



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 in Council Chambers at 1606-14 Street.

- Staff Sgt. Steven Browne, Didsbury RCMP Detachment Commander, presented the First Quarter Report (April 1 to June 20, 2024) as well as the Multi-Year Financial Plan (April 1, 2025 to March 30 2030).
- By consensus, the Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee (ICC) agreed to the amendments to the Fire Services Agreement, and that this agreement be presented to the respective Councils. Didsbury Council approved the Fire Services Sub-Agreement as recommended by the ICC.
- Annually, Council approves an Operating and Capital Budget in compliance with the *Municipal Government Act*. This year, Administration proposed a timeline be adopted proactively by Council. An approved timeline will provide a clear structure for the presentation, deliberation, and approval of the 2025 Capital and Operating Budgets in a timely and efficient manner. Council approved the budget timelines as follows:

Date	Meeting	Description
September 3	n/a	2025 Budget Survey opens
September 19	Showcase	Public Engagement at <i>Showcase Didsbury</i>
September 27	n/a	2025 Budget Survey closes
September 30	CoW	Community groups' presentations
October 30	Budget Meeting	Operating and Capital Budget presentation
November 12	RCM	Budget Engagement with Council (Council to ask questions regarding the proposed budget)
November 19	Budget Meeting	Operating and Capital Budget Workshop
November 26	RCM	Budget Engagement with Council (Council to ask further questions regarding the proposed budget)
December 3	Budget Meeting	Budget Workshop (if required)
December 10	RCM	Operating and Capital Budget Approval

- In June, Council passed **COUN 004-24, Service Group Funding Policy** which establishes a framework for the Town of Didsbury to provide operational funding to Didsbury-based service organizations. These service groups provide human services that shall be available for all people to use and, therefore, paid on a per capita basis. Council agreed to invite the following community organizations to the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 30:
  - Didsbury Municipal Library Board
  - Didsbury & District Historical Society
  - Didsbury Lions Club – Community Bus

- At the June 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Council passed a motion to provide a letter of support towards the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant Application. Although Administration was waiting on formal quotes for the project, the application required Council support before the deadline. Following this meeting, Administration received the quotes and submitted the application using the updated figures. The total project cost was updated to \$235,400, with the Town of Didsbury contributing 50% (\$117,700). The application is currently under review for eligibility and completeness before moving to peer review for an evaluation that will inform FCM's funding decision. The funding decision takes approximately four to five months. Council accepted the update as information and approved the project in the amount of \$235,400 to be included in 2025 budget, conditional upon receipt of the grant.
- Council approved to close a section of 19 Street and 29 Avenue at the north end of the industrial subdivision to allow for safe transport of material from an adjacent parcel to the Valarosa development area. The material is required by the Valarosa development to increase the elevations for the subdivision application which is currently in circulation. The temporary closure will be for several days.



- Council approved the attendance of Mayor Hunter and any other interested Councillors to attend the 2025 Economic Developers Association Leaders' Summit & Conference April 9 to 11, 2025 in Kananaskis, Alberta. Council also approved the attendance of two (2) Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee members to attend this conference.
- Council approved the updated Council Assignment List to include the appointment of Councillor Williams to the Central Alberta Economic Partnership Agri-business Committee.