

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
Public Space Neutrality
Bylaw 2026-08

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ENSURE THAT FLAGPOLES AND CROSSWALKS WITHIN PUBLIC SPACES WITHIN THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY REMAIN NEUTRAL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 2, Division 1 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, a Council may pass bylaws for purposes respecting people, activities and things in, on or near a public space that is open to the public;

WHEREAS, Council for the Town of Didsbury wishes to enact a bylaw ensuring that flagpoles and crosswalks within public spaces within the Town of Didsbury remain neutral.

NOW, THEREFORE, the municipal Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

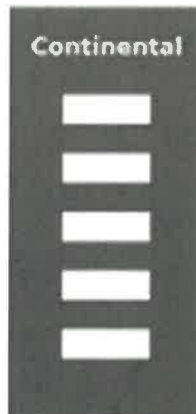
1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Neutral Space Bylaw.”

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Act** means the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26* as amended.

2.2 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the person appointed as chief administrative officer of the Town of Didsbury or designate.

2.3 **Continental** means the pattern drawn or illustrated on Crosswalks as set out in the following image:



2.4 **Council** means the municipal Council for the Town of Didsbury.

2.5 **Crosswalk** means

(a) that part of a Municipal Road at an intersection included within the lateral line of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the Municipal Road measured from the curbs or in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the Municipal Road; or

(b) any part of a Municipal Road at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs, by lines or by other markings on the road surface.

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- 2.6 **Ladder** means the pattern drawn or illustrated on Crosswalks as set out in the following image:



- 2.7 **Municipal Road** means a road as defined in the Act which is under the direction, control and management of the Town.
- 2.8 **Public Property** means land located within the Town of Didsbury for which the Town is the sole registered owner, and that the Town owns and utilizes for the benefit and use of the public.
- 2.9 **Town** means the municipal corporation of the Town of Didsbury or the geographical area within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Didsbury, as the context may require.

3 **CROSSWALKS**

- 3.1 No person shall paint or colour any Crosswalks within the Town with any colours or patterns other than the standard Continental or Ladder patterns.

4 **FLAGS**

- 4.1 No person shall raise any flag on any flagpoles on Public Property other than:

- 4.1.1 The national flag of Canada;
- 4.1.2 The provincial flag of Alberta; or
- 4.1.3 Town of Didsbury flags.

5 **ENFORCEMENT**

- 5.1 In the event of a contravention of this bylaw, the CAO or designate, is authorized to remove any non-compliant items from Public Property, with any costs incurred by the Town in removing the items constituting a debt owing to the Town by the person who placed the non-compliant flag or Crosswalk colors or pattern.

6 **SEVERABILITY**

- 6.1 If any part of this bylaw is deemed invalid, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remaining parts of the bylaw will continue to be in force.

7 **EFFECTIVE**

- 7.1 This Bylaw shall take come into force and effect upon third and final reading.
- 7.2 Any Crosswalks or flags located on Town property that contravene sections 3.1 or 4.1 of this Bylaw shall be removed within thirty (30) days of this Bylaw coming into force and effect.

Read a first time this 10th day of March, 2026.

Read a second time this 10th day of March, 2026.

Read a third time this 24th day of March, 2026 and passed.

Signed on this 30th day of March, 2026



Chris Little, Mayor



Michael Simpson, Chief Administrative Officer