



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024 in Council Chambers at 1606-14 Street.

- Council was provided a presentation from Jackie Seely, Donor Relations & Development Officer for STARS, to update Council on the latest happenings at STARS and provide information and updates on the STARS mission as it pertains to residents in the area.
- There is currently one tax roll pertaining to provincially owned buildings which is deemed to be uncollectible. The Province now pays only 50% of the tax amount to Municipalities in Alberta as Grants in Place of Taxes. The remaining amount is uncollectible and therefore should be written off. The total value of provincial taxes for the 2023 year was \$12,740.50. The Town recently received a 50% payment of \$6,370.25. Council approved to write off the uncollectible taxes owing.
- Council voted to maintain the franchise fee rates for ATCO Gas and FORTIS Alberta for 2025. ATCO Gas remains at 25% and FORTIS at 17%.
- In 2023, Council approved a \$2,000 grant to the Mountain View Arts Society for the installation of a mural on the west wall of the Didsbury Inn at 2014 19 Avenue. The project began in the spring of 2024, undertaken by local artist, Mike Sydoryk. The completed mural is a beautiful addition to the downtown core and enhances the creative character of the culture of the town. Council extended their appreciation to the Mountain View Arts Society for their commitment to the beautification, through art, of buildings in our downtown core.
- Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Gorner, announced the resignation effectively immediately of Councillor Joyce McCoy. In accordance with Section 161(4) the CAO must report the resignation at the first council meeting after receiving the resignation. As the resignation was received prior to the meeting, the announcement was made during the meeting following the Council Reports.