



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 11, 2021

The Town of Didsbury Council held the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday May 11, 2021 via ZOOM Meetings.

- The National Police Federation (NPF) gave a presentation to Council at 5:00 p.m. regarding the government's proposal to replace the Alberta RCMP with a new provincial police service. Last October, NPF conducted their own independent polling which showed that 81% of Albertans in communities policed by the RCMP are satisfied with the service they receive and that support for a transition was as low as 8%. These costs will not only have a tremendous impact on the finances of the province but also on municipalities like Didsbury. The result will be a more expensive and less effective police force. The NPF invites residents to visit their [website](http://www.keepalbertarcmp.ca) www.keepalbertarcmp.ca for further information.
- Council approved changes to the Utility Charges, which will be included in Bylaw 2021-03 at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- Council was pleased to note the increase in potential developments and housing.
- Council awarded the 20th Street Stormwater and Surface Revitalization Project for a total of \$454,891.03 to Kaon Infrastructure.
- Council requested Administration to make a Development Permit Application to Alberta Transportation for the installation of solar crossing signals at the crosswalk at 16 Street and Highway 582.
- Council directed that administration explore and research the undertaking of a housing needs assessment.
- The Policy and Governance Committee was directed to review and make recommendations on the creation of a Governance of Public Art Policy and Perpetual Care Cemetery fees.

The next Council Meeting will be May 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2021 Operating Budget. The meeting will be held through ZOOM Meetings.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. held through ZOOM Meetings.