



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting and the annual Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 in Council Chambers at 1606-14 Street.

- Council was presented with a comprehensive Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report that included:
 - Development Permits as of October 15, 2024
 - Third Quarter Development Report
 - Third Quarter Municipal Enforcement Report
 - Third Quarter Didsbury Fire Department Report
 - Request from Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting the municipality submit an online survey on the impact of the carbon tax on Town operations.
 - Christmas Lights and Garland Update

The full CAO Report can be found on the Town of Didsbury Website: <https://www.didsbury.ca/p/council-meetings>

- Council granted first reading to the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 2024-12 and set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 26, 2024. The purpose of the MPD is to manage the future growth and development of Didsbury through the inclusion of a set of broad goals and policies to guide decisions made by the Town. This Plan has the secondary purpose of implementing the future vision of the community.
- Council approved to amend the East Reservoir funding structure to fund the project. Upon recommendation of the Financial Planning Committee, Council agreed the need for sufficient funds to remain in the Town's Water Reserves for future water projects. Therefore, a new funding model was proposed which included borrowing (long term debt funding). Financing this project with debt ensures that the current users of the system cover the cost of the project. Additionally, with many upcoming deep utility water projects across 2025-2030, and future maintenance projects related to the current reservoir, funding this project in this manner will leave more Water Reserves for future projects.
- The following items were the highlights from the Organizational Meeting:
 - Approval of Council Meeting Schedule and Breaks for October to December 2024, and January to December 2025
 - Re-Appointment of Deputy Mayor Curt Engel and the alternate Deputy Mayor Schedule
 - Council Assignments Listing
 - Two new appointments of public members to the Municipal Planning Commission
 - New appointment of a Business Representative to the Central Alberta Economic Partnership, which is a member of the Town of Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee
 - The appointment of two new members to the Didsbury Municipal Library Board