Motion Carried**

**9. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**9.1 Bylaw 2023-14 Community Standards (3rd Reading)**

*Councillor Baswick requested a recorded vote*

**Res. 474-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

That Council grant third and final reading to Bylaw 2023-14 Community Standards.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 475-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To refer Bylaw 2023-14 Community Standards to the Policy & Governance Committee to explore the addition of infestation of noxious weeds and contagious diseases for trees.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 476-23**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To refer to the Policy and Governance Committee the exploration of a Governance Application Policy and bring back a recommendation to Council.

**Motion Carried**

**9.2 Bylaw 2023-17 Didsbury Municipal Library Board (2nd & 3rd Reading)**

**Res. 477-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To grant second reading to Bylaw 2023-17 Didsbury Municipal Library Board.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 478-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To grant third and final reading to Bylaw 2023-17 Didsbury Municipal Library Board.

**Motion Carried**

**10. BUSINESS**

**10.1 Didsbury Arena Scoreboard**

**Res. 479-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To approve the Didsbury Arena Score Clock Replacement project for \$15,000 funded in full by donation from Peace Hills Insurance and that the 2023 Capital Budget be amended accordingly.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 480-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To send a letter of thanks on behalf of Council to Peace Hills Insurance for the donation of Didsbury Arena Score Clock.

**Motion Carried**

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**Res. 481-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To send a letter of thanks on behalf of Council to McDonald's Insurance and Tracey Smith for thinking of the Town of Didsbury for this project.

**Motion Carried**

**10.2 Didsbury Curling Rink - 2021-22 and 2022-23 season report**

**Res. 482-23**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To maintain the use agreement model of bookings for the Didsbury Curling Rink for the 2023-2024 season.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 483-23**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To refer to the Performance Evaluation Committee to explore potential service levels with regards to the Didsbury Curling Club's use of the curling rink and bring back a recommendation to Council.

**Motion Carried**

**10.3 Council Chambers Livestream + Sound Improvement**

**Res. 484-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the report on Council Chambers Livestream and Sound Improvements as information.

**Motion Carried**

**10.4 Additional Week of Green Bin Pick-Up - Update**

**Res. 485-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To accept the report on an additional week of compost bin pick-up as information.

**Motion Carried**

**10.5 Budget Meeting Revised Date**

**Res. 486-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To set Thursday, November 30, 2023 beginning at 4:00 p.m. for the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**10.6 AMWWP - East Reservoir Grant Application**

**Res. 487-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve proceeding with the AMWWP funding application and to provide a Letter of Support to be included with the application package.

**Motion Carried**

**11. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**11.1 Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Hunter called the Organizational Meeting to Order at 8:07 p.m.

**Res. 488-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To adopt the October 24, 2023 Organizational Meeting Agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried**



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**11.2 2023-2024 Council Meeting Schedule**

**Res. 489-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To approve the 2023-2024 Council Meeting Schedule and setting the Council 2024 summer break beginning on June 26 and reconvening on August 12.

**Motion Carried**

**11.3 Appointing of Deputy Mayor and Alternate Deputy Mayor for 2023-2024**

**Res. 490-23**

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To appoint Councillor Curt Engel as Deputy Mayor until the Organizational Meeting in 2024.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 491-23**

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To appoint the Alternate Deputy Mayor Schedule as follows:

Councillor Dorothy Moore—October 25, 2023 to February 24, 2024

Councillor Ethan Williams—February 25, 2024 to June 22, 2024

Councillor Bill Windsor—June 23, 2024 to October 22, 2024

**Motion Carried**

**11.4 2023-2024 Council Assignments**

**Res. 492-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the 2023-2024 Council Assignments as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**11.5 Public Member Appointments**

**11.5.1 2023-2024 Appointment to the Municipal Planning Commission**

**Res. 493-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To appoint Shirley Madge and Craig Martin to the Municipal Planning Commission until the Organizational Meeting in 2024, and reaffirm the rest of the members as presently constituted.

**Motion Carried**

**11.5.2 2023-2024 Appointment to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee**

**Res. 494-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To reaffirm the appointments to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee as presently constituted.

**Motion Carried**

**11.5.3 Appointment of Didsbury Municipal Library Board**

**Res. 495-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To appoint the following Didsbury Municipal Library Board Trustees to a new three-year term: Jaimee Reese, David McWhinney, Carol Wilcox, Emily Swam and Diane Arbuckle, and to reaffirm Patricia Brisebois and Melynda Crampton as presently constituted.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 496-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To send letters on behalf of Council for all the previous committee members for their time and commitment to the Didsbury Municipal Library Board.

**Motion Carried**

**11.5.4 2023-2024 Appointment of CAEP Business Representative**

**Res. 497-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To appoint Meaghan Neis as the Town of Didsbury Business Representative for the Central Alberta Economic Partnership until the Organizational Meeting in 2024.

**Motion Carried**

**11.6 Adjournment of the Organizational Meeting**

**Res. 498-23**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adjourn the October 24, 2023 Organizational Meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

- Mountain View Emergency Shelter Society

**Res. 499-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the correspondence items presented as information.

**Motion Carried**

**13. COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Presentation to Dominic Loch, the winner of the Name that Park contest, for his submission of Jet's Park
- Passing of Bylaw 2023-15 amending the Land Use Bylaw for rezoning of the 5-0 Club Lands
- Removal of Municipal Reserve on 5-0 Club Lands
- CAO Report – work done on facilities
- Donation of Arena Score Clock
- Curling Rink Report going to the Performance Evaluation Committee
- Attendance of regular attendee in the gallery and on live streaming

**14. QUESTION PERIOD**

**15. CLOSED MEETING**

**Res. 500-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To go into Closed Meeting at 8:33 p.m. for the following items:

15.1 Draft Multi-Year Capital Plan - as per Section 23 and 29 of the FOIP Act

15.2 Land Proposal - as per Section 16 of the FOIP Act

15.3 Project Visioning - as per Section 23 of the FOIP Act

15.4 Governance Update – as per Section 23 & 24 of the FOIP Act

**Motion Carried**

**16. RECONVENE**

**Res. 501-23**

MOVED by Moore

To return to Open Meeting at 9:42 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

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**Res. 502-23**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the Draft Multi-Year Capital Plan as information.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 503-23**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the land proposal as information and respond as discussed.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 504-23**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the project visioning as information.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 505-23**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the governance update as information.

**Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. 506-23**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To adjourn the October 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 9:44 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

  
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Mayor - Rhonda Hunter  
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Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner

