



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 8, 2022

The Town of Didsbury Council held the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday March 8, 2022, in Council Chambers, 1606 – 14 Street.

- Each year, the Didsbury RCMP Detachment Sgt. asks Council to provide three priorities for the RCMP to focus on for the coming year. Council approved the following priorities for the Didsbury RCMP detachment to focus on in 2022-2023
 1. Focus on major crimes
 2. Opioid and Fentanyl Crisis
 3. Increase visibility in the community, including late evenings and early mornings
- The 2022 proposed Operating Budget was presented to Council and the public on March 5, 2022. Council asked Administration to bring back several items to be discussed at a Operating Budget Meeting on March 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Didsbury Medical Clinic under the banner of Satori Health opened their doors in downtown Didsbury in November of 2021 with the intent to expand the clinic and provide ultrasound services to Didsbury and the region. Council approved for the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to provide a letter of support to Satori Health for the Didsbury Medical Clinic to address the need for teleradiology services to the CPSA.
- The Rosebud Valley Campground is currently not connected to the Town's wastewater collection system. At this time, the washroom facilities are serviced from an onsite septic tank, and cleanout is a contracted service costing thousands every year. Council approved for the Rosebud Valley Campground to be connected to the wastewater collection system, funded through the Campground Reserve. The estimated cost to connect the campground services to the main is \$20,000, which will be recovered in approximately 1-1/2 years.
- Council was pleased with the information presented to them on several major projects that were started in 2021 and have now been completed, including the Skatepark, Jets playground, 21st street engineering.
- The Didsbury Economic Development, Sundre Economic Development and Mountain View County Economic Development have been approved by the Federal Government for CanExport Community Investments - Foreign Direct Investment contribution funding for a joint regional project with a focus on the technology industry. This project is to establish a photo/video library, database and mapping of locations, as well as a list of resources, fees, and film guidelines summarized under a regional, comprehensive website that will also include a translation tool.
- Council asked Administration to apply and sign up for the Provincial Program Foreign Investment and Workforce Attraction Program – and join Central Alberta Economic Partnership's regional effort to position Central Alberta and its communities as the best place for this program.