



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 23, 2021  
Held through ZOOM Meeting

The regular meeting of Council for the municipality of the Town of Didsbury was held through ZOOM Meetings on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 commencing at 6:02 p.m.

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

**Staff:** Chief Administrative Officer - E. Gorner  
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer - A. Riley  
Manager of Community Services – N. Aasen  
Manager of Public Works & Infrastructure – C. Fox  
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer - L. Smith

**CALL TO ORDERM**

Mayor Hunter called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Res. 072-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

**DELEGATION** - None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Res. 073-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

**BYLAWS & POLICIES**

**Emergency Management Bylaw 2020-06**

Res. 074-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant third and final reading to Emergency Management Bylaw 2020-06.

Carried

**Amending Committees of Council Bylaw 2021-02**

Res. 075-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant first reading to Amending Committees of Council Bylaw 2021-02 and that it be referred to committee.

Carried

  
Initial

**Proclamation Policy COUN 006**

Res. 076-21      MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve Proclamation Policy COUN 006 as amended. **Carried**

**Rescinding of Committees Roles & Responsibilities Policy COUN 002**

Res. 077-21      MOVED by Councillor Engel to rescind Committees Roles & Responsibilities Policy COUN 002. **Carried**

**BUSINESS**

**Delegation Request Recommendation**

Res. 078-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to go into closed meeting at 6:34 p.m. **Carried**

Res. 079-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to come out of closed meeting at 6:58 p.m. **Carried**

Res. 080-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to advise the Mountain View Freedom group that in accordance with Procedural Bylaw 2020-12 s.19.1.d, the request does not meet the criteria for a delegation and further recommend the members attend the Organization and/or Business Virtual Town Halls best suited for their interest. **Carried**

**988 Crisis Hotline**

Res. 081-21      MOVED by Councillor Engel to make the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS Didsbury Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Didsbury Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

And that Administration be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

**Carried**

  
Initials

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Public Gallery  
Press Gallery

**CLOSED MEETING**

Res. 089-21      MOVED by Councillor Baswick to go into Closed Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

**Carried**

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:

Staff:      Ethan Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer  
              Amanda Riley, ACAO/Chief Financial Officer  
              Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services

**Topics of Closed Meeting in accordance with the FOIP Act.**

Sec. 27 (2) (privileged information - legal)  
Sec. 24 (1) (a) (advice from officials)  
Sec. 24 (1) (b) (advice from officials)  
Sec. 24 (1) (g) (advice from officials)

**RECONVENE**

Res. 090-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to come out of closed meeting at 8:43 p.m.

**Carried**

Res. 091-21      MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the resignation of Chair Lance Plewis to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee, and direct the Committee to recommend to Council the appointment of a new chair.

**Carried**

Res. 092-21      MOVED by Councillor Crothers to adjourn the meeting 8:46 p.m.

**Carried**

  
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Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

  
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Chief Administrative Officer - Ethan Gorner

**Chamber/Town Council Virtual Town Hall Meeting**

Res. 082-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to hold the Chamber/Town Virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **Carried**

**REPORTS**

**COVID-19 Update**

Res. 083-21      MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the COVID-19 update for February 23, 2021 as information. **Carried**

**Chief Administrative Officer Report**

Res. 084-21      MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report for February 23, 2021 as information. **Carried**

Res. 085-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the Project Summary on the Arena Floor and Boards as information. **Carried**

Res. 086-21      MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the Project Summary on the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Storm, Sidewalks and Westhill Place Sanitary Line Replacement as information. **Carried**

**Council Reports**

Res. 087-21      MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the Council reports for February 23, 2021 as information. **Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Notes – February 3, 2021
- Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Notes – February 3 and 10, 2021
- Performance Evaluation Committee Meeting Notes – January 21, 2021
- MPC Minutes – January 13, 2021
- Minister of Municipal Affairs – Municipal Internship Program Approval
- Mackenzie County – Reopening Recreational & Business Services

Res. 088-21      MOVED by Councillor Baswick to accept the items presented as information. **Carried**

**COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Council deemed the following items be highlighted from the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting:

- Support for 988 Crisis Hotline – Suicide Awareness
- Quality Infrastructure Projects done under budget! Thank you to staff
- Applaud Administration in due diligence in saving money in projects and thanks to staff
- Business Town Hall Meeting with the Chamber on March 3, 2021
- Action requests down in January

  
Initials