



# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 28, 2026

The Town of Didsbury Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 in Council Chambers.

## Delegations

Council was presented by Wayne Poffenroth and Gordon Lau, of Stantec with an overview of a proposed Area Structure Plan called Roseridge.

Melody Knutson, a member of the community, requested that Council consider amending the Council Procedural Bylaw 2024-11 and/or the Public Participation Policy to accommodate input from members of the public at regular council meetings. Council directed Administration to bring forward Council Procedural Bylaw 2024-11 for review..

## RFP Award - Didsbury Arena Boiler + Water Storage Replacement

Council awarded the 2026 Didsbury Arena Boiler + Water Storage Replacement project to 2216798 AB Inc. (Fusion Plumbing & Heating AB) for a total of \$105,595.34.

## Community Publication

Council approved entering into a publishing agreement with TNC Publishing Group to produce a Town of Didsbury Promotional/Informational Community Publication. A magazine-style Community Publication will be developed and will include Town of Didsbury content with opportunities for local businesses to advertise. Content will include Town programs and services, schedules, and upcoming events as well as business and development opportunities and tourist attractions.

## Bylaws and Policies

Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-09: A Public Hearing for was held for the redesignation of the northern portion of 100 Shantz Drive from C1: Commercial District – General to RC2: Residential/Commercial District – High Density. Council granted second and third reading to Land Use Amending Bylaw 2026-09.

Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw 2026-11: The Live-Work Neighbourhood Policy Area within the Municipal Development Plan currently discusses industrial development; the proposed amendment will provide more diversity within this Policy Area. **Council set Tuesday, May 26, 2026 for the Public Hearing** for Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw 2026-11.

Community Grant Program Policy: Council rescinded Policy CS 003-24 – Community Grant Program and adopted two new policies in its place. Approved by Council, Policy CS 003-26 – Community Grant Program will govern funding applications only and will include updated eligibility requirements, operating cycle, a new evaluation matrix, and final reporting requirements. The CS 004-26 – Facility Discounts Policy ensures a clear application process for organizations seeking Town support, strengthens the eligibility and approval processes, and provides for a cleaner internal process for Administration.

## 2026 Amended Operating and Capital Budget

Council reviewed the 2026 Operating Budget that was passed at the December 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Administration recommended numerous amendments, including:

- Special Event: Station 5 Round Up—Additional Expenditure of \$62,960 with revenue for the project totaling \$36,000 and costs offset by a transfer from the Economic Development Reserve of \$24,460.
- Training and Development—\$12,000 increase to revenues from taxes for Leadership Team coaching.
- Solid Waste Compost Bins—Additional \$15,000 for compost bins. The costs for this initiative will be offset by solid waste user fees.
- Campground Host—\$16,222 increase to revenues from taxes for staffing for the 2026 Campground Season.

- Economic Development—\$74,205 reduction to revenues from taxes for a restructuring of the level of service provided by the Economic Development Department.
- Didsbury Aquatic Centre Boiler Replacement (In-Floor Heating)—\$26,000 increase to revenues from taxes to replace the boiler that operated the in-floor heating system at the Aquatic Centre.
- Didsbury Memorial Complex Public Wi-Fi Installation Project—\$10,000 increase to revenues from taxes.

Council approved the 2026 Amended Operating Budget with total revenues before taxes of \$7,911,195 and total expenditures of \$13,320,077, and with revenues from taxes required of \$5,408,882.

The **2026 Amended Capital Budget** totals an amount of \$1,415,000 and is funded from the following sources:

- \$72,108 from Operations;
- \$140,000 from the Strategic Initiative and Contingency Reserve;
- \$108,000 from the Water Reserve;
- \$92,000 from the Wastewater Reserve;
- \$130,000 from the O&M Vehicle & Equipment Reserve;
- \$130,074 from the Didsbury Memorial Complex Reserve;
- \$65,000 from the Roads and Sidewalks Reserve;
- \$525,000 from the Canada Community Building Fund Grant;
- \$91,000 from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre Grant;
- \$61,818 from Mountain View County Shared Facility Capital Funding.

Council adopted the amended 2026 Capital Budget as presented, totalling an estimated amount of \$1,415,000 and funded from the following sources: Operations (\$72,108), Reserves (\$665,074), Provincial Grants (\$525,000), and Other Grants (\$152,819).

The tax rate bylaw is guided by assessment values and calculations of the tax rate based on budget. Council can only impact those rates by changing the split between the various assessment classes, or changing the budgeted revenues from taxes. Based on the budgeted revenues from taxes and the same tax ratio as the 2025 year, the residential tax rate will be set at 0.006012 (2025 – 0.006763) and the non-residential municipal tax rate will be set at 0.008117 (2025 - 0.008669). An average residential property would see a reduction to municipal taxes of \$22 per year, an increase to school taxes of \$101 per year, and an increase to seniors' housing taxes of \$6 per year for a net increase of \$85 per year. An average non-residential property would see a reduction to municipal taxes of \$98 per year, an increase to school taxes of \$166 per year, and a reduction to seniors' housing taxes of \$3 per year for a net increase of \$65 per year.