



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on
March 24, 2026 in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street
Commencing at 6:00 p.m**

Council Members Present Mayor Chris Little (*attended virtually via Zoom*)
Deputy Mayor Bob Murray
Councillor Curt Engel
Councillor Troy Lambert
Councillor Irwin Mahon
Councillor Norm Quantz
Councillor Will Stevens

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Simpson
Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox
Legislative Services Coordinator/Recording Officer, Jocelyn Baxter
Communications Coordinator, Lisa Bastarache
Council and Community Relations Coordinator, Nelisha Bruce
Planner, Tracey Connatty
Development Officer, Lee-Ann Gaudette
Fire Chief, Curtis Mousseau

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Deputy Mayor Murray called the March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
Res. 126-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
To adopt the March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as presented.
Motion Carried
3. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
 - 3.1 **Hope 4 MVC Kids**
Res. 127-26
MOVED by Councillor Stevens
To thank Hope 4 MVC Kids for their presentation and accept it as information.
Motion Carried
 - 3.2 **Melody Knutson**
Res. 128-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
To thank Melody Knutson for her presentation, and receive it as information.
Motion Carried
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 **March 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**
Res. 129-26
MOVED by Councillor Quantz
To adopt the March 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.
Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Deputy Mayor Murray called the public hearing for bylaws 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-05, 2026-06, and 2026-07 at 6:31 p.m. The public hearing considered all of the Land Use Amending Bylaws being presented to allow for questions throughout the presentation, as the bylaws are largely interrelated.

Council heard an introduction of Bylaw 2026-05 from Administration. Administration is recommending that the bylaw be amended on second reading to include Retail (Grocery) as a permitted use within the RC2 – Residential/Commercial – High Density District. Deputy Mayor Murray called from questions or comments from Council and then called for questions or comments from the gallery and those on Zoom, either for or opposed to the bylaw. One individual spoke in favour of Bylaw 2026-05 with a question pertaining to maximum building height.

Council heard a presentation on Bylaws 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-06, and 2026-07 from Administration. Deputy Mayor Murray called from questions or comments from Council and then called for questions or comments from the gallery and those on Zoom, either for or opposed to the bylaw.

Deputy Mayor Murray asked for a final call for questions or comments, either in for or opposed, to any of the bylaws presented. Hearing none, Deputy Mayor Murray closed the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-05, 2026-06, and 2026-07 at 6:48 p.m.

6. CAO REPORT

Res. 130-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for March 24, 2026 as information.

Motion Carried

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

7.1 Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-03

Res. 131-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

That Council grant second reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-03.

Motion Carried

Res. 132-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

That Council grant third and final reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-03.

Motion Carried

7.2 Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-04

Res. 133-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

That Council grant second reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-04.

Motion Carried

Res. 134-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

That Council grant third and final reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-04.

Motion Carried

7.3 Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-05

Res. 135-26

MOVED by Councillor Mahon

That Council grant second reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-05 as amended.

Motion Carried

Res. 136-26

MOVED by Councillor Mahon

That Council grant third and final reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-05.

Motion Carried

7.4 Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-06

Res. 137-26

MOVED by Councillor Lambert

That Council grant second reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-06.

Motion Carried

Res. 138-26

MOVED by Councillor Lambert

That Council grant third and final reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-06.

Motion Carried

7.5 Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-07

Res. 139-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

That Council grant second reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-07.

Motion Carried

Res. 140-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

That Council grant third and final reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-07.

Motion Carried

7.6 Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-09

Res. 141-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

That Council grant first reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-09.

Motion Carried

Res. 142-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

To set **Tuesday, April 28, 2026** as the public hearing for Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-09.

Motion Carried

7.7 Neutral Public Spaces Bylaw 2026-08

Res. 143-26

MOVED by Mayor Little

That Council grant third and final reading to Public Space Neutrality Bylaw 2026-08.

Councillor Stevens requested a recorded vote.

	In Favour	Opposed
Mayor Little	X	
Deputy Mayor Murray	X	
Councillor Engel		X
Councillor Lambert	X	
Councillor Mahon	X	
Councillor Stevens		X
Councillor Quantz		X

Motion Carried

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Solid Waste Services Contract - Extension

Res. 144-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

To approve a 2-year contract extension with Environmental 360 Solutions (E360S) for the provision of solid waste, compost and recycling services as required.

Motion Carried

8.2 Municipal Enforcement Vehicle Replacement Budget Amendment

Res. 145-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To amend the 2025 Capital Budget to increase the Municipal Enforcement Vehicle Replacement budget by \$10,000, for a project total of \$90,000 to be funded from the Municipal Enforcement Reserve.

Motion Carried

8.3 Utility Departments Year End Reconciliation

Res. 146-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To approve the allocation of the 2025 year-end Water Department surplus of \$380,071 to the Water Reserve.

Motion Carried

Res. 147-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To approve the allocation of the 2025 year-end Wastewater Department surplus of \$101,319 to the Wastewater Reserve.

Motion Carried

Res. 148-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To approve the allocation of 2025 year-end Solid Waste surplus of \$35,957 to Unrestricted Surplus to assist with municipal cash flows.

Motion Carried

8.4 2025 Year End Surplus Reconciliation

Res. 149-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To approve funding the 2025 subdivision deficit of \$197,686 to internal borrowings due from Subdivision, the balance of which is to be repaid from future land sales of Shantz lots 1, 2, 10, 11 and 12.

Motion Carried

Res. 150-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To approve the allocation of the 2025 year-end surplus as follows:

1. \$4,680 from the proceeds of sale of equipment to the O&M Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve;
2. \$24,870 from the overall surplus to the Council Community Grants Reserve;
3. The remaining surplus and proceeds from sale of property in 2025 to Unrestricted Surplus to assist with municipal cash flows.

Motion Carried

8.5 Joint Use Planning Agreement - Town of Didsbury and CESD

Res. 151-26

MOVED by Councillor Mahon

To table item 8.5 and bring back the Joint Use and Planning Agreement with Chinook's Edge School Division to the April 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

8.6 Organizational Chart Amendment - Operations Department

Res. 152-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

To approve the following amendments to the Organizational Chart, and related job descriptions and associated wage grids as presented:

1. Reclassify the position of Foreman/Utility Operator to Utility Operator;
2. Reclassify one Heavy Equipment Operator position to Lead Hand.

Motion Carried

8.7 Sturling Rock Project - Committee

At the March 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, Councillor Quantz has declared a conflict of interest under section 172.1(2)(a) and (b) on the matter of the Sturling Committee and therefore will recuse himself from discussion and voting on the matter in accordance with section 172.1(2)(a)(b).

Res. 153-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

To strike a Community Partnership Project Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation to Council on the proposed sturling rock display application and to appoint Councillors Lambert, Mahon and Councillor Engel.

Motion Carried

8.8 Town of Didsbury Library Board Member Appointment

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

8.9 Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Request

Res. 155-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To pose the following questions to the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission:

- What is driving the seemingly rapid increase in water rates, what are the contributing factors to that?

Motion Carried

8.10 2026 Rosebud Health Foundation Spring Fling

Res. 156-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

To accept the 2026 Rosebud Health Foundation Spring Fling as information.

Motion Carried

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Res. 157-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

To accept the March 24, 2026 Council Reports as information.

Motion Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

Res. 158-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To include correspondence relating to Bylaw 2026-08 received after the March 24, 2026 agenda deadline requesting to be included in Council's agenda package be included in future Regular Council Meeting agenda packages.

Motion Carried

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 159-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

To go into closed meeting at 8:37 p.m. for the following items:

- 12.1 Tax Incentives - section 32 of ATIA
- 12.2 Outstanding Loan - section 32 of ATIA
- 12.3 Draft Agreement - section 19 of ATIA

Motion Carried

Mayor Little left the meeting at 9:29.

Mayor Little returned to the meeting at 9:32.

13. RECONVENE

Res. 160-26

MOVED by Councillor Mahon

To return to open meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Motion Carried

Res. 161-26

MOVED by Councillor Engel

To continue the collection efforts of the outstanding loan as discussed.

Motion Carried

Res. 162-26

MOVED by Councillor Stevens

That Council approve a Rental Agreement valued at \$2,000/month with Kidz Playhouse Daycare for a term of July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026 for use of the Curling Rink surface, lower lobby and lower washrooms to offer a summer day camp program.

Motion Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 163-26

MOVED by Councillor Quantz

To adjourn the March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Motion Carried



Deputy Mayor - Bob Murray



Chief Administrative Officer - Michael Simpson