



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 25, 2021

The Town of Didsbury Council held the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday May 25, 2021 via ZOOM Meetings.

- Council approved the Tax Rate Bylaw, with only slight increases to residential and non-residential tax rates. With the overall taxable assessment being down by \$15,641,000 and the net cost of policing having increased by \$331,566 since 2018, taxpayers will not see an appreciable difference in their tax bill from last year.
- Council approved a new policy for a Community Grant Program. This program will provide financial support and assistance to community organizations/groups/clubs and/or festival/event organizers with a demonstrated need to enhance a project, program, or service in our community. The focus of the grant support for 2021 will be to assist groups in recovering from the pandemic and the loss of fundraising initiatives.
- Council approved having two questions on the 2021 Municipal Election Ballot; do you support an increase to municipal taxes for the Town of Didsbury to 1) proceed with Train Whistle Cessation and 2) to increase improvements to town roads. Council wants the community to help set the direction on these issues.
- Council requested Mayor Hunter send a letter to Canadian Pacific Railway requesting the removal and cleanup of the railway ties along the tracks.
- Council approved a new Utility Charges Bylaw which includes changes to the water service fee structure that now will include a fixed infrastructure fee, a water consumption rate, and a water distribution rate. Also approved in the bylaw was a reduction to solid waste services fees that reflects a reduced fee in solid waste collection, as well as the opportunity to access additional green, blue, or black bins at a revised and reduced cost.
- The 2021 Municipal Election Advance Poll dates were set for Wednesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 7 to run from noon to 8 p.m. at the Town of Didsbury Council Chambers 1606 – 14 Street.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. held through ZOOM Meetings.