



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 11, 2025

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in Council Chambers.

Financial Planning Committee Recommendation - 2024 Year End Reserve Allocation:

Council approve the allocation of the 2024 year end surplus as follows:

\$29,967 to the Council Community Grants Reserve;
\$37,000 to Economic Development & Tourism Reserve;
\$10,000 to Train Station Reserve;
\$30,000 to Operations and Maintenance Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Reserve;
\$23,000 to Campground Reserve;
\$70,000 to Roads and Sidewalks Reserve; and
\$40,033 to Strategic Initiatives and Contingency Reserve.

2025 Alberta Provincial Budget:

All Alberta municipalities collect the education property taxes on behalf of the province. The rate for the education property tax is not set by the municipality, nor do the revenues go to the municipality for operations or capital projects. There is, approximately, a 14% increase to the Education Property Tax Revenue in 2025 compared to 2024; this is one of the most significant increases over the last 10 years. This increase will be represented in the Town of Didsbury Tax Rate Bylaw and will increase the amount of property tax revenue collected by the municipality and then distributed to the province for education funding.

Bylaw 2025-02 Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw:

At the February 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council granted first reading to the Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw 2025-02, after which Council established an Ad Hoc Committee to review and discuss the Bylaw. The Committee met on March 4, 2025 and forwarded recommendations to the March 11 meeting. Council granted the second and third readings to Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw 2025-02 as amended.

Bylaw 2025-03 Amending Creekside Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2022-15:

The applicant has presented amendments to the location of the road and proposed amended, realigned parcel configuration. The applicant has also proposed the inclusion of another Land Use District, IS: Institutional District, within the ASP to accommodate the future use of one of the parcels to be subdivided. The original location and size of the stormwater pond is also being proposed to be amended. These proposed amendments deviate from the existing Land Use Concept Map and an amendment is required. Council granted first reading of Bylaw 2025-03 Amending Creekside Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2022-15. Council also set April 8, 2025 as the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2025-03 Amending Creekside Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2022-15.