



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on  
March 12, 2024 in Council Chambers 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  
Economic Development Officer, Alexandra Ross  
Municipal Intern, Jocelyn Baxter

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hunter called the March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Res. 149-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adopt the March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS *no delegations***

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 February 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting**

**Res. 150-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adopt the February 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *no public hearings***

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Council Reports for March 12, 2024**

**Res. 151-24**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To accept the Council Reports for March 12, 2024 as information.

**Motion Carried**

**6.2 CAO Report for March 12, 2024**

**Res. 152-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for March 12, 2024 as information.

**Motion Carried**

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**Res. 153-24**

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To approve an internal loan in the amount of \$2,877 for the 2022 Capital Budget Item, Columbarium Purchase and Installation, to be funded by future sales of Columbarium niches.

**Motion Carried**

**7. 2024 BUDGET - none**

**8. BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**8.1 Cemetery Bylaw 2024-03 (1st Reading)**

**Res. 154-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To grant first reading to Cemetery Bylaw 2024-03 and refer it to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendation.

**Motion Carried**

**9. BUSINESS**

**9.1 DEDAC New Member Appointments**

**Res. 155-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To appoint Sterling Toews and Dawn Stewart as new members to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 156-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To appoint Laurie Hodge, Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce representative, to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.

**Motion Carried**

**9.2 Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Agreement**

**Res. 157-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the Mountain View Regional Water Service Commission Water Supply Agreement as presented and that Mayor Hunter sign the agreement on behalf of Council.

**Motion Carried**

**9.3 Rosebud Health Foundation Spring Fling**

**Res. 158-24**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To approve the donation of gifts in kind in the value of \$450 to the Rosebud Health Foundation Second Annual Spring Fling to be funded from Council's Promotions and Public Relations Fund.

**Motion Carried**

**9.4 Municipal Area Partnership**

**Res. 159-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve the dissolution of the Municipal Area Partnership (MAP) Committee and that the remaining funds of \$23,917.21 in the MAP account be distributed based on the same ratio contributions were made to the fund.

**Motion Carried**



**9.5 Infrastructure Annual Reports**

**Res. 160-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the list of infrastructure annual reports from the Department of Engineering and Infrastructure as information.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 161-24**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To have the 2022 and 2023 Annual Water Report and 2022 and 2023 Annual Wastewater Report submitted to the Alberta Environment and Protected Areas posted on the Town of Didsbury Website and an update included in the CAO Report for March 26, 2024.

**Motion Carried**

**9.6 Keeping Political Parties out of Local Elections**

**Res. 162-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To support Alberta Municipalities in their efforts to *keep political parties out of local elections* and to have Mayor Hunter write a letter, on behalf of Council, to the President of Alberta Municipalities affirming Council's support and to develop a press release demonstrating Council's support, to be posted on the Town of Didsbury website.

**Motion Carried**

**9.7 Invitation to Participate in ICF Survey**

**Res. 163-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To refer the Alberta Government Survey regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks to the Didsbury ICC group for review and response in consultation with Council, prior to the deadline.

**Motion Carried**

**9.8 Reduction of Speed Limits in the Town**

**Res. 164-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To have Administration prepare a draft plan with recommendations for speed limit changes in Town and refer the information to the Service Level Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

**Motion Carried**

**9.9 Proposed 2024 Closure of Town Facilities**

*Councillor Windsor requested a recorded vote*

**Res. 165-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To bring back proposed dates of 2024 Closure of Town Facilities as well as the service level increase with regard to the budget impacts to remain open during the Friday noon hour and refer it to the Service Level Committee for review and recommendation.

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

**Motion Carried**

**9.10 DOSCA - Repayment Options**

**Res. 166-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the allocation of \$11,271.13 from the DOSCA Reserve to offset the 2023 deficit of \$33,454.29.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 167-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the transfer of the remaining deficit of \$22,183.16 to DOSCA internal borrowing with repayment as outlined in the written plan in option one above.

**Motion Carried**

**9.11 2023 Year End Reserve Allocation**

**Res. 168-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To refer the 2023 Year-End Surplus to the Financial Planning Committee for review and recommendation.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 169-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve transferring the 2023 subdivision deficit of \$241,464.56 to internal borrowings, due from Subdivision, the balance of which is to be repaid from future sales of Shantz lots 1, 2, 10, 11 and 12.

**Motion Carried**

**9.12 Council Assignments Update**

**Res. 170-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To approve the 2023-2024 Council Assignments as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

- Letter from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 2024 Budget
- Letter from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs to Reeve Angela Aalbers regarding the awarding of the ACP grant

**Res. 171-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the correspondence provided as information.

**Motion Carried**

**11. COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – *Defer to Legislative Services***

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. CLOSED MEETING**

**Res. 172-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To go into Closed Meeting at 8:21 p.m. for the following items:

- 13.1 Land Appraisal 2128 21 Avenue as per Section 25 of the FOIP Act
- 13.2 2500 15 Avenue Update - as per Section 23 & 24 of the FOIP Act
- 13.3 21 Avenue Connector Update - as per Section 25 of the FOIP Act
- 13.4 Organizational Update Follow-up as per Section 24 of the FOIP Act
- 13.5 Confidential Evaluations - as per Section 17 of the FOIP Act

**Motion Carried**

**14. RECONVENE**

**Res. 173-24**

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To return to Open Meeting at 9:46 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 174-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the land appraisal update for 2128-21 Avenue as information.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 175-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To advertise for sale municipal land at 2128 21 Avenue, listed at a minimum price of \$115,000 with sale of the land to be at the discretion of Council with regard to price and proposal, and for Administration to address land planning accordingly, and for the land to remain listed until Council accepts a proposal.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 176-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the 21 Avenue Connector as information.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 177-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the Organizational Update Follow-up as information.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 178-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the outcomes of the Confidential Evaluation as discussed.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 179-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To have Administration create a draft policy that directs effective processes and practices on municipal land and property sales as well as the purchase of land and/or property for municipal use and to bring back to Council for review and recommendation.

**Motion Carried**

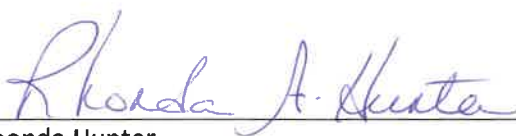
**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. 180-24**

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To adjourn the March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 9:56 p.m.

**Motion Carried**



Mayor - Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner