



# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 14, 2025

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 in Council Chambers.

## ***Bylaw 2025-01 Amending the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04***

**Public Hearing Date – Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

Council granted first reading to *Bylaw 2025-01 Amending the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 - Dwelling Unit - Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker*. The amendment would see the addition of a new use, “Dwelling Unit – Occupancy of Owner, Operator, or Caretaker” to the Land Use Bylaw and include it as a Discretionary Use to the following Districts:

- C1: Commercial District – General;
- C2: Commercial District – Highway;
- C3: Commercial District – Core;
- RC: Residential/Commercial District; and
- I1: Industrial District – General.

The Public Hearing for this bylaw is set for Tuesday, February 25, 2025 during the Regular Council Meeting in Council Chambers.

## **2025 Capital Budget Amendment – Didsbury Arena Ice Condenser**

Council approved a 2025 Capital Budget Amendment to approve the acquisition of an Adiabatic Model Ice Plant Condenser Unit, valued at \$400,000.

The Adiabatic model utilizes air and air humidification for more efficient operation, therefore reducing the operating costs related to water consumption, repairs, maintenance, and water treatment chemicals when compared with other models. Furthermore, the unit has an expected life expectancy of 20-25+ years.

It is anticipated that the new condenser unit will be installed by July 2025 and be operational in time for the August hockey camps that utilize the Didsbury Memorial Complex Arena.

## **Valarosa Link Pathway Design**

New design options for the Valarosa Link Pathway were presented to Council. The five revised options included a new location slightly farther to the north which would be located on Municipal Reserve Lands. The options presented had varied in terms of degree of accessibility, cost, and style and were accompanied with a rough estimated cost for the undertaking of the project, ranging in amounts from \$169,501 to \$297,707.

Given that the revised designs were notably higher in cost than the originals presented in 2024, Council expressed their support of the pursuit of an Active Transportation Grant for the Pathway design that meets wheelchair accessibility standards. It is unlikely that a funding announcement would be made before mid-to-late 2025 and, therefore, the project would not be undertaken until 2026 at the earliest.

## **2025 Budget Meeting Date – February 10, 2025 at 6 p.m.**

Council set a budget meeting date for *February 10, 2025 at 6 p.m.* in Council Chambers. The meeting will be open to public attendance and livestreamed on the Town of Didsbury YouTube Page.

## **CAO Report**

The [CAO Report](#) included the Fourth Quarter Economic Development Report, Municipal Enforcement Report and Development Permits since January 7, 2025