



TOWN OF DIDSBURY AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Held by ZOOM Meeting

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Delegation – Didsbury Curling Club
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	3.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Members of the Didsbury Curling Club will speak with Council on the impacts of COVID-19 has had on their season and its members.



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2021
Held through ZOOM Meeting

The regular meeting of Council for the municipality of the Town of Didsbury was held through ZOOM Meetings on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Hunter
Deputy Mayor E. Poggemiller
Councillor M. Crothers
Councillor C. Engel
Councillor D. Moore
Councillor B. Windsor

Regrets Councillor Baswick

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer - E. Gerner
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer - A. Riley
Manager of Community Services – N. Aasen
Manager of Public Works & Infrastructure – C. Fox
Senior Development Officer – K. Pickett
Economic Development Officer – P. Boucher
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer - L. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. 022-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS - none

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 023-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the January 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Procedural Bylaw 2020-12

Res. 024-21 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to grant second reading to Procedural Bylaw 2020-12 and that it be referred to committee.

Carried

Development Incentives Bylaw 2021-01

Res. 025-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to grant first reading to Development Incentive Bylaw 2021-01 and that it be referred to committee.

Carried

BUSINESS

Multi-Year Capital Plan

Res. 026-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the Multi Year Capital Plan as information.

Carried

2021 Draft Capital Budget

Res. 027-21 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to approve the following 2021 Capital Budget items:

- 20th Street Stormwater Drainage & Surface Improvements \$ 626,202
- 21st Street Stormwater & Surface Improvements (Design) \$ 30,000
- Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan (Skate park) \$ 350,000
- Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan (Jets Playground) \$ 80,000
- MPR & Lobby Roof Replacement \$ 160,000
- Skid Steer Annual Program \$ 54,000

totaling \$1,300,202, funded as presented; and that the remaining capital budget be referred to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Carried

Community Recognition

Res. 028-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to recognize Joyce McCoy for her volunteerism with a letter of recognition from Mayor Hunter on behalf of Council, as outlined in the Community Recognition policy.

Carried

Change of Use DC-IND

Res. 029-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve DP 21-001 for a Change of Use- Automotive Services (Minor), located at 1213- 20th Street, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That the Development Officer may, by notice in writing, suspend a Development Permit where development has occurred in contravention to the terms and conditions of the permit and/or Land Use Bylaw.

Carried

Signage Application for DC-IND

Res. 030-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve DP 21-002 for fascia signage, located at 1213- 20th Street, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That the nature of the development conforms to the submitted signage design set forth in the application.
- 2) That the Development Officer may, by notice in writing, suspend a Development Permit where development has occurred in contravention to the terms and conditions of the permit and/or Land Use Bylaw.

Carried

Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) Follow-up

Res. 031-21 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to accept the report from the Economic Development Officer regarding the Town's membership with the Central Alberta Economic Partnership as information.

Carried

REPORTS

COVID-19 Update

Res. 032-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the COVID-19 update for January 26, 2021 as information.

Carried

Res. 033-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to direct Administration to explore how Council meetings can be done in Council Chambers in a safe manner.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer Report

Res. 034-21 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report for January 26, 2021 as information.

Carried

Council Reports

Res. 035-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Council reports for January 26, 2021 as information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

- December 14, 2020 Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
- December 9, 2020 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
- RCMP K Division, November 5, 2020 Meeting follow up

Res. 036-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the items presented as information.

Carried

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council deemed the following items be highlighted from the January 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting:

- Passing six (6) items on the 2021 capital budget
- Development Incentive Bylaw received 1st reading
- Acknowledgement to the general public who against the adversity in their lives have remained positive.
- The skate park is moving forward in 2021, Council recognized the skate park society and the hard work they put into this project.
- Economic Development Officer's update on a video being created to show how COVID has affected our business and organizations.

Res. 037-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Council Meeting Highlights, and that a press release be sent out on the Skate Park moving forward including thanking the Skate Park Society.

Carried

EMAIL QUESTION PERIOD

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 038-21 MOVED by Councillor Windsor to go into Closed Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:

Staff: Ethan Gerner, Chief Administrative Officer
 Amanda Riley, ACAO/Chief Financial Officer
 Craig Fox, Manager of Public Works & Infrastructure
 Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services

Topics of Closed Meeting in accordance with the FOIP Act.

Sec. 24(1) (a) Advice from officials (land)
Sec. 23(1) (a) Local public body confidences (land/legal)
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RECONVENE

Res. 039-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to come out of closed meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Carried

Res. 040-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m.

Carried

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 041-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to return to closed meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

Craig Fox left the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Councillor Crothers left the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Ethan Gerner, Amanda Riley and Luana Smith left the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Ethan Gerner returned at 9:54 p.m.

RECONVENE

Res. 042-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to come out of closed meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Carried

Res. 043-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to approve moving forward on the recommendations of the Library Facility Ad Hoc Committee proposal; and that a joint press release be made with the Didsbury Municipal Library Board regarding the project.

Carried

Res. 044-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore that Administration finalize the sale of the AG building.

Carried

Res. 045-21 MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to support the Mayors of South Central Alberta in their letter to the Premier.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 046-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to adjourn the meeting 9:59 p.m.

Carried

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer - Ethan Gorner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Bylaw 2020-12 Procedural Bylaw
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Bylaw 2020-12 is a bylaw to establish rules and procedures for conducting orderly council meetings.

Council gave second reading to Bylaw 2020-12 on January 26, 2021.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

At the January 27 and February 3, 2021 Policy & Governance Committee meetings, Procedural Bylaw 2020-12 was reviewed taking into consideration the comments made by Council.

The Town received legal opinion confirming that they can legally restrict recording devices during the meeting however, the committee is recommending that they don't.

The committee has made further changes and is recommending Council give third and final reading.

The Bylaw is provided in the marked up version for Council's review of the changes.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant third and final reading to Procedural Bylaw 2020-12 to establish rules and procedures for the conducting of orderly council meetings.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
The Procedural Bylaw
Bylaw No. 2020-12

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY TO ESTABLISH RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING OF ORDERLY COUNCIL ~~and COMMITTEE~~ MEETINGS.

The Council of the Town of Didsbury enacts the following:

PART 1: PURPOSE

Purpose

1. The purpose of this bylaw is to establish rules to follow in governing Town of Didsbury Council ~~and Committee Meetings.~~
2. The following meetings are carried out in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* RSA C-M26:
 - a. Regular Council Meetings
 - b. Special Council Meetings
 - c. Organizational Meeting
 - d. Public Hearings
 - e. Closed (in-camera) Meetings
3. All references to Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) will be taken to also mean any designate as directed by the CAO.

PART 2: APPLICATION

Paramount Rules

4. If the provisions in any other bylaw conflict with the rules in this Bylaw, this Bylaw will prevail.

PART 3: MEETING FRAMEWORK

Meeting Chair

5. The Mayor shall be the Chair of all Council Meetings unless absent, and in the event the Deputy Mayor will act in their stead. Where both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent, Council shall appoint one of the remaining members to Chair that meeting by motion.
6. ~~The Chair presides over the meeting and all comments and questions shall be addressed through the Chair. This includes members of Council and other participants including delegations.~~

Meeting Dates and Times

7. The days and times of Regular Council Meetings shall be set by resolution at the Organizational Meeting each year. Other meetings as needed may be set by motion of Council.
8. The meeting schedule may be amended in any way, including the addition or cancellation of meetings, by motion of Council.
9. ~~Committee meetings shall be set by the Committee based on member availability.~~

Quorum

10. The majority of all the Councillors that comprise the Council shall establish a quorum.

11. ~~The majority of sitting members on any committee shall establish a quorum.~~

Extending Meeting Time of Meetings

12. Regular Council meetings that reach the four (4) hour mark will adjourn to the next day or a date and time designated by motion.

PART 4: COUNCIL MEETING BUSINESS

Order of Business

13. The order of business at a meeting is the order of the items on the agenda except:
- When a previous meeting has been adjourned for lack of a quorum and no special meeting has been called to deal with the business of the adjourned meeting, the agenda items from the adjourned meeting must be dealt with before any items on the current agenda;
 - When Council alters the order of business for the convenience of the meeting by motion.
14. ~~Council need not deal with any item on the agenda by choosing to make no motion(s) or by passing a motion to accept the item as information.~~

PART 5: MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Agenda Format

15. The agenda sets forth the order of business for a given meeting and will follow in accordance with the motion of Council that adopts the agenda at the start of the meeting.

Agenda Distribution

16. The CAO will ~~ensure copies of the agenda~~ email copies of the agenda and reports are available to Council members before each regular Council meeting ~~(generally two (2) business days before the meeting). Agendas, reports and supplementary materials that are received too late to be included with the agenda or that are intended for Special Council Meetings will be made available as soon as reasonably possible.~~

Adoption of Agenda

17. Council must vote to adopt the agenda prior to transacting other business and may by motion:
- Add new items to the agenda;
 - Delete any matter from the agenda;
 - Revise the order of business on the agenda.

Preparation of Minutes

18. The CAO will ensure that Council minutes are taken and prepared, in accordance with the privileges set forth in the *Municipal Government Act*.

Adoption of Minutes

19. The minutes of each meeting will be circulated, prior to the meeting, as part of the agenda package for which they are to be adopted. Council will do one of the following:
- Pass a motion adopting the minutes if there are no errors or omissions;
 - If there are minor errors or omissions, Council shall make a motion to adopt the minutes as amended;
 - If there are major errors or omissions, the minutes shall be referred to the following meeting.

PART 6: PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL (Delegations)

20. If a person wishes to speak to Council on any matter, that person must notify Administration in writing and must state the reason for the request to speak. The written request must include an outline of the issue to be addressed, along with any pertinent background information, and an overview of any action being requested of Council. After receiving the request and determining it to have merit to speak, the CAO will place the matter on the next or as soon as reasonably possible Agenda under "Delegations".
21. If the CAO deems an upcoming agenda business list to already be significantly full, the CAO at their discretion, may schedule a delegation for a later meeting date.
22. If, for whatever reason, the CAO in consultation with the Mayor deems a delegation request to not have merit, the requesting person will not be placed as a delegation on the Council agenda.
 - 22.1.1 A request will be deemed to not have merit if it is, including but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Is a re-addressing of a previously heard issue, where there is no new information being brought forth;
 - b. Incoherent; or
 - c. Libelous, impertinent or improper;
 - d. ~~Attacks Administration or Council, whether individually or as a group;~~
 - e. ~~If the matter is irrelevant to Town business or not in the scope of local government;~~
 - f. Self-promoting or politicking.
23. Generally, delegations will have up to 15 minutes to speak; however, their time will be at the discretion of the chair.

Council Consideration of Request

24. If a person appears at a Council meeting wishing to speak to Council without having given prior notice;
Council may:
 - a. Choose to add them to the "Delegation" portion of the Agenda by unanimous motion;
 - b. If such request is not approved by unanimous motion, the person will not be allowed to speak.

Public Events Procedures

25. The Mayor (Chief Elected Official) is the official representative and spokesperson for Council and the Town at public events and will perform official duties as required. If the Mayor is not available, the Deputy Mayor will be delegated on behalf of the Mayor. If the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not available, the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor will delegate a member of Council in their stead.
26. Other members of Council may accompany the Mayor/Deputy Mayor when appropriate or when approved by motion of Council.

Petitions

27. Any matter required to be brought to Council by way of petition must be supported by a petition that complies with the *Municipal Government Act* or other applicable legislation.

PART 7 – RECORDING DEVICES

Audio and Video Recordings and Transmissions

28. ~~Other than equipment used for the purpose of facilitating a Councillor's participation in Council meeting while not physically present, no unauthorized video or audio recordings may be made of any portion of the Council meeting. Similarly, no unauthorized internet recordings or transmissions are to be made of any portion of the Council meeting. Permission may be granted to news organization representatives to use audio devices, from their seats, for the purposes of preparing their news stories. Such allowances will be at the discretion of the Chair.~~

Pictures

29. ~~No pictures may be taken of any portion of the Council proceedings or interior of the Council Chambers. Permission may be granted to news organization representatives to take a picture that may be associated with a news story. Such allowances will be at the discretion of the Chair.~~

PART 8-7 - SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Suspension of Rules

30. If a special circumstance arises that would justify, in the opinion of Council, a relaxing of any of these protocols, then any of these clauses, where not already allowed, may be waived or set aside by the unanimous motion of Council. Such a motion must be unanimous by those Council members participating in the meeting.

PART 9-8 - GALLERY QUESTION PERIOD

31. The holding of Gallery Question Period shall be at the discretion of Council and the format of it shall be at the discretion of the meeting chair and will only be for questions related to Council business or governance. **As stated in Part 6 of this bylaw, all questions are made through the chair.**
32. **The Chair shall have discretion in response to the questions or comments that arise. ~~Members of Council and Administration shall not provide response to questions or comments during the Gallery Question Period. The Chair may choose to respond to comments or questions on behalf of the Town of Didsbury. If Council determines that the question or comment necessitates a response or further investigation, a notice of motion shall be issued.~~**

PART 10 9 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

33. All versions of Bylaw 2014-12 passed on November 25, 2014, February 9, 2016, November 2, 2017, September 11, 2018, January 8, 2019 and Bylaw 2019-03 are hereby repealed.
34. The Terms of Reference of the Priorities and Policy Committee - Res. No. 189-18 and all other amendments thereto are hereby rescinded.
35. That this Bylaw shall take effect on the date of final passing.

Read a first time this 25 day of August, 2020.

Read a second time this 26 day of January, 2021.

Read a third and final time this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor – Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Bylaw 2020-06 Emergency Management
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.2

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Bylaw 2020-06 is a bylaw to establish an Emergency Advisory Committee, an Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Management Protocol.

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2020-06 on September 18, 2020.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

At the February 3, 2021 Policy & Governance Committee meeting, Emergency Management Bylaw 2020-06 was reviewed and recommended to go for second reading at the February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

A marked up Draft of the Bylaw is provided with changes noted in red and strikethrough indicated the changes from the first reading.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant second reading to Emergency Management Bylaw 2020-06 to establish an Emergency Advisory Committee, an Emergency Management Agency and Emergency Management Protocol, and that it be referred back to committee.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
BYLAW 2020-06

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a Council of a Municipality may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Didsbury is responsible for the direction and control of its emergency response and is required, under the Emergency Management Act, *Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter E-6.8*, (herein referred to as the "Act"), to appoint an Emergency Advisory Committee and to establish and maintain a Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Didsbury wishes to establish regulations and procedures to meet the obligations of the municipality under the *Emergency Management Act* and under the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation 203/2018*; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Didsbury shall undertake all responsibilities and exercise all powers as prescribed in the *Emergency Management Act*; and

WHEREAS it is desirable in the public interest, and in the interests of public safety, that such a committee be appointed, and such an Agency be established and maintained to carry out Council's statutory powers and obligations under the said *Emergency Management Act*;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw."

2. PURPOSE

The purposes of this Bylaw are:

- 2.1 To provide for the direction and control of the Town's emergency responses, and the preparation of the Emergency Management Plan and related plans and programs for approval by Council;
- 2.2 To establish and appoint an emergency advisory committee and provide for the payment of expenses of the emergency advisory committee, and
- 2.3 To establish an emergency management agency to act as Council's agent in exercising Council's powers and duties under the *Emergency Management Act*.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 All definitions will be as defined in the *Emergency Management Act*, and the *Emergency Management Regulations*, as amended from time to time.
- 3.2 **Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)** means the provincial government agency charged with the administration of the *Emergency Management Act* and the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulations*;
- 3.3 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the administrative head of the Town of Didsbury appointed in accordance with the principles of the Municipal Government Act. For the purposes of this Bylaw, all references to the CAO shall also mean any designate as directed by the CAO.

- 3.4 **Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)** means the site that functions as a point of coordination, addressing the needs of the municipality as a whole, exercising the authority of local officials, as well as anticipating and supporting the needs of one or more incident sites within the municipality;
- 3.5 **Director of Emergency Management (DEM)** means an individual appointed under this Bylaw to lead the Emergency Management Agency;
- 3.6 **Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM)** means the person(s) delegated to act in the capacity of the Director of Emergency Management in the event the Director of Emergency Management is unavailable, or requires rest during an emergency event;
- 3.7 **Emergency Advisory Committee (EAC)** means the committee established under this Bylaw;
- 3.8 **Emergency Management Plan (EMP)** means the emergency plan prepared by the Municipal Emergency Management Agency to co-ordinate response to an emergency or disaster, as approved by the Council and by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA);
- 3.9 **Emergency Management Program** means the development, coordination and execution of plans, measures and programs pertaining to the mitigation preparedness, response and recovery before, during and after an emergency event.

4. EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 4.1 The Town of Didsbury Emergency Advisory Committee is hereby established to provide guidance and direction to the Emergency Management Agency.
- 4.2 The Committee Shall:
 - 4.2.1 Provide governance over the Town's emergency response unless the Government assumes direction and control under Section 18 of the *Emergency Management Act*.
 - 4.2.2 The Emergency Advisory Committee shall be made up of all members of Council, unless one or more members are unable to serve on the committee.
 - 4.2.3 Review and make recommendations on the Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and any other related plans or programs subject to the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation*.
 - 4.2.4 Complete the Municipal Elected Officials online course within 90 days of being elected.
- 4.3 The Mayor shall be the Chair of all Committee meetings unless absent, and in the event the Deputy Mayor will act in their stead. Where both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent, Council shall appoint one of the remaining members to Chair that meeting by motion.
 - ~~4.3.1 The Councillor holding the position of Deputy Mayor at the time of the meeting;~~
 - ~~4.3.2 The Councillor holding the position of Acting Mayor at the time of the meeting;~~
 - ~~4.3.3 The next available Councillor in priority according to the Deputy Mayor roster as established at the last most recent organizational meeting.~~
- 4.4 The Committee shall meet at least once annually.
- 4.5 The Committee may meet from time to time at the request of the Mayor or the Chief Administrative Officer. ~~as required by the Director of Emergency Management whether or not an emergency or disaster exists.~~
- 4.6 The majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- 4.7 During an Emergency or Disaster, the Committee shall:
 - 4.7.1 Receive updates regarding the Emergency or Disaster from the Agency;

- 4.7.2 In accordance with the Act, declare, renew or terminate a State of Local Emergency by resolution when appropriate;
- 4.7.3 Perform any additional powers or duties as described in the Act, as assigned to it by Council.
- 4.7.4 Exercise any power given to the Minister under Section 19(1) of the Act in relation to the part of the Town affected by the declaration; and
- 4.7.5 Authorize any persons at any time to exercise, in the operation of the Emergency Management Plan, any power given to the Minister under section 19(1) of the Act in relation to the part of the Town affected by the declaration.

4.8 ~~The Council may:~~

- ~~4.8.1 During or within 60 days after the State of Local Emergency, by bylaw that is not advertised but is approved by the Minister responsible for the *Municipal Government Act*, borrow any money necessary to pay expenses caused by the emergency including payment for services provided by the Government of Alberta or by the Government of Canada when the services were provided at the request of the local authority.~~
- ~~4.8.2 Enter into agreements with and make payments or grants, or both, to person(s) or organization(s) for the provision of services in the development or implementation of emergency plans or programs, including mutual aid plans and programs.~~

5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

- 5.1 There is hereby established an Emergency Management Agency (referred to hereafter as the Agency) to act as the agent of Council to carry out its statutory obligations under the Act. This does not include the authority to declare, renew, or terminate a State of Local Emergency. ~~nor the authority contained in Section 9 of this Bylaw, however any decision to declare, renew, or terminate a State of Local Emergency shall be based on the recommendation of the Agency.~~
- 5.2 Council hereby authorizes the Agency, for the duration of such State of Local Emergency, do all acts and take necessary proceedings to address the emergency pursuant to the Act.
- 5.3 The Agency shall follow the command, control and coordination system prescribed by the Managing Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency.
- 5.4 The composition of the Agency will be at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer and administered by the DEM/DDEMs ~~be comprised of one or more of the following based on the direction of the DEM:~~
 - 5.4.1 ~~Director of Emergency Management~~
 - 5.4.2 ~~Deputy Director(s) of Emergency Management~~
 - 5.4.3 ~~Chief Administrative Officer (Agency Administrator)~~
 - 5.4.4 ~~Emergency Social Services Director~~
 - 5.4.5 ~~Other Person(s) at the discretion of the DEM.~~
- 5.5 ~~Other members of core agencies and organizations as invited by the DEM. Such agencies and organizations may have a recurring seat at the Agency and others may be invited in as subject matter experts as required.~~
- 5.6 The Agency shall:
 - 5.6.1 Be responsible for the administration of the Town's emergency management program;
 - 5.6.2 Act as the agent of Council to carry out all of the powers and duties of Council under the Act,

except for the powers and duties delegated by this Bylaw to the Committee;

5.6.3 Provide advice to the Committee as required;

5.6.4 Review all emergency management plans and programs for the Town on at least an annual basis;

5.6.5 Report to the Committee on all Agency activities and provide an update on the review of the EMP on an annual basis;

~~5.6.6 Use a command, control and coordination system as prescribed by the Managing Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency;~~

5.6.7 Cause the EMP and related plans and programs to be activated when required; and

5.6.8 Perform any other functions and duties as required by this Bylaw or by Council.

5.7 The Town of Didsbury will collaborate with the other communities in the Mountain View Regional Emergency Management Agency (MVREMA) in sustaining a Regional Emergency Response Plan.

5.8 The Town of Didsbury will actively participate in the MVREMA for the purpose of assisting in the managing of the Regional Emergency Response Plan.

6. DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DEM) / (DDEM)s

6.1 The Director of Emergency Management (DEM) and any Deputy Directors of Emergency Management (DDEM) shall be appointed by and serve under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer.

6.2 Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the DEM oversees the administrative work of the Agency with the assistance of the DDEM(s), and acts as the liaison between the Emergency Advisory Committee and the Emergency Management Agency.

6.3 Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the DDEM(s) are able to act on behalf of the DEM in any capacity as delegated and to exercise the powers of the DEM, where the DEM is not available.

6.4 The Chief Administrative Officer may appoint any additional DDEMs as necessary or any acting officials to fill these roles as needed.

6.5 The DEM, or any DDEM so acting, is authorized to delegate and authorize further delegations of any of their powers, duties and functions under this Bylaw.

7. DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

7.1 A declaration of a statement of local emergency may be made by resolution of the Committee, and in accordance with the *Emergency Management Act*.

7.1.1 In the event that the Committee is unable to meet, the Mayor acting alone may exercise this authority in declaring a State of Local Emergency.

7.1.1.1 If the Mayor is unavailable or incapacitated, then the Deputy Mayor acting alone may exercise this authority; and

7.1.1.2 if the Deputy Mayor is unavailable or incapacitated then any member of the Committee acting alone may exercise this authority.

7.2 ~~If the Mayor is available, then the Mayor acting alone constitutes a quorum of the Emergency Advisory Committee for the purpose of making a decision to declare, renew or cancel a State of Local Emergency or expand or reduce the part of the municipality to which a State of Local Emergency applies.~~

- 7.3 ~~If the Mayor is unavailable or incapacitated, then the Deputy Mayor acting alone may exercise this authority and if the Deputy Mayor is unavailable or incapacitated then any member of the Committee acting alone may exercise this authority.~~
- 7.4 A declaration, renewal or termination of a State of Local Emergency shall be made in accordance with the Act, ~~and specifically:~~ and shall follow the above process in the determination of those declarations.
- ~~7.4.1 The declaration, renewal or termination must be made by resolution at a meeting for which notice under the *Municipal Government Act* is not required;~~
- ~~7.4.2 All members of Council shall be notified of the declaration, renewal or termination as soon as practicable;~~
- ~~7.4.3 The decision must identify the nature of the Emergency and the area of the Town in which it exists;~~
- ~~7.4.4 The details of the declaration shall be published immediately by such means of communication considered most likely to make known to the majority of the population of the area affected the contents of the declaration; and~~
- ~~7.4.5 The Alberta Emergency Management Agency will be notified, and the declaration shall be forwarded to the Minister forthwith.~~
- 7.5 When a State of Local Emergency is declared, the Agency shall:
- 7.5.1 Ensure that the declaration identifies the nature of the emergency and the area in which it exists;
- 7.5.2 Cause the details of the declaration to be published immediately by such means of communication considered most likely to notify the population of the area affected;
- 7.5.3 Forward a copy of the declaration to the Minister forthwith; and
- 7.5.4 Notify the Alberta Emergency Management Agency when practical.
- 7.5.5 When a State of Local Emergency is declared, the Agency may, for the duration of the State of Local Emergency, do all acts and take necessary proceedings including the following:
- 7.5.5.1 Cause the Emergency Management Plan or any related plans or programs to be put into operation;
- 7.5.5.2 Acquire or utilize any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, combat or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster;
- 7.5.5.3 Authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of a type the person is qualified to provide;
- 7.5.5.4 Control or prohibit travel to or from any area of Didsbury;
- 7.5.5.5 Provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of Didsbury;
- 7.5.5.6 Cause the evacuation of persons and removal of personal property from any area of Didsbury that is or may be affected by a disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons and of the personal property;
- 7.5.5.7 Authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program;
- 7.5.5.8 Cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or

removal is necessary or appropriate in order to reach the scene of a disaster, or to attempt to forestall its occurrence or to combat its progress;

7.5.5.9 Procure or fix prices for food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies and the use of property, service, resources or equipment within Didsbury for the duration of the State of Local Emergency.

7.5.5.10 Authorize the conscription of persons needed to meet an emergency; and

7.5.5.11 Authorize any persons at any time to exercise, in the operation of the Emergency Management Plan and related plans or programs, any power specified in Section 24, 25 and 26 of the *Emergency Management Act* and Section 4 of the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation*.

7.5.6 Reasonable compensation will be made as outlined in the Act.

8. TERMINATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

8.1 A declaration of a State of Local Emergency is considered terminated and ceases to be of any force or effect when:

8.1.1 A resolution to terminate the declaration of a State of Local Emergency is passed under the provision of this Bylaw;

8.1.2 A period of seven (7) days has lapsed since it was declared, unless it is renewed by resolution;

8.1.3 The Lieutenant Governor in Council makes an order for the declaration of a State of Emergency under the Act, relating to the same area; or

8.1.4 The Minister cancels the State of Local Emergency.

8.2 When a declaration of a State of Local Emergency has been terminated, the details of the termination shall be published immediately by such means of communication considered most likely to notify the majority of the population of the area affected.

9. INDEMNITY STATEMENT

No action lies against Didsbury or a person acting under Didsbury's direction or authorization for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith while carrying out a power under the *Emergency Management Act* or the regulations during a State of Local Emergency.

10. SEVERABILITY

Should any provisions of this Bylaw become invalid, void, illegal or otherwise not enforceable, it shall be considered separate and severable from the Bylaw and the remainder shall remain and be binding as though such provision had not been invalid.

11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw comes into force and effect on Third and Final Reading.

12. REPEAL

Town of Didsbury Bylaw No. 2007-22 is hereby repealed.

Read a first time this 8th day of September 2020

Read a second time this day of 2021

Read a third and final time this day of 2021

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer - Ethan Gorner

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Bylaw 2021-01 Development Incentives
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.3

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Bylaw 2021-01 is a bylaw to establish development incentives with regards to offsite levies for all new development in the Town of Didsbury until December 31, 2023.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Council gave first reading at the January 26, 2021 and the Policy & Governance Committee and the Development Incentives Committee reviewed the document at their meetings this past week. These changes are noted in red.

The Development Incentives Committee and the Policy & Governance Committee are recommending Bylaw 2021-01 go to Council for second reading.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant second reading to Development Incentives Bylaw 2021-01 to establish development incentives for all new development in the Town of Didsbury from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 and that it be referred to committee.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
BYLAW 2021-01
Development Incentives for Offsite Levies Bylaw

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BEING CHAPTER M-26-1, OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, TO ESTABLISH DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES **IN THE WAIVING OF OFFSITE LEVIES** FOR ALL NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2023.

WHEREAS Council sees the stimulation of economic development in the Town of Didsbury as beneficial to the municipality for all new developments completed for the period **of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023** will be able to take part in the waiving of offsite levies that are normally assessed at the time of the construction completion.

AND WHEREAS despite Bylaw 2019-06 the waiving of offsite levies will take place at completion of full construction on a per-development-permit basis **and will apply to all new construction projects completed between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2023.**

AND WHEREAS the waiving of levies will be in relation to that portion of lands that reasonably serve each new project as determined by and at the discretion of the CAO.

AND WHEREAS "Completion" will be defined by the passing of a final building inspection and the issuing of an occupancy permit.

NOW THEREFORE in the first few years, the majority of revenues from municipal taxation from all such new development will be set aside to replace these levy funds in the offsite levy reserves.

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Development Incentives Bylaw".

2. GENERAL

2.1 This bylaw comes into force on the day it is passed.

Read a first time on the 26 day of January 2021.

Read a second time on the ____ day of _____ 2021.

Read a third and final time on the ____ day of _____ 2021.

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer - Ethan Gorner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Ad Hoc Council Compensation Committee
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

In accordance with policy COUN 004, no later than March 1st in the same year as a general municipal election, Council shall appoint an Ad Hoc Citizens Committee on Council Compensation consisting solely of public at large members.

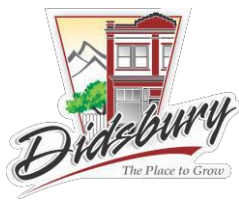
DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The following individuals have agreed to sit on the Compensation Committee:

- Gail Nowlan
- Brad Blatz
- Brian Wittal

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint Brad Blatz, Gail Nowlan and Brian Wittal to the Council Compensation Committee.



TOWN OF DIDSBURY POLICY INDEX	
Policy Number:	COUN 004
Policy Title:	Council Remuneration
Approval Date:	January 8, 2019
Date to be Reviewed:	2021
Responsible Department:	Council
Related Bylaws:	

Policy Statement:

The Municipal Government Act allows for compensation to be made to Elected Officials for duties performed. The Town of Didsbury shall provide guidelines to reimburse members of Council that reflects the Town's appreciation for the time commitment required and dedicated work of Council Members on behalf of all citizens.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the type and frequency of Remuneration for the Town of Didsbury Elected Officials.

Scope:

This policy applies to all of Town of Didsbury Council. Elected Officials must meet the duties expected of them as per the Municipal Government Act, other legislation and Council policies, procedures and bylaws.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 Council means elected officials of the Town of Didsbury, including Mayor and Councillors.
- 1.2 Expenses means reimbursements made to elected officials for approved Expenses paid out-of-pocket, based on actual receipts, not subject to applicable source deductions. Pictures and/or photocopies of receipts will be acceptable.
- 1.3 Formal Duties means activities that Council Members undertake in an official capacity related to their governance function as a Council Member. These duties are listed in Appendix C with note relative to eligibility for remuneration.
- 1.4 Honorarium means the set monthly remuneration paid to Council Members as Remuneration for Council Meetings as outlined in Appendix A, subject to applicable source deductions
- 1.5 Per Diem means the hourly, daily or flat amounts paid to Council Members in addition to their honorarium for participation in formal duties in the amounts outlined in Appendix A
- 1.6 Meetings means a meeting under Sections 192, 193 and 195 of the Municipal Government Act. This includes regularly scheduled Organizational Meetings, Regular Council Meetings and Policies and Priorities Committee meetings.



- 1.7 Non-Formal Duties means activities that Council Members undertake due to their position as a Council Member but are neither formal nor related to their governance function as a Council Member. Non-Formal duties as identified in Appendix C and shall not be eligible for remuneration.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 Mayor
- 2.1.1 Shall review and approve all Councillor remuneration claims for governance accountability.
- 2.2 Deputy Mayor
- 2.2.1 Shall review and approve all remuneration claims from the Mayor for governance accountability.
- 2.2.2 Shall review and approve all remuneration claims for governance accountability in the absence of the Mayor.
- 2.3 Next Deputy Mayor in rotation
- 2.3.1 Shall review and approve all remuneration claims from the Deputy Mayor for governance accountability.
- 2.4 Second Deputy Mayor in rotation
- 2.4.1 Shall review and approve all remuneration claims from the Deputy Mayor in absence of the Next Deputy Mayor for governance accountability.

3. Remuneration Guidelines

- 3.1 An elected official of the Town is entitled to receive an honorarium for participating in Council Meetings and Non-Formal Duties. This amount shall be approved by Council and attached as Appendix A to this policy.
- 3.2 Each January, the honorarium, shall be adjusted in accordance with changes in the Statistics Canada, Canadian Consumer Price Index for the Calgary Region for the proceeding twelve-month period.
- 3.3 Council Members may claim per diem for formal duties that they participate in which is in addition to their monthly honorarium up to a maximum of \$250.00 per day as stated in Appendix A. This remuneration is determined by the length of the meeting.
- 3.3.1 The call to order and adjournment times for meetings shall be used to determine the length of meetings. Claims shall be rounded to the nearest half hour up.
- 3.3.2 The minimum claim for a meeting is half an hour.
- 3.3.3 Council Members may claim remuneration for travel time on the day prior to or after a full day meeting. No travel time may be claimed while travelling on the same day of a full day meeting.



- 3.3.4 Council Members that participate in formal duties and are reimbursed by that committee, board or commission shall not claim for those meetings through the Town of Didsbury.
- 3.3.5 Council Members that are reimbursed by a Committee, Board or Commission shall provide their remuneration either monthly or yearly by December 31 for inclusion on the Council Remuneration declaration.
- 3.5 Each Council Member shall be reimbursed an amount stipulated in Appendix A for the use of personal internet.
- 3.6 The Mayor shall receive a Town issued cell phone to utilize for work related business. This cell phone shall remain the property of the municipality and shall be maintained by the Mayor appropriately. In the event that the cell phone is damaged, the Mayor may be required to reimburse the municipality for the cost of the cell phone.
- 3.7 Alternate representatives are encouraged to attend Committee meetings.
 - 3.7.1 Alternate representatives shall only be paid for two (2) meetings annually that they attend when the primary representative is already attending. These meetings shall be cited on the expense form.
 - 3.7.2 Council may by motion allow for the alternate representative to accompany the primary representative to more than two (2) Committee meetings annually if deemed necessary.
 - 3.7.3 The expense claim approver is responsible for confirming attendance of the primary representative when an alternate representative has claimed a per diem at committee meetings.
- 3.8 In the event that a Councillor incorrectly submits a remuneration claim, the Councillor shall be notified relative to the adjustments made from the expense claim approver.
 - 3.8.1 If payment is processed inaccurately, an adjustment shall be made on the following Councillor expense claim.
- 3.9 In the event that a Councillor does not submit an expense claim form on time, the Councillor shall not receive remuneration until it is submitted for the next pay period.

4.0 Expenses

- 4.1 Expenses paid by an Elected Official out-of-pocket may be submitted with the monthly Council Remuneration Form.
- 4.2 When travelling on Town Business, a Claimant may claim the amount shown on the itemized receipts.
- 4.3 While traveling on Town business, meals may be claimed at the amount shown on itemized receipts submitted.



- 4.4 Meals that are previously paid for by the Town in the registration fees for meetings and conferences or included as part of the venue, are not an allowable expense that can be claimed except in special circumstances such as the meal time conflicting with travel schedules or the attendee has another Meeting at the same time as the conference meal.
- 4.5 The actual expense of the meal is the amount shown on the bill, excluding alcoholic beverages, plus a reasonable gratuity of a maximum of 15%.
- 4.6 Registration fees and miscellaneous charges such as parking, photocopying, taxi services, etc. may be claimed based on the amount shown on submitted receipts.
- 4.7 Costs will not be reimbursed when attending a political party function of any type.
- 4.8 An elected official will be responsible for reimbursing the Town the registration fee(s) for non-attendance unless due to extenuating circumstances as accepted/approved by Council.
- 4.9 Council will strive for fiscal responsibility when traveling by such means as carpool, economy traveling, standard accommodations, etc.
- 4.10 Council Members may claim mileage at the rate set out in Appendix 'B'. This rate shall be determined by the current Alberta Government mileage rate. No mileage will be reimbursed for travel within Town limits.
- 4.11 Any professional development related expenses must comply with Policy # COUN 001 – Council Professional Development.
- 4.12 Any other expenses not outlined in this policy must comply with Policy # FIN 003 - Travel and Expense Guidelines.

5.0 Review of Council Honorarium

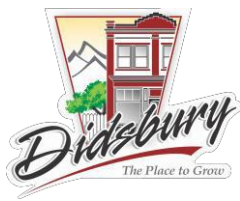
- 5.1 No later than March 1st in the same year as a general municipal election, Council shall appoint an Ad Hoc Citizens Committee on Council Compensation consisting solely of public at large members.
- 5.2 The Ad Hoc Citizens Committee on Council Compensation shall report back to Council within 90 days with recommendations on the remuneration amounts to be established for members of Council elected in that years' general municipal election.

6.0 Submission and Approval of Claims

- 6.1 Council Members must utilize the monthly remuneration sheet attached in Appendix B and file the sheet electronically and punctually each month.
- 6.2 The date of the meeting must match the date being claimed, any discrepancies may result in the claim being denied.
- 6.3 Claims submitted by Councillors shall be approved by the Mayor.
- 6.4 Claims submitted by the Mayor shall be approved by the Deputy Mayor.

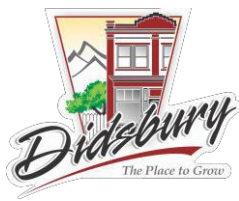


- 6.5 Claims submitted by the Deputy Mayor shall be approved by the next Deputy Mayor in rotation.
 - 6.6 Claims submitted by the Deputy Mayor shall be approved by the Second Next Deputy Mayor in rotation in absence of the Next Deputy Mayor.
- 7.0 End of Policy**



Appendix A

Remuneration Type	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
Honorarium	\$2608.08 / Month	\$1868.69 / Month	\$1434.44 / Month
Per Diem (Up to a maximum of \$250.00 daily)	\$42.75	\$42.75	\$42.75
Internet Usage	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00



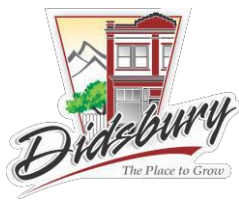
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Town of Didsbury Expense Claim Form

ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME	0
PAY PERIOD (Month Paid)	0
ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNATURE	
MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR SIGNATURE	

SECTION 3: MILEAGE			
DATE	ODOMETER READING	DESCRIPTION	Total KM
	Odometer Start:		
	Odometer Stop:		0
	Odometer Start:		
	Odometer Stop:		0
	Odometer Start:		
	Odometer Stop:		0
	Odometer Start:		
	Odometer Stop:		0
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	Odometer Start:		
	Odometer Stop:		0
TOTAL MILEAGE CLAIM =			\$ -

Mileage: Reimbursed at \$0.58 per km. Mileage can be determined by the odometer reading or by a mileage calculator (<http://www.google.ca/maps>).



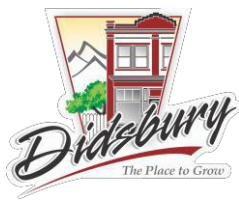
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Town of Didsbury Expense Claim Form

ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME	0
PAY PERIOD (Month Paid)	0
ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNATURE	
MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR SIGNATURE	

SECTION 4: OTHER EXPENSES			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
WHAT: _____			
WHERE: _____			
DATES: _____			
TYPE OF EXPENSE / DESCRIPTION	TOTAL (NO GST)	GST	FINAL TOTAL
Airfare:			\$ -
Bus/Taxi Vehicle Rental:			\$ -
Parking:			\$ -
Registration Costs:			\$ -
GALA/Banquet:			\$ -
Hotel Name:			\$ -
Hotel Cost per Night:			\$ -
MEALS (If not included):			
Breakfast:			\$ -
Lunch:			\$ -
Dinner:			\$ -
Breakfast:			\$ -
Lunch:			\$ -
Dinner:			\$ -
Breakfast:			\$ -
Lunch:			\$ -
Dinner:			\$ -
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:			
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:			\$ -

PLEASE NOTE: RECEIPTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR REIMBURSEMENT



Appendix C

List of Duties

Meeting Type	Classification
Committee Meeting/Workshop (As primary representative)	Claimable (Subject to Section 3.4)
Committee Meeting/Workshop (As secondary representative with primary representative in attendance)	Claimable (Subject to Section 3.7.1)
Committee Meeting/Workshop (As secondary representative without primary representative in attendance)	Claimable
Special Council Meetings	Claimable
Policies and Priorities Committee Meetings	Not Claimable
Meetings with Resident or Business Owner (By motion of Council)	Claimable
Meetings with Resident or Business Owner (Without motion of Council)	Not Claimable
Conferences	Claimable
Other Committees/Sub Committees/ Meetings not appointed to by	Not Claimable
Webinars	Not Claimable
Community Events	Not Claimable
Council Workshops including Strategic and Financial Planning	Claimable
Informal Meetings with Administration	Not Claimable
Open Houses	Claimable
Meetings with External Agencies (Including Government Representatives)	Claimable
Canada Day, Showcase Didsbury, Community Block Party and Parades	Not Claimable
Trade Shows	Claimable
Online Professional Development	Claimable
Other duties with Council approval	Claimable
Staff Social Functions	Not Claimable
Golf Tournaments	Not Claimable
Travel (Within Didsbury Corporate Limits)	Not Claimable
Travel (Outside of Didsbury Corporate Limits)	Claimable
Travel Time (Within Didsbury Corporate Limits)	Not Claimable
Travel Time (Outside of Didsbury Corporate Limits)	Claimable



PER DIEM RATES

- An hourly rate of \$42.75 is used for per diem claims.
- The hourly rate can be claimed for a per diem event up to a maximum of \$250.00 per day.
- Per diem rates may only be claimed as per Section 3.3, 3.4, 3.7 and Appendix C of this policy.

COUNCIL EVENTS PER DIEM DESCRIPTIONS

- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)
- Alberta Economic Developers Association (AEDA)
- Alberta Parks & Recreation Association (APRA)
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
- Regional Assessment Review Board
- CAO One-on-One
- Cemetery Committee
- Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)
- Citizens on Patrol (COP)
- Community Learning Campus (CLC)
- Community Services Advisory Board
- Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)
- Council Strategic Plan / Retreat / Visioning / Workshop
- Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce
- Didsbury and District Historical Society
- Didsbury Municipal Library Board
- Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP)
- Emergency Management / Disaster Services
- Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Board
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference
- Inter-Municipal Cooperation Committee (ICC)
- Inter-Municipal Planning Commission (IMPC)
- Interagency Committee
- Mayors Meetings Regional, Central, County, Provincial
- Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission
- Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission
- Mountain View Seniors Housing (MVSH)
- Municipal Area Partnerships (MAP)
- Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)
- Parkland Regional Library (PRL)
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: *The Place to Grow.*

Mission: *Creating the Place to Grow.*

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	FCSS Funding Recommendations for 2021
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Community Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.2

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Community Services Board met January 22, 2021 to review the 2021 FCSS Funding Applications and make recommendations to Council for allocation of these funds. \$64,000 is budgeted annually for Community Grants, and the 7 applications received totaled \$62,579.

Below you will find a brief explanation of each group that requested 2021 FCSS funds:

CESD - Family School Wellness Workers

\$15,840, recommending this portion of funding for service from January to June. With changes to the Family School Wellness program and how they offer their services/program the board felt they would like to meet again in June to assess how the program ran from January to June and what those services looked like. At that time, they will make the decision on whether or not to recommend to fund the remaining portion of \$10,560 for September to December

- Family School Wellness Program addresses the needs and supports for families and children 0-18 years of age
- Services are strictly done during school hours
- Services are now offered only during the 10-month school calendar
- They offer preventative programming, individual 1 on 1, information and referral and crises response to support a family in the time of need
- Supports children, youth and families as they encounter family-based difficulties in their everyday lives
- Eg relationship troubles, low self-esteem, inappropriate behaviors, anger management, substance abuse, physical/mental health concerns, family conflict, lack of community connection, violent or abusive behaviors, academic struggles or changes in an individual's or family's life cycle.

CESD - Youth Empowerment & Support Program

\$8,500, recommending the full amount be granted

- Goal of the YES program is to increase coping, knowledge and skills of children and youth to enable them to make better choices and adopt behaviors to self-protect their physical and mental health at as early an age as possible.
- Focus is on improving resiliency by increasing developmental assets and protective factors, increasing parental involvement, increasing positive peer interactions and reducing barriers for participation and providing greater awareness for mental health.
- 2 groups run at Ross Ford
 - 2 groups at Westglen
 - Eg of programs are Berenstain bears, free the horses, self-control patrol, second step and stepping up



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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Didsbury Preschool Society – Preschool Program

\$6,900, recommending the full amount be granted

- The preschool provides programming that offers a safe, educational, and fun learning environment for children during their early years, providing a successful start for them and our community
- Fosters the excitement about school and learning
- Teach problem solving, decision making, and conflict resolution
- Encourage creativity as inspired by varied child-centered approaches
- Encourage in children the acceptance of others through the establishment of a classroom community
- Licensed program and therefore there are subsidies available for families who qualify

Didsbury Municipal Library – Teen Advisory Council

\$2,770, recommending the full amount be granted

- Engage and empower teens, while connecting them to one another, the library, and their community.
- The TAC would advise the library about programs, services and collections, while also creating a space to explore interests and grow in confidence and leadership skills
- 12-16 teens in attendance

Mountain View Emergency Shelter Society – Outreach Worker/ Programs

\$2,900, recommending the full amount be granted

- To end family violence by providing safe shelter to victims as well as to provide support, services and education to victims of family violence that will educate/assist the individuals in coping skills and making appropriate life choices to lead a safer, healthier and more secure life
- Provide brief solution focused counseling sessions for Victims of Family Violence
- Will provide transportation to shelters in other communities

Olds & District Hospice Society – Volunteer recruitment and Advertising

\$1,500, recommending the full amount be granted

- This program provides support for terminally diagnosed individuals and their families by trained volunteers, bereavement support, information base, education, advocacy and communication
- This program supports the provision of quality, compassionate care in a home-like setting for those facing death as well as supporting their family before, during and after death
- 37 trained volunteers
- 2 palliative care rooms provided at Sunrise Encore Building. Alberta Health Services provides patient care in these rooms and Olds and District Hospice Society help support the family

Town of Didsbury – Didsbury Out of School Care Association

\$13,609, recommending the full amount be granted

- Offers before and after school care Monday to Friday
- Full Day programs on no school days and week long summer camps throughout the summer
- Safe, fun, educational program for children ages 5-12
- Program runs at Ross Ford Elementary School/MPR/Curling Rink
- Increase in attendees since Sept 2020



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DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

FCSS has \$64,000 to grant to community groups. The amount recommended to Council is \$52,019, leaving a remaining amount of \$11,981. The Community Services Board would like to set aside \$10,560 for Family School Wellness so that the CSB can reassess the program in June and make further funding decisions based on the success of the new program. The remaining amount of \$1,421 will be held for any future requests for funds in 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the 2021 FCSS funding recommendations as presented in the amount of \$52,019.

Name of Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
CESD – Family School Wellness	\$26,400	\$15,840
CESD – Youth Empowerment and Support	\$8,500	\$8,500
Didsbury Preschool Society, Preschool Program	\$6,900	\$6,900
Didsbury Municipal Library – Teen Advisory Council	\$2,770	\$2,770
Mountain View Emergency Shelter, Programs	\$2,900	\$2,900
Olds & District Hospice Society	\$1,500	\$1,500
Town of Didsbury, Didsbury Out of School Care Association	\$13,609	\$13,609
Totals	\$62,579	\$52,019



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	2021 Capital Budget
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	ACAO/CFO
AGENDA ITEM	7.3

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Under the MGA, Council must adopt a capital budget for each calendar year.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

At the RCM on January 26, 2021, Council approved 6 items from the draft capital budget be approved as presented. These items are denoted on the attachment in red and include:

- 20th Street Stormwater Drainage & Surface Improvements;
- 21st Street Stormwater & Surface Improvements (Design);
- Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan (Skatepark);
- Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan (Jet's Playground);
- MPR & Lobby Roof Replacement; and,
- Skid steer annual program.

The remaining items were referred to the Strategic Planning Committee. After a detailed discussion, the Committee puts forward, for recommendation to Council, the following:

- Remove the East Reservoir additional design phase for the time-being;
- Adjust the value of the Street lighting continuity project to \$120,000 and only include the street lights on the south end of 20th Street;
- Include the Community Information Signage Project, however, the location of the new sign be brought back to Council for approval prior to installation;
- Include the Southridge Sewage Lift Station Emergency Backup Generator; and,
- Remove the Asphalt repair equipment and packer and request additional information, such as testimonials on the equipment, be brought back.

The draft capital budget has been updated with these recommendations and is attached for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2021 Capital Budget be amended to include the following projects funded as presented:

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| • Street lighting continuity (20 th Street – south end) | \$120,000 |
| • Community information signage project | \$ 70,000 |
| • Southridge Sewage Lift Station Emergency Backup Generator | \$ 28,000. |

AND

That the determination of proposed locations for the 2nd sign for the Community Information Signage project be referred to Committee.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: February 9, 2021
SUBJECT: Didsbury Curling Club Financial Relief
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Community Services
AGENDA ITEM: 7.4

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has had serious impacts and repercussions on residents, businesses and our local community groups, including the Didsbury Curling Club. Increased restrictions regarding adult team sports that went into effect on November 28, 2020 and then further restrictions in early December 2020, essentially shut down the season for the Curling Club. Their annual lease with the Town of Didsbury runs from October 15 to March 15 each year. Monthly costs to the Town of Didsbury for the club include \$4500/month for their lease and an estimated \$2000/month for utilities, or approximately \$6500 each month.

The Town of Didsbury has received a request from the Didsbury Curling Club to consider relief of lease and utility payments for the term of December 1, 2020 to March 15, 2021 (end of lease term). The reasons for this request include:

- Pro-rated refund of 80% of membership fees required, valued at over \$23,000
- Loss of revenue related to bar due to closure
- Loss of inventory of bar stock due to closure
- Increased cost of sanitation supplies due to COVID-19 protocols
- Loss of advertising revenue
- Loss of bonspiel revenue

The costs of the relief being requested by the Curling Club are as follows:

Dates	Lease	Estimated Utilities
Dec 1-31, 2020	\$4500	\$2000
Jan 1-31, 2021	\$4500	\$2000
Feb 1-28, 2021	\$4500	\$1000
March 1-15, 2021	\$2250 (50% of month)	\$1000
TOTAL	\$15,750	\$6000

TOTAL ANTICIPATED LOSS TO END OF LEASE YEAR - \$21,750

*Please note that the Curling Club made the decision to remove their ice on January 25, 2021. The removal of this surface will result in a decrease in utility costs to the Curling Club. This decrease is reflected in both the Feb 1-28 and March 1-15, 2021 Estimated Utilities above.



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In an effort to access both provincial and federal COVID programs, the Curling Club has made application for the Alberta Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant, but has not received a decision on their application to date. These grant funds could be used to cover losses in inventory and cover additional costs specifically related to COVID-19 protocols.

Additionally, the Curling Club is in the process of applying for the federal Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) program, that could see funding of approximately \$1600/month for each of the 3.5 months, for a potential total of \$5600 that could off-set the relief being requested.

The funding source identified for this proposed relief would be the MOST grant. Depending on grant approval for the CERS grant, the MOST grant funds required are estimated from \$16,150.00 to \$21,750.00.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Economic Property, Healthy Active Living

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to forgive the Didsbury Curling Club lease and utility costs from December 1, 2020 to March 15, 2021 up to \$21,750 with the loss of revenue to be funded by the MOST Grant.

Didsbury Curling Club
Box 843
Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0
Phone: (403) 507 9531

January 31, 2021

Town of Didsbury Council

Dear Council Members:

The Didsbury Curling Club is a not-for-profit community society which serves the town and rural areas of Didsbury. The Didsbury Curling Club is a volunteer organization currently with a membership of 120 adults and 30 junior curlers and hosts men's, mixed and senior leagues. In the past few years the Didsbury Curling Club has hosted the SACA Bantam Junior play downs, partnered with the Farmers Bonspiel Association to bring the Kevin Koe rink into the club for an instructional session with our junior members and hosted a meet and greet with the Jennifer Jones team. The Didsbury Curling Club also received the 2017 Chamber of Commerce Community Spirit Award. In 2020 the club decided to add another learn to curl league for people that haven't been exposed to the sport and continued to host free curl Fridays for families and individuals who want to get out and play. All this is done by volunteer help from our board and league members as is our Junior program that has been very successful. The club is in operation from October 15th to March 15th and leases the ice surface and lounge area from the Town of Didsbury and employs a contract Ice Maker and Bar Manager. The main source of income for the club is our membership dues that we collect in the fall, followed by bar, bonspiel income and business advertising within the building.

With the current pandemic and subsequent lockdown of recreation facilities the Didsbury Curling Club is requesting a relaxation of lease payments and utility costs that the club will receive from December 1st 2020 to March 15th 2021. These costs will significantly impact the financial operation of the club for future seasons. The Didsbury Curling Club opened on October 16th with implied assurance from a meeting with town administration that in the case of a lockdown an interruption of the lease would be considered and this point was weighed heavily in the DCC Boards decision to install the ice and open for the season. The Didsbury Curling Club also wanted to ensure that our members and community members had an outlet to get out to meet with others along with some much-needed exercise. The curling club developed a Covid protocol and followed Alberta Health and Curling Canada guidelines with much success and were looking forward to an excellent year until the Provincial lockdown occurred on November 28th. One of the conditions the club had agreed to with our members was in case of a lockdown the club would refund the membership dues on a pro-rated basis, at this point the leagues had played for the month of November thus requiring an 80% refund of membership fees to our members which will total over \$23,000.00. With the lockdown there is no bar, advertising or bonspiel revenue to assist the club to pay its upcoming expenses. The following is a breakdown of the Curling Club's lease and utility expenses:

Paid to the Town

- Oct 10 – Ice plant power – over budget amount from the 2019/2020 season – \$2773.58
- Dec 31 – October utilities (2 weeks) – \$693.13
- Jan 15 – November utilities -\$2101.90
- Nov 11 – October rent (2 weeks) – \$2362.50
- Dec 31 – November rent – \$4725.00

Owed to the Town

- December rent – \$4725.00
- January rent – \$4725.00
- February rent – \$4725.00
- March rent – \$2362.50
- Monthly utilities Dec-Mar– unknown at this time
- Ice plant power over budget amount - unknown at this time

The curling club has applied for the Alberta relaunch grant but have not received conformation of acceptance, the club has also started an application for the Federal CERS rent subsidy but both of these grants if approved will not cover the lease costs let alone the utility costs which will create financial hardship for the club and impact its ability to operate. The Town of Didsbury lease and utility costs are substantial and without relaxation the 2021 season start-up costs would be too large of a burden for the club members to absorb alone and may impact the operation of the club.

The curling club board of directors understand that this request will be an agenda item at the Feb 9th Council meeting and would be willing to attend to answer any questions Council may have.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

David Fife



President

Didsbury Curling Club



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Appointment to Mayors of South Central Alberta
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.5

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Mayors of 11 communities including Didsbury have created a committee to discuss issues that are relevant to the area and region.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The Mayors of the following communities have representation to the Mayors of South Central Alberta:

Town of Bowden
Town of Carstairs
Village of Cremona
Town of Crossfield
Town of Didsbury
Town of Drumheller
Town of Olds
Town of Penhold
Town of Sundre
Town of Three Hills
Town of Trochu

Council is being asked to formally appoint Mayor Rhonda Hunter to this committee on behalf of the Town of Didsbury.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to appoint Mayor Rhonda Hunter to the Mayors of South Central Alberta Committee until the Organizational Meeting in 2021.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Design Decision - 20th Street Stormwater Drainage & Surface Improvements
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Public Works
AGENDA ITEM	7.6

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council approved the 20th Street Stormwater Drainage & Surface Improvements project on January 26, 2020 at the RCM. The project scope includes "...rehabilitation of asphalt, curbs, gutters and sidewalks along 20th Street to formalize parking in this area." (20th Street Stormwater Drainage and Surface Improvements, Capital Business Case, 2020). Proceeding with that intent, Administration has prepared two parking options for consideration which are both within the approved budget of \$626,202.

Option 1 - Construction of approximately 21 angled parking spaces on the east side of 20th Street, from Value Drug Mart to 15th Avenue.

Option 2 – Construction of approximately 16 parallel parking spaces on the east side of 20th Street, from Value Drug Mart to 15th Avenue.

This information was presented to the Strategic Planning Committee on February 3, 2021, for the Committee's consideration and recommendation to Council.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Option 1 – The additional parking spaces would require road structure to be constructed not contemplated in the original proposal. To ensure the investment does not exceed Council's approved budget for the project, curb to curb asphalt mill and overlay would be removed from the scope of work.

The project would have visible lines along the new sidewalk and curb on the west, the trench box near centerline, and the new parking spaces on the east. New asphalt would be visibly different within the project area.

Town capital projects are warrantied for 2 years following the issuance of Construction Completion Certificates. The contractor is obligated to repair any asphalt surface deflections exceeding specification at the end of the 2 year warranty. Following the warranty period, and given the Town is satisfied with the structural capacity of the installations, preservation methods (emulsions, mill & overlay, etc) could be implemented to enhance the visual appeal of the project area. Preservation funding could be added to the long term capital plan. Estimates are currently being finalized.

Option 2 – The parallel parking arrangement does not require the additional road structure. The project would maintain a full curb to curb asphalt mill and overlay within the project area as part of 2020 construction.



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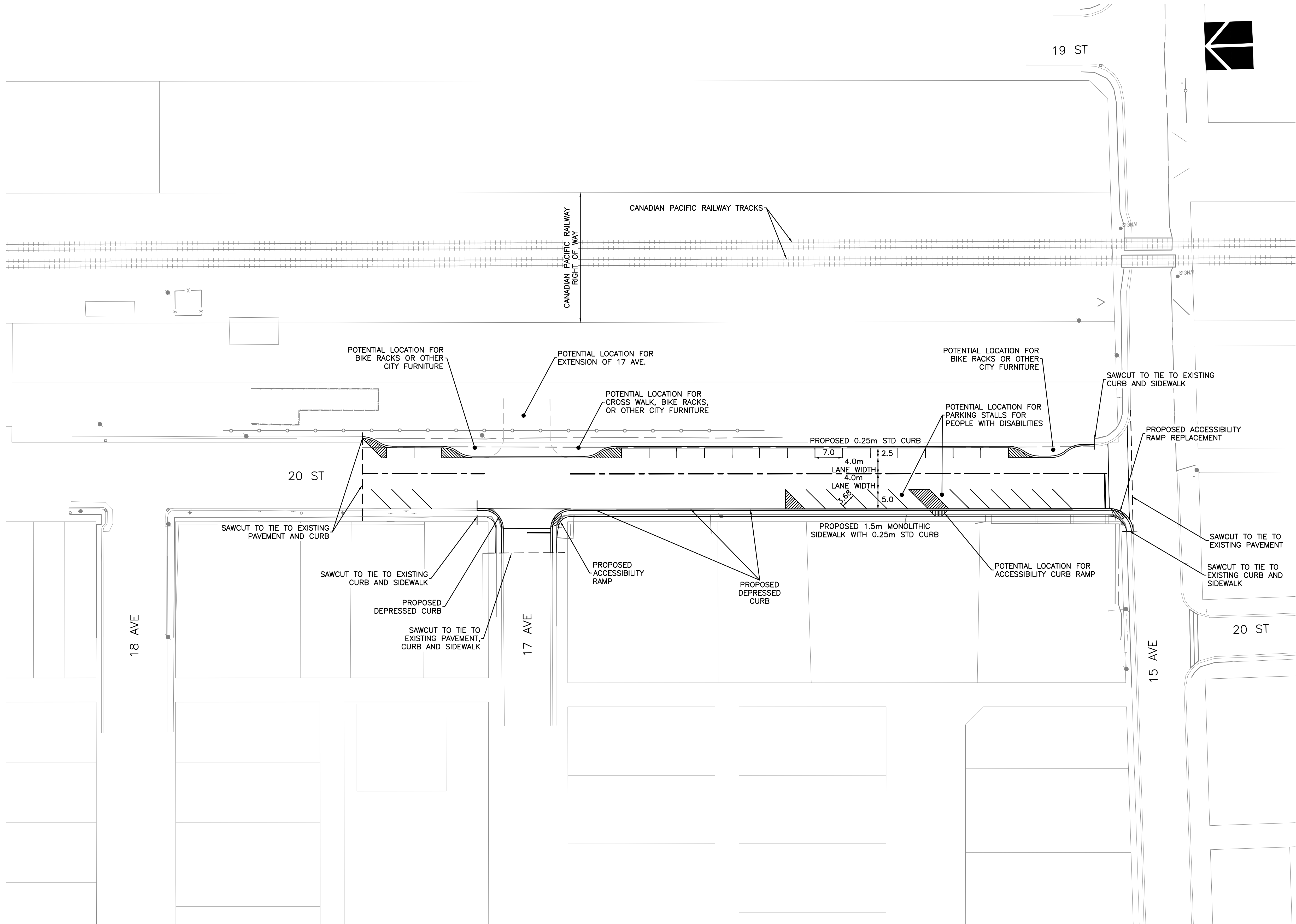
The Strategic Planning Committee recommends to Council option 2 – parallel parking with full asphalt mill and overlay, for a number of reasons:

- The number of parking stalls, being 16 is adequate under option 2.
- The driving lane widths remain the same under both options, leaving enough room for large vehicles to pass through.
- Given that option 1 and 2 are approximately the same cost to prepare, the future cost of emulsions, mill and overlay that is required in option 1 will increase the total cost of option 1.

RECOMMENDATION

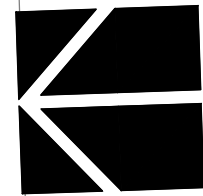
That Council approve Option 2 and install parallel parking inclusive of a full mill and overlay from 15th Avenue to the construction boundary just north of 17th Avenue.

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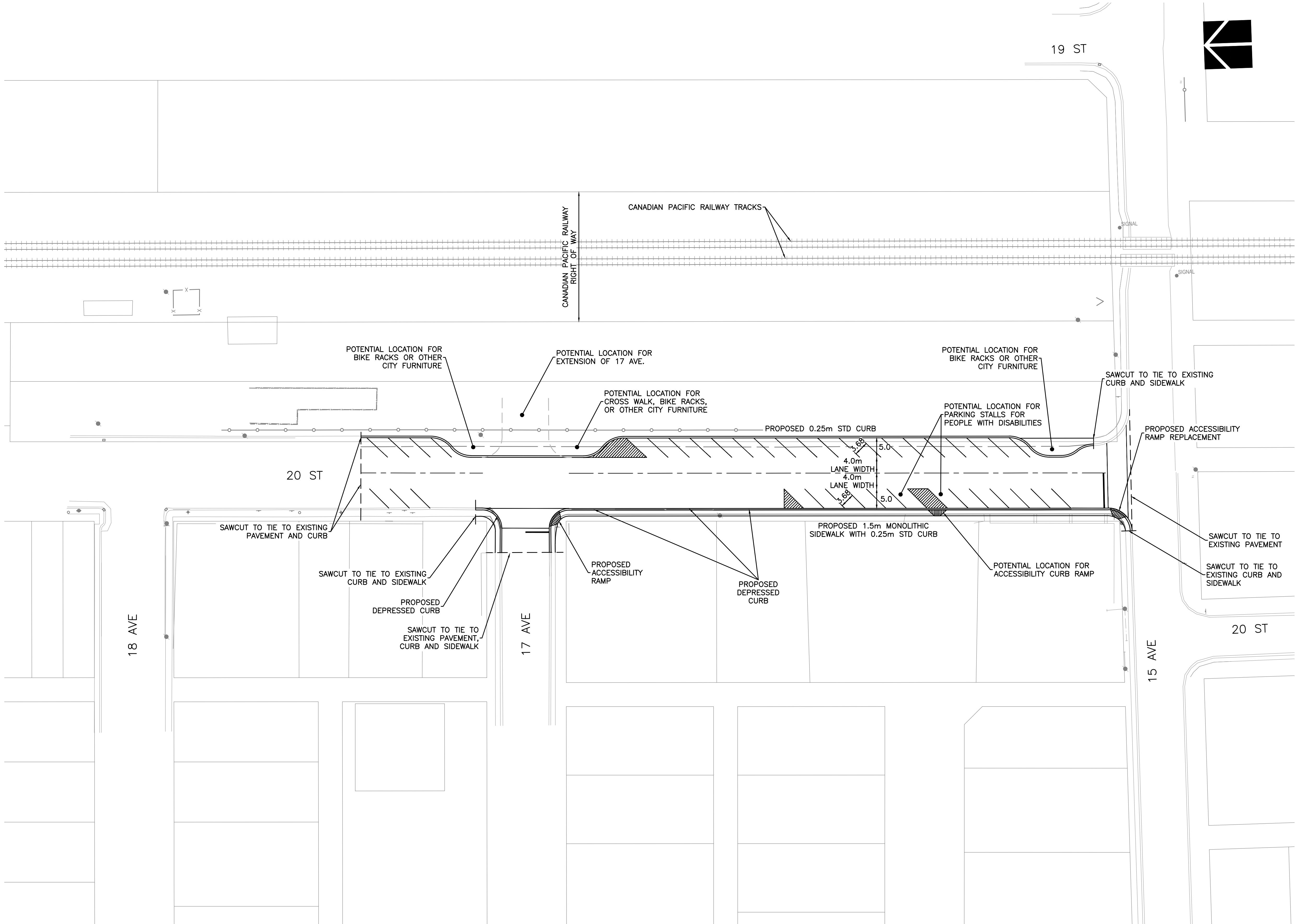


TOWN OF DIDSBURY
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DIDSBURY 20TH STREET

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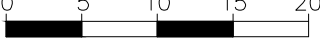
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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Need for Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.7

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 provided a letter to Mayor and Council on the need for stronger western Canadian Municipal Advocate at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The letter is to spark a conversation and potential solution of Western Canada having a stronger advocate.

Reeve Greg Sawchuk has provided three (3) question for Council to consider:

1. Do you feel that FCM advocates for the needs of your municipality or western Canadian?
2. Does the annual FCM Conference agenda/tours provide relevant value for your municipality?
3. Are the needs of western Canada different than those of eastern Canada, and if so, is it time we entertain the idea of a WCM (Western Canadian Municipalities)?

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support a letter be sent from Mayor Hunter on behalf of Council regarding Council's views on the need for stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate.

OR

That Council accept the letter from the MD of Bonnyville as information only.



January 20, 2021

Town of Didsbury
PO Box 790
Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

Attn: Mayor and Council

RE: Need for a Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate

The past few years have presented convincing evidence of the continued lack of advocacy and blatant disregard at the federal level for Western Canada's needs and one of its highly significant industries that impacts us all: the natural resources industry. Our Council here at the Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) is beyond frustrated with this lack of effective representation that Western Canadian municipalities receive.

Currently, our only voice at the national table is that of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). From their website, FCM states they *"...advocate for municipalities to be sure their citizens' needs are reflected in federal policies and programs. Year after year, our work benefits every municipal government and taxpayer in Canada, and our programming delivers tools that help municipalities tackle local challenges."*

Question: Do you feel that FCM advocates for the needs of your municipality or western Canada?

Question: Does the annual FCM Conference agenda/tours provide relevant value for your municipality?

Question: Are the needs of western Canada different than those of eastern Canada, and if so, is it time we entertain the idea of a WCM (Western Canadian Municipalities)?

To their credit, FCM did add a Western Economic Solutions Taskforce as one of their 15 program areas. Unfortunately, this initiative – which was created to mitigate the genuine alienation and hostility western Canadian municipalities experienced at the 2019 FCM Annual Conference held in Quebec City – has not produced any real results.

Our hope is that this letter will spark the much-needed conversation and potential solution to this long-standing issue. We sincerely request that you and your Council take the time to truly reflect on the level of service you are receiving from your current federal advocate. Are they truly the federal voice advocating for your citizens and your municipality?

The M.D. and many other communities across Alberta and western Canada are proud supporters and partners of the oil and gas industry. We wish to be a part of a solution that supports industry competitiveness rather than be forced to absorb Ontario's and Quebec's concepts of crippling changes that impact our municipal sustainability.

Thank you in advance for your Council's reflection on this topic and we look forward to hearing any feedback you may have.

Yours sincerely,



Greg Sawchuk
Reeve

cc: Mr. Barry Morishita, President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Mr. Paul McLaughlin, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Letter of Appreciation of Military Service Request
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.8

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Sergeant Jeff Daquigan from the Regional Cadet Support Unit Northwest (RCSU(NW)) of the Canadian Armed Forces is putting together a Depart with Dignity package on behalf of our organization for Captain Keith M.H. Hickling, CD who is releasing from the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve after serving 30 Years of active service as a Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) Officer with Cadet Organizations Administration and Training Service (COATS), on 15 March 2021.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

They are kindly requesting a Letter of Appreciation signed by the Mayor of Didsbury for Capt. Hickling which will be presented to him along with other congratulatory letters and certificates.

Throughout Capt. Hickling's career, he served with the 3043 and 2749 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) located in the Northwest Territory before completing his last 6 years with the 3025 Didsbury RCACC located in Didsbury, Alberta.

The organizers and I believe that the significance of the letter will express to Capt. Hickling the esteem with which he is regarded by his country, province and fellow peers. Your consideration and support would be very much appreciated.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support a letter be sent from Mayor Hunter on behalf of Council for Capt. Hickling for his serving 30 Years of active service as a Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) Officer with Cadet Organizations Administration and Training Service (COATS).

Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest) – Bldg 63
17 Wing Winnipeg
PO Box 17000 Station Forces
Winnipeg, MB R3J 3Y5

1085-30-9 (Rel Clk)

01 February 2021

Office of the Mayor of Didsbury
Box 790, 1606 14th Street
Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0

Dear Mayor Hunter,

I am Sergeant Jeff Daquigan from the Regional Cadet Support Unit Northwest (RCSU(NW)) of the Canadian Armed Forces. I am putting together a Depart With Dignity package on behalf of our organization for Captain Keith M.H. Hickling, CD who is releasing from the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve after serving 30 Years of active service as a Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) Officer with Cadet Organizations Administration and Training Service (COATS), on 15 March 2021.

We are kindly requesting a Letter of Appreciation signed by you as the Mayor of Didsbury for Capt. Hickling which will be presented to him along with other congratulatory letters and certificates. Letter can be sent to the return address as indicated above, Attn: Sgt Jeff Daquigan – Release Clerk.

Name to appear on Letter: **Captain Keith Morley Herschel Hickling, CD**

Throughout Capt Hickling's career, he served with the 3043 and 2749 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) located in the Northwest Territory before completing his last 6 years with the 3025 Didsbury RCACC located in Didsbury, Alberta.

The organizers and I believe that the significance of the letter will express to Capt Hickling the esteem with which he is regarded by his country, province and fellow peers. Your consideration and support would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



J.D. Daquigan
Sergeant
J1 Senior Human Resource
Admin (Release)
for Commanding Officer





REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Town Hall Meetings
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.9

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

To address and respond to the concerns of volunteer organizations and local businesses in Didsbury regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mayor Hunter is recommending Council host two Town Hall Meetings.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

These meetings will be conducted using ZOOM Meeting and will give volunteer organizations and businesses in our community an opportunity to speak on the issues, impacts, and effects of pandemic restrictions and directives

Virtual Business Town Hall: Mayor Hunter will provide an update regarding a proposed jointly-hosted Town Hall with the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce. President Kyle Turner and Mayor Hunter have discussed this, and propose to work together to coordinate a date and time that works, and, as well, put together an agenda for this Town Hall.

Two different Town Halls will be hosted, dates to be determined. Recommending that Council set the date for the volunteer organization Town Hall at this meeting and that we wait for response from the Chamber as to their available dates and times and then agree on a meeting date and time.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve two Town Halls be scheduled, one for volunteer organizations on _____ (date) at ____ (time) and one for local businesses that would be jointly hosted with the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce dates and times TBA.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	COVID Update
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	8.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Administration will provide an update on COVID-19.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Attached is a COVID Update regarding Recreation from the Community Services Department.

CAO Ethan Gorner will be giving a verbal update on the rally that took place on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the COVID-19 update for February 9, 2021 and the COVID Update on Recreation from Community Services as information.

Report to the CAO – Community Services

February 9, 2021 RCM

COVID Update – Recreation:

On January 29, 2021, the Government of Alberta announced a stepped approach to easing restrictions affecting Albertans as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Step One restriction changes address some children's sport activities and indoor fitness and now allow for school use (during school hours) of our recreation facilities, as well as the ability to book one-on-one or one-on-household (siblings) training opportunities.

In considering Town of Didsbury recreation facilities, the opportunities for use and our current staffing situation, the following re-entry plan is in place:

Didsbury Arena

The Didsbury Arena will reopen for use on February 8, 2021 for use by our local schools and for bookings for one-on-one training or one-on-household training, with a certified trainer/ coach.

As of February 2, we have several bookings in place from our schools and have almost filled all evening Leisure Ice slots, at a value of almost \$3000. Additionally, we have sold another \$1500 on the Main Ice surface and continue working on bookings with our local figure skaters and other local clubs. We are currently working to ensure that our local users have the opportunity to secure bookings prior to advertising for regional rentals, where we see great potential for use. We believe that a lack of arena inventory, combined with our new facility, will be a draw for numerous regional one-on-one bookings.

Each year we enter into Education Agreements with our local schools. In October 2020, we received \$2500 in revenues for the arena through these agreements, which we have yet to be able to honour due to our arena project and subsequent closures as per the Province. Reopening will allow us to fulfill these agreements, ensuring that our local youth have access to this facility as part of their physical education curriculum.

Utility savings were realized in September, October and November 2020 as the plant was either not operating, or only operating for the curling rink surface. Additional savings are anticipated in both February and March, as the curling rink surface will not be operational during these months, meaning less electricity requirements. During December and January, ice and building temperatures in the arena were also adjusted, ensuring the plant and the facility were running as efficiently as possible to reduce costs while we could not be open to the public.

As the Province eases restrictions further for recreation, we anticipate offering programs for the larger community again, like the free public skates we have hosted in previous seasons. Our hope is that Step 2 changes will allow for more program and rental opportunities for our recreation facilities. The earliest that we could move into Step 2 changes would be March 1, 2021, which would still allow for a month of even greater use of the arena through expanded programs.

Didsbury Aquatic Centre

The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will not open during the Step One restriction changes. The nature of one-on-one training as the only program type available is not a viable approach to reopening for this facility. The majority of pool use comes from rentals, swim lessons and fitness programs. The one-on-one training parameters would only allow for private lessons which are not a consistent, nor large enough, revenue stream to justify a reopening at this time. Additional restrictions relative to children's sport and indoor recreation will be addressed in Step Two, and we are hopeful that more robust programming opportunities will be allowed at this stage.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Chief Administrative Officer's Report
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	8.2

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with a regular report for Council's review and information.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Please see attached.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engaged Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report for February 9, 2021 as information.



CAO Report – February 9, 2021

1. **Public Works 4th Quarter Report** (Public Works)

Please see attached the 4th quarter report from the Public Works & Infrastructure Department.

2. **Memorial Complex Utility Costs** (ACAO/CFO)

Please see attached the December 2020 Utility Costs for the Memorial Complex.

3. **Protests and Public Rally Events**

Protests, rallies, and other constitutionally-protected activities are not under the Town's control or jurisdiction and neither are the Provincial restrictions. If anyone has any concerns about any individual or group's behaviour they can contact either AHS or the local RCMP.

4. **Municipal Internship Program** (ACAO/CFO)

Didsbury was successful in its application for the 2021 Municipal Internship Program. We are one of only 13 municipalities to be hosting an intern for the following year. Recruitment of post-secondary students for the 2021 program has been initiated by the Province. More information regarding the program will be forthcoming.



Town of Didsbury

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Subject: Fourth Quarter Report
From: Manager of Public Works
To: CAO

Jan 21, 2020

Operations

The department focused on winter equipment preparations and contract procurement processes to ensure a seamless seasonal transition. The Town received its new fleet vehicle, sander, and plow. The new equipment is already reducing operation costs and will continue to do so for years to come.



The department responded to 39 Action Requests during Q4. 2020 Action Request total is 169

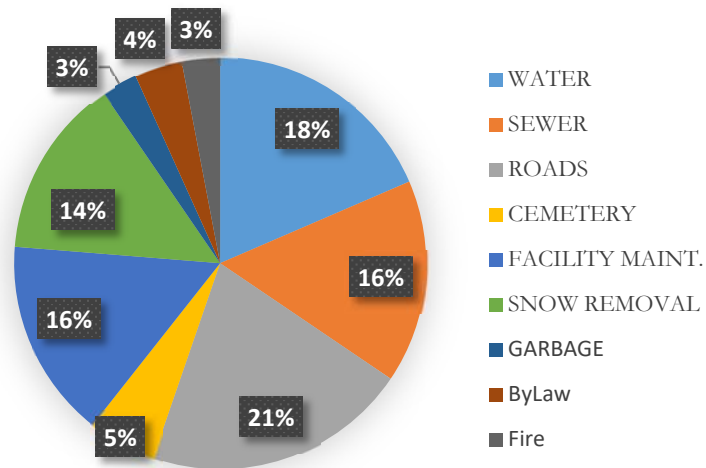
- 30 Roads & Alleys
- 9 General (not necessarily Department issues but support was needed)

Utilization

The department grew by one member during Q4. This new member is the youngest member of our team. Born December 1, 2020, Public Work's team member Dayton welcomed a beautiful baby boy. Congrats to Dayton and family!

On-call rotation remains at five weeks. The department lacks redundancy and this continues to stretch our existing resources. Approximately 3258 hours were invested by the department.

Q4 Hourly Allocation



Water

The department pursued and completed repairs on one water leak during the quarter. The service line was significantly compromised. The repair will reduce the Town's water loss. The department continues to monitor the area for changes. Picture of the failed portion:

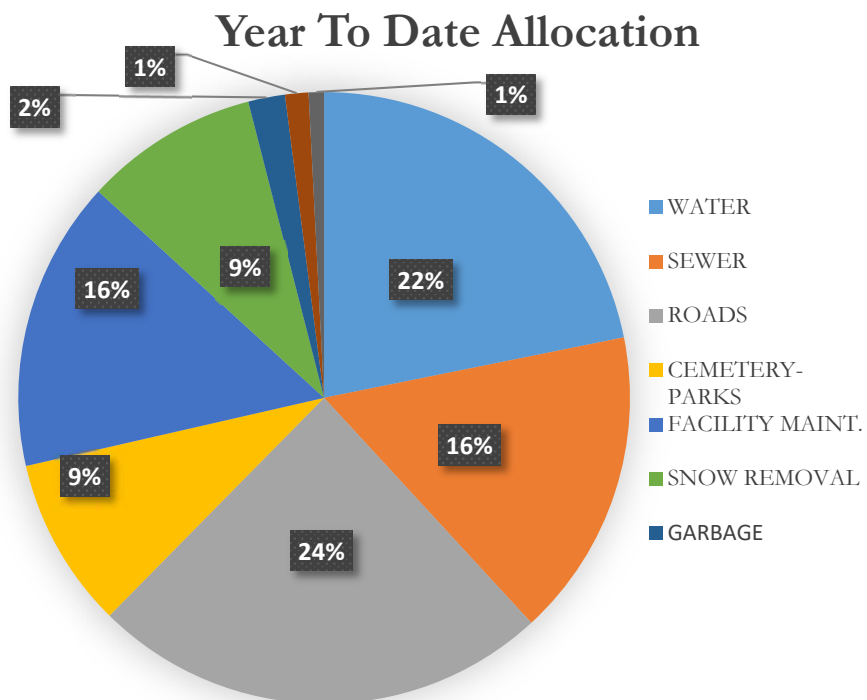


Wastewater

The Town's upper lagoon was drained in compliance with the Code of Practice and in partnership with Alberta Environment. The Department reduced contractor access to the lower lagoon system to ensure no prohibited materials are inadvertently introduced. The Department is currently in the planning phase to have the lower lagoon sludge processed and removed. The process will reinstate the lagoon's treatment effectiveness.

Roads

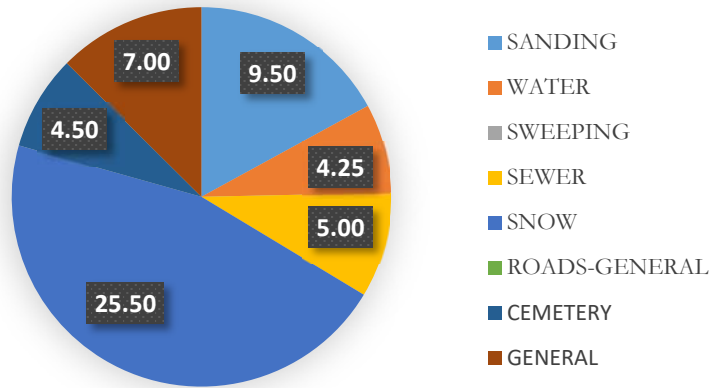
The Department invested considerable time into maintaining and servicing equipment in preparation of winter activities and will continue into Q1 2021 to ensure equipment readiness. The Department conducted several snow clearings in December, keeping the road network passable.



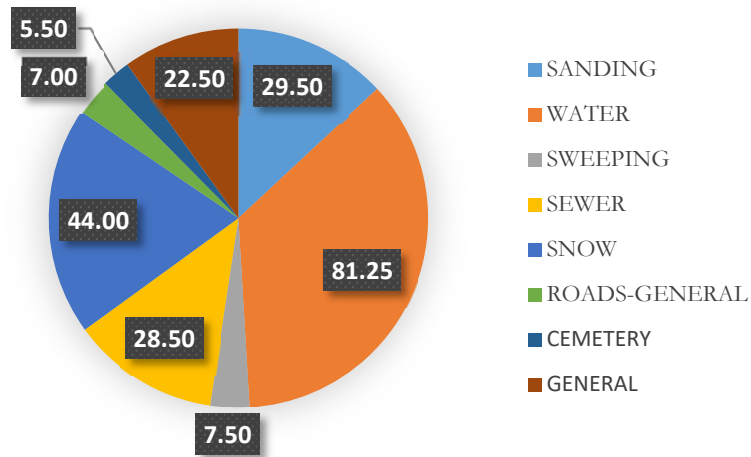
Overtime

The department has incurred 56 overtime hours in Q4. The departments are broken down below:

Q4 Overtime Allocation



Year to Date Allocation



Capital Projects

Southeast Reservoir: Land negation ongoing.

15th Stormwater Main, Sidewalk & Westhill Sanitary Replacement: Construction was completed in this quarter. Construction Completion Certificates have been issued.

23rd Street & Hwy 582 Crossing: Discussions with the Province are ongoing.

2020 Sidewalk Repair & Maintenance Program – This scope of work completed as part of the contract for the 15th Ave Storm main contract.

Shantz Pedestrian Connectivity – Project was initiated in Q4 and an asphalt pathway was installed just prior to freeze up. Temporary lighting has been installed for the pedestrian crossing at Hwy 582. The Department is working with stakeholders to finalize crossing details and illumination for the crossing.

Town of Didsbury
Memorial Complex Monthly Utility Costs
For the month of December, 2020

	Electricity	Natural Gas	Total
Arena	2,454.67	2,903.58	5,358.26
Pool	3,375.17	2,614.66	5,989.83
Ice Plant	6,300.35		6,300.35
Curling	1,786.29	1,695.55	3,481.84
MPR	306.83	512.40	819.23
Total	14,223.32	7,726.19	21,949.51



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: *The Place to Grow.*

Mission: *Creating the Place to Grow.*

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Project Summary – Library Facility Expansion
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Public Works
AGENDA ITEM	8.2.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Design Team met on February 1st, and is working with AVID who are currently revising the floorplans based on the feedback received during the Design Team meeting.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/ADVANTAGES:

Administration is in the initial stages of assessing alternate approaches to resolve some of the larger dollar value items noted in AVID's project cost estimate in the feasibility study.

The Design Team will continue to compile information for presentation to the Library Facility Ad-Hoc Committee for their review and guidance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Project Summary on the Library Facility Expansion as information.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Council Reports
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	8.3

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council members will give a verbal and/or written report on any business or committee activity they have participated in.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engaged Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to accept the Council Reports for February 9, 2021 as information.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Correspondence & Information
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	9.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Correspondence received from other agencies and departments of the Town that may be of importance and interest, is being provided for Council's review and information.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Please find attached:

- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Notes – January 20, 2021
- Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Notes – January 20 and 27, 2021
- MD of Spirit River, Reeve Tony Van Roostelaar – COVID-19 Restrictions

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engagement Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to accept the items presented as information.



**Strategic Planning Committee
Orientation & Organizational Meeting
Meeting Notes
January 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Held through ZOOM Meeting**

Present:

Councillor Windsor (Chair), Councillor Moore (Vice-chair) and Mayor Hunter

Staff:

Ethan Gorner, Amanda Riley, Luana Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ethan Gorner called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

2.1 Recommendation for Appointment of Chair/Vice-chair

MOVED by Mayor Hunter to appoint Councillor Windsor as Chair and Councillor Moore as Vice Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Carried

3. ORIENTATION

3.1 Review of Purpose of Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee is a standing committee that provides recommendations or advice to Council regarding Financial Planning, Budget, Capital Expenditure, Land Development, Facility Development, Infrastructure Management and Fleet Management.

The functions of the Strategic Planning Committee to review and make recommendations on the following:

1. Financial Planning
2. Review of Development of Facilities and Infrastructure
3. Review of Planning Documents and Plans
4. Development and Review of an Asset Plan
5. Prioritize Performance Based Budgeting

The Committee agreed to have the meeting format and structure similar to the Town of Carstairs' including having a standing agenda, terms of reference and work plan. The Terms of Reference should be noted at the top of the agenda.

The committee requested to discuss a standing agenda page at the next meeting.

It was suggested the outlying plan be the first item for the committee to look at. There was discussion regarding the plan be a standing item on the agenda. It was agreed this item to be added to the meeting on February 3.



4. ACTIONS/MOTIONS:

MOVED by Mayor Hunter to have the CAO bring back information and recommendations on the framework and meeting structure for the strategic planning committee standing agenda template for the February 3, 2021 meeting.

Carried

5. NEXT MEETING

5.1 February 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

6. AJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Hunter to adjourn the Strategic Planning Committee meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Carried



Policy and Governance Committee
Orientation and Organizational Meeting
Meeting Notes
January 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Held through ZOOM Meeting

Present:

Councillor Crothers, Councillor Moore and Councillor Windsor

Staff:

Ethan Gorner, Amanda Riley, Luana Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ethan Gorner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

2.1 Recommendation for Appointment of Chair/Vice-chair

MOVED by Councillor Windsor that Dorothy Moore be appointed as Chair and Councillor Crothers as Vice Chair of the Policy & Governance Committee until the organizational meeting in 2021.

Carried

3. ORIENTATION

3.1 A review of the purpose and the functions of the committee took place. Purpose of Committee

Councillor Windsor opened the meeting for discussion of the functions of the committee along with having Administration address any questions or concerns. The committee requested a list of the bylaws and policies for the committee's information and review purposes. It was agreed to work on the bylaws that are on the docket first.

Ethan Gorner commented that this committee will play a crucial role in simplifying and organizing the Town's legislative framework and red tape reduction.

It was agreed by the committee to proceed as follows:

- 1st priority is the bylaw in the docket
- 2nd priority is the clean-up of bylaws and policies

Councillor Windsor suggested that Red Tape Reduction be added as a standing agenda item for the committee agenda. Further clarification is need with regards to service agreements. The committee will rely on Administration to bring these items forward.

4. BYLAW REVIEW

4.1 Procedural Bylaw 2020-12 (attached)

Ethan Gorner gave an overview of the principles and purpose of the bylaw as well as what was removed. The updated bylaw captures basic principles for the functioning of the council meeting process and gets away from the overly prescriptive nature of the current bylaw. Council should have the flexibility to change as required.

MOVED by Councillor Windsor to take the Procedural Bylaw 2020-11 with noted changes to the January 26, 2021 RCM.

Carried



In order to catch up on the backlog of bylaws in the docket, the committee agreed to meet.

5. UPCOMING ON DOCKET

- Red Tape Reduction – politicized policies
- Utilities Rates & Fees

6. MEETING OUTCOMES/RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Procedural Bylaw 2020-11

- Take for second reading at the January 26, 2021 RCM with the noted suggested changes

7. NEXT MEETING

7.1 January 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.

8. AJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Windsor to adjourn the Policy & Governance Committee meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Carried



Policy and Governance Committee
Meeting Notes
January 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Held through ZOOM Meeting

Present:

Councillor Moore (Chair)
Councillor Crothers (Vice-chair)
Councillor Windsor

Staff:

Ethan Gorner (CAO)
Luana Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Addition of item 3.4 - Orientation and Process including Bylaw and Policy Index

Correction on Agenda Cover - next meeting to read February 3rd not February 10th

3. REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES

Meeting notes of January 20, 2021 were accepted as presented.

4. BYLAW REVIEW

Procedural Bylaw 2020-12

The Committee revisited the Bylaw to address comments raised at the Regular Council Meeting of January 26th. Discussion on the reference to committees in this bylaw. It was agreed to recommend the removal of "Committees" from the bylaw.

Development Incentives Bylaw 2021-01

Administration will provide a clause relating to the implications relating to large residential development at the February 3rd meeting.

Emergency Management Bylaw 2020-06

Due to time constraints this bylaw will begin its review at the February 3, 2021 meeting.

5. UPCOMING ON DOCKET

- Red Tape Reduction – politicized policies
- Utilities Rates & Fees

6. MEETING OUTCOMES/RESOLUTIONS

- Administration to get legal advice on recording of meetings for Procedural Bylaw, and bring to Council for third and final reading.
- Administration to bring a clause relating to implications on large residential developments parcel sizes, and bring back to the Committee prior to going to Council for second reading.
- Bylaw and Policy Index discussion and explanation.

7. NEXT MEETING

February 3, 2021 at 10 a.m.

8. AJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Windsor to adjourn the Policy & Governance Committee meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Carried



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January 27, 2021

Honourable Premier Kenney
Alberta Premier

Email: premier@gov.ab.ca

Dear Honourable Premier Kenney,

Thank you for your response to our letter regarding our position on the handling of COVID-19 restrictions. We appreciate the tenuous position the government is in when making decisions surrounding the containment of COVID-19.

The MD of Spirit River appreciates the importance of preserving life, however we also recognize that the loss of lives during the shutdown will not be limited to those who die from COVID-19.

The aftermath of the lockdown as identified in the paper *COVID-19: Rethinking the Lockdown Groupthink*, by Ari R Joffe MD, FRCPC with the Stollery Hospital, clearly outlines the massive cost both financially and to human lives if we continue with the lockdowns.

In the paper Joffe states, "... lockdowns are far more harmful to human health than COVID-19 can be." We have attached a copy of his paper.

There are numerous other Physicians and papers, including the Great Barrington Declaration (gbdeclaration.org), a statement written by three public health experts from Harvard, Stanford and Oxford, that back the findings of Joffe.

Our council wishes to publicly state that we support the governments steps to reopening the economy and choosing a balanced approach to ensure a quick return to our economy and our wellbeing. We commend the leadership role you are taking.

Sincerely,

Tony Van Rootselaar, Reeve
Municipal District of Spirit River

Cc: Honourable Tyler Shandro Minister of Health
Honourable Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta
Honourable Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation
Todd Loewen, MLA Central Peace Notley
Dan Williams, MLA Peace River

To all RMA and AUMA Members

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CHESTERMERE	PAINT EARTH NO. 18, COUNTY OF	CORONATION	SEDGEWICK
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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	February 9, 2021
SUBJECT	Council Highlights Roundtable
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	10.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council members will identify the items that were significant to them from the meeting.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

These highlights will be used by Administration to be included in the Council Highlights document that is placed on the Town of Didsbury website.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engaged Community