

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 28, 2023

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in Council Chambers at 1606 – 14 Street.

- Council heard a presentation from Environmental Solutions Ltd. (E360) regarding the Blue Bin Program. Highlights of this presentation included clarification of information regarding the amount of material being recycled (75-85% of material collected from blue bins in Didsbury is recycled); change in process (E360 now partners with Capital Paper); and updated information on recycling requirements for residents to be aware of (this information is also now on the Town of Didsbury website at: https://www.didsbury.ca/p/wastecollection)
- Council heard a presentation from S/Sgt. Browne on the RCMP Fourth Quarter Report (October to December 2022) as well setting the 2023 Policing Priorities for:
 - Major Crimes
 - Opioid and fentanyl Crisis
 - Increased visibility in the community, including late events and early mornings
- Council passed the 2023 Operating Budget with total estimated revenues of \$12,661,210 and total estimated expenditures of \$12,661,210, and with revenue from tax totaling \$5,120,956, representing a 4% increase over the prior year.
- Council approved Mayor Hunter, Councillor Moore and Councillor Windsor to meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Rebecca Schulz, during AB Municipalities President's Summit and Leadership Caucus in Edmonton, AB.
- Council appointed a local business owner, Sean McKinsley, to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- The Town of Didsbury Economic Development Officer provided information on the newly launched Mountain View Regional Film Office and website, which is a collaboration between the Town of Didsbury, the Town of Sundre, and Mountain View County, to promote the advancement of film, TV, media and tech development in the Mountain View region of Alberta. The new website is: https://mountainviewfilm.ca/
- Council accepted correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding Budget 2023 and how it will impact municipalities. This included information regarding the allocation of the 2023 MSI and CCBF funds.