



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 22, 2022

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday March 22, 2022, in Council Chambers, 1606 – 14 Street.

- Helen Hafke, President of the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce provided a presentation for the 2022 programs, events, and celebrations planned for the Didsbury business community. The Chamber is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year!
- Council gave third and final reading to the Utility Charges Bylaw 2022-02. Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste fixed charges are being decreased while variable charges (distribution and consumption) will see an increase. These rates come into effect April 1, 2022, which will be on the May utility bill.
- Council passed an amendment to the 2022 Capital Budget to fund the Deer Coulee/Cemetery Pathway replacement project for \$51,000 from the Trails & Pathway Reserve as well as purchasing and funding the Columbarium project with future sales of the niche space.
- Council appointed Meaghan Neis as a Regular Member to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee (DEDAC).
- Council provided input and direction on expected outcomes as well as the need for increased information and communication from our CAEP Board.
- Council approved to enter into a Temporary Lease Agreement for space at the Firehall to be occupied by Alberta Health Services, Calgary Zone Emergency Medical Services while renovations are underway at the Didsbury hospital facility.
- Council allocated \$748,262.50 to reserve funds, which is close to 95% of the 2021 operating surplus. The largest portion was allocated to General Reserves in the amount of 448,851. Of note, Council approved the creation of a Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund to which \$57,950 was allocated.
- Council will meet for their next 2022 Operating Budget Meeting on Thursday, March 31 in Council Chambers.