



TOWN OF DIDSBURY AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Held by ZOOM Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Administration recommends moving 7.1 and 7.2 to immediately following the delegation, as Sgt. Fournier may wish to remain for these items.
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13. ADJOURNMENT



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Delegation – Didsbury RCMP Detachment
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	3.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Sgt. Chad Fournier will provide an Annual Report to Council.



**Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 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, March 9, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer - E. Gorner
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
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer - L. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition: 7.11 Town Signage

Res. 093-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

DELEGATION – CHINOOK’S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

Chinook’s Edge School Division Principals Garth Dagg, Didsbury High School; Carolyn Massel, Westglen Middle School and Brent Runnett, Ross Ford Elementary School along with the Board Trustee Gord Kerr updated Council on the happenings of the Schools in Didsbury and how they are managing with the pandemic.

Res. 094-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the report from the Chinook’s Edge School Board Trustee and Didsbury School Principals as information.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 095-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the February 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw 2021-02 Amending Committees of Council Bylaw 2020-11

Res. 096-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant second reading to Bylaw 2021-02 Amending Committees of Council Bylaw 2020-11, as amended.

Carried

Res. 097-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant third and final reading to Bylaw 2021-02 Amending Committees of Council Bylaw 2020-11.

Carried

Council Professional Development Policy COUN-001-21

Res. 098-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to refer Council Professional Development Policy COUN-001-21 to the Policy & Governance Committee.

Carried

Temporary Recess of Meeting

Res. 099-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to have a short recess to resolve technical difficulties at 6:50 p.m.

Carried

The meeting resumed at 6:58 p.m.

Recognition Policy COUN-002-21

Res. 100-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve Recognition Policy COUN-002-21 as presented.

Carried

BUSINESS

Utility Department Framework Principles

Res. 101-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to adopt the principles for the utility department framework as presented and refer to the Policy and Governance Committee.

Carried

Ranking of Outlying Plan Elements

#	Element	Discussion
1	Skatepark	Approved as part of 2021 capital budget.
2	Jet's Playground	Approved as part of 2021 capital budget; sees the relocation of fitness equipment that currently exists beside park to Memorial Park.
3	Jet's Ball Diamond	Current demand for a diamond exists; eliminates Hill Development (several sledding hills exist in community elsewhere).
4	Dog Park	Current demand for dog park exists; eliminates 5-0 club walkway improvements.
5	4 Season Washroom/ Picnic Shelter	Ranked quite high in public survey and by Council.
6	Parking lot and road improvements (south side)	Improvements to drainage currently required; would like to retain the parking adjacent to arena.
7	Multi-Court System (Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball and Volleyball)	The layout of the Outlying Plan allows for inclusion in proposed location; interest from public.
8	Additional parking (north side)	Required by addition of court system and demand from the building currently.
9	Pathways construction/landscaping	Functions to tie entire Outlying Plan together.
	Spray Park	To be included if done as a community driven initiative.

Res. 102-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the ranking of the Elements of the Outlying Plan as outlined above for inclusion into the Multi Year Capital Plan.

Carried

Grader Replacement

Res. 103-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve that the Town enter into a five (5) year operating lease, with an annual payment of up to \$45,056 for a new grader to be funded from the Public Works operational budget, with a corresponding reduction of budgeted transfer to Public Works Reserve for each year during the life of the lease.

Carried

Allocation of Year End Operating Surplus

Res. 104-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to move the 2020 allocation of year-end operating surplus for tax purposes of \$76,589 allocated \$1,589 to the Snow Removal Reserve and \$75,000 to the General Reserve.

Carried

Year End Reserve Allocation for Utility Departments

Res. 105-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to increase the current year budget reserves transfer by \$79,957 and reduce the current year wastewater budgeted reserves transfer by \$79,957.

Carried

Street Light Continuity Project

Res. 106-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve Option 1 – Acorn Style – Streetlight Design for the Street Light Continuity (20th Street – south end) Capital Project.

Carried

Virtual Town Hall Meetings

- Res. 107-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to send the summary of the pandemic responses, successes and challenges of our local organizations and businesses to the Premier, Chief Medical Health Officer and our MLA to highlight the situations these groups have been dealing with since March 2020 restrictions and mandates began.

Carried

Financial Support Request – Didsbury & District Historical Society

- Res. 108-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the request for Financial Support for Community Groups grant for the Didsbury & District Historical Society for the sponsorship of 10 family passes and 10 individual passes as information and refer to the operational budget workshop.

Carried

Signage Application for DC-IND

- Res. 109-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to approve DP 21-007 for fascia signage, located at 2825 - 19th Street Unit #5, 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

Awarding of Residential Solid Waste Pick-up Services

- Res. 110-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to direct Administration to notify Environmental 360 in writing that its Proposal has been approved in principle and invite the Proponent to proceed with discussions to settle, draft and enter into a service Contract for the delivery of Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Management Services to the Town of Didsbury.

Carried

Town Signage

- Res. 111-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the discussion on Town Signage as information.

Carried

REPORTS

COVID-19 Update

- Res. 112-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the COVID-19 update for March 9, 2021 as information.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer Report

- Res. 113-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report for March 9, 2021 as information.

Carried

Res. 114-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers for Council to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2 Sections 23 and 24 of the *FOIP Act at 8: 31 p.m.*

Carried

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:

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

Res. 115-21 MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to return to open meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Carried

Res. 116-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel that Council approve \$8500 for further consulting work to be undertaken on the library expansion project to be funded from the 2021 operating budget.

Carried

Council Reports

Res. 117-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the Council reports for March 9, 2021 as information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

- MOST Grant Library Funding – Mountain View County
- Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Notes January 11, 2021
- Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Notes February 18, 2021
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Notes February 16 & 17, 2021
- Westlock County – Proposed changes to AER Directive 067
- Hope 4 MVC Kids Society
- Municipality of Crowsnest Pass – Letter to Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
- Budget 2021 Letter to Chief Elected Official from Minister of Municipal Affairs

Res. 118-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the items presented as information.

Carried

Res. 119-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to bring back to Council information on the current study being done on replacement of RCMP with Provincial Police.

Carried

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council deemed the following items be highlighted from the March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting:

- Library presentation and moving forward on the library expansion project
- Managing the budget and allocating the funds due to the challenges of the last year.
- Chinook's Edge School Division delegation and how they are managing with the pandemic
- Principled approach to red tape reduction and processes being simplified in policies
- Virtual Town Hall
- Ranking of Outlying Plan and subsequent of multi-year plan and completion of that plan.

- Productive meeting with 11 items on the agenda which came from committees.
- Street light continuity program for downtown aligning with other continuity programs.

QUESTION PERIOD

Public Gallery

Press Gallery

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 120-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2 Sections 23 and 24 of the *FOIP Act* at 9:31 p.m. with the following staff attending the closed meeting session with Council:
Ethan Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
Amanda Riley, ACAO/Chief Financial Officer
Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services

Carried

RECONVENE

Res. 121-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to come out of closed meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Carried

Res. 122-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to give consent to transfer/consolidate the existing 7 MR to Lot 800 13 MR in Shantz Industrial Park.

Carried

Res. 123-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to set a Public Hearing date for the April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for the disposal of Municipal Reserve (MR).

Carried

Res. 124-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to appoint Craig Martin to the Municipal Planning Commission member at large until the Organizational Meeting in 2021.

Carried

Res. 125-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers 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	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Council Professional Development Policy COUN-001-21
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

In response to the Red Tape Reduction initiative, the Policy & Governance Committee are reviewing policies that are no longer required, redundant or need to be amended.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Council was presented with a draft of the policy at the March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the policy was sent back to committee asking for more information to be included. The Policy & Governance Committee reviewed the Council Professional Development Policy COUN 001 at their March 17, 2021 meeting. The changes are noted in red.

The Committee is recommending Council approve Policy COUN-001-21.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve Council Professional Development Policy COUN 001-21 as amended.



TOWN OF DIDSBURY POLICY # COUN 001-21
POLICY NAME: Council Professional Development

TOWN OF DIDSBURY POLICY INDEX	
Policy Number:	COUN 001-21
Policy Title:	Council Professional Development
Approval Date:	
Responsible Department:	Council
Related Bylaws:	Council Remuneration Policy

Policy Statement:

Council recognizes the need to have educated, informed and motivated Council members. Necessary training and development opportunities are required to ensure an innovative and skilled Council who are responsible for the development of policies and bylaws that ensure the efficient and effective operation of the municipality.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 Professional Development: means annual conventions, conferences, courses, seminars, workshops, orientation and other training opportunities that are related to municipal governance.

2. Principles

- 2.1 Annually, Administration will provide Council with professional development opportunities available in the coming year.

The annual Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Convention event is identified as the premier event for Council members and their professional development and all Council members, where possible, are strongly encouraged to attend. Funds will be included in the budget to allow all Council members to attend.
- 2.2 In addition to AUMA, in setting their annual budget, Council will set aside funds for Professional Development and each member will be afforded an allowance for the year for the undertaking of professional development opportunities.
- 2.3 Each Council member will have discretion in undertaking professional development opportunities in accordance with the above definition and those opportunities presented by Administration annually.
- 2.4 As needed, the CAO may provide guidance to Council members with regards to suitability of specific opportunities.
- 2.5 Council members will strive for fiscal responsibility in the undertaking of their Professional Development, and to this end registration, booking of accommodation and travel will be arranged by Administration. Included in this is the principles of using standard accommodation and travel and timely registrations and cancellations.
- 2.6 Council members will be responsible for reimbursing the Town the registration fee(s) for non- attendance unless due to extenuating circumstances as approved by Council.
- 2.7 Any opportunities Council would like to pursue, outside the parameters of 2.3 may be submitted to Council for consideration and approval.
- 2.8 Council members are expected to report back to Council on their professional development experiences either written or verbally at Council meeting.
- 2.9 The Town is not responsible for expenses which are unrelated to the Councillors professional development activity including the purchase of alcohol or expenses for spousal/partner attendance.

3. End of Policy



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Utility Rates & Fees Bylaw 2021-03 (1 st Reading)
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.2

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Utility Rates and Fees Bylaw 2021-03 is a bylaw for the regulating and providing for the terms, conditions, rates and fees for the supply and use of water, wastewater and solid waste services provided by the Town of Didsbury.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The Strategic Planning Committee reviewed the principles for water/wastewater and solid waste utility services and was also approved by Council at the March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

The Policy & Governance Committee reviewed the bylaw at their March 17, 2021 meeting. Schedule "A" which are the rates and fees are being developed and will be presented before going for second and third readings.

The Committee is recommending the bylaw go to Council for first reading.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant first reading to Utility Rates and Fees Bylaw 2021-03 and that it be referred to committee.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
Utility Rates and Fees Bylaw
Bylaw No. 2021-03

A BYLAW IN THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY FOR REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, RATES AND FEES FOR THE SUPPLY AND USE OF WATER, WASTEWATER and SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 3 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the purposes of a municipality are to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7(g) of the *Municipal Government Act* a Council of a municipality may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting public utilities; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed just and proper to levy a water service rate on all Persons occupying property connected with the water system of the Town to assist with the costs of constructing and maintaining the system including the cost of treatment and distribution of water; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Didsbury is a member of Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission, municipally owned corporation which operates the Anthony Henday Regional water system and delivers water to the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect both the system and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Didsbury is a member of Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission, municipally owned corporation which operates a regional landfill and receives solid waste from the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the municipal Council of the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Short Title

This Bylaw shall be known as the “Utilities Bylaw”

2. Definitions

Dwelling means a complete building or self-contained portion of a building for the use of one or more individuals living as a single housekeeping unit, containing sleeping, cooking and separate toilet facilities intended as a permanent residence not separate from direct access to the outside by another separate or self-contained set or suite or rooms.

Customer means any person, business and any other municipal corporation, the Government of Alberta or the Government of Canada whose property is connected to the Water System of any lessee or Occupant of such property, or any person who requests water services or has applied for an Account or is otherwise responsible for paying such Account for water services.

3. Paramount Rules

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

4. General Provisions

4.1 Utility departments in the Town of Didsbury are self-supported, therefore are not subsidized by taxes.

4.2 For rate accuracy and justification, each utility service (water, wastewater and solid waste), is its own product line and are budgeted for and accounted for separately.

4.3 All customers receiving utility services shall pay the utility charges set out in Schedule A.

- 4.4 Water and wastewater base rates will cover debt coverage and future capital investment.
- 4.5 Water consumption rates are intended to pay for the purchase of water from the Mountain View Regional Waste Services Commission.
- 4.6 Water and wastewater distribution rates are intended to pay for operational and maintenance costs associated with the system.
- 4.7 Solid waste base rates are intended to pay for all costs associated with the solid waste utility.

5. Water and Wastewater Utility Rates and Fees:

- 5.1 A water and wastewater base rate for each metered account will be determined annually, based on the customer's connected meter size.
- 5.2 In the case of non-use of services, each customer shall continue to pay the base rates as specified in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
- 5.3 A water consumption rate for consumption of water from the system, based on 100% of water meter consumption will be determined annually.
- 5.4 A water and wastewater distribution rate for each of water and wastewater, based on 100% of water meter consumption, or in the absence of a water meter connection a fixed rate based on average estimated residential wastewater consumption, will be determined annually.
- 5.5 Where the calculation of a utility rate is based on the consumption of water, the quantity used shall be determined from the current and previous water readings as recorded by the Town, or if an actual water meter reading is not available, by an estimated consumption based on the previous average consumption of the service.
- 5.6 Where a serviced property is not located in the Town of Didsbury, a security deposit equal to an estimated 3 months of service, must be collected prior to services being provided due to the inability to transfer unpaid accounts to the tax roll.
- 5.7 Non-residential water service customers consuming more than 1,000 m³ per year and who wish to apply for wastewater meter reading in place of water meter readings for the purpose of calculating monthly wastewater volumes must apply in writing to the Town.
- 5.8 If any part of a utility bill remains unpaid after the due date specified on the utility bill there shall be added thereto a penalty in the amount as set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw compounded monthly on the rates of the bill.
- 5.9 If payment is not received a) on residential property forty-five (45) days and b) on commercial property thirty (30) days after the due date specified on the utility bill, the water service may be turned off and not turned on until such time as the utility account including arrears and a reconnection fee as specified in Schedule "A" of this bylaw are paid in full. Payment must be by cash, debit or certified cheque only.
- 5.10 No reduction in rates shall be made for any interruption in water or sewer services during a billing period.
- 5.11 Where service to a customer is to be discontinued, a final billing shall be calculated on a pro-rated basis from the date of the last billing to the date of discontinuance.
- 5.12 The Town shall levy utility rates for all premises on a monthly basis.
- 5.13 Any customer to whom utility services have been shut off shall, upon having paid any utility fees owing, and upon requesting the Town to restore utility services, pay to the Town a non-refundable disconnection fee and reconnection fee as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

6. Utility Services to Tenants

- 6.1 Utility bills shall only be issued to the owners of the property. The owner may request a duplicate copy to be sent to the tenants. Information or account changes regarding the utility account shall be solely with the owner of the property.

7. Designated Manufactured Homes

- 7.1 In accordance with section 304(1)(j)(ii) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the owner of the manufactured home community is deemed the assessed persons of each designated manufactured home on a site in a manufactured home community and any other improvements located on the site and owned or occupied by the period occupying the designated manufactured home.
- 7.2 The owners of individual designated manufactured homes are deemed tenants for the purposes of this bylaw.

8. Solid Waste Rates and Charges

- 8.1 The property owner of a premises or occupant of a premises receiving Solid Waste Collection Services from the Town shall pay to the Town a monthly rate at the rates established as follows.
- 8.2 A base charge for Residential Waste, Residential Recycling and Organic Materials collection shall be determined annually.
- 8.3 The base rate shall be rated to each dwelling unit.
- 8.4 Each additional Residential Waste service provided to an occupant shall be rated at a rate equivalent to the base rate for Residential Waste, Residential Recycling and Organic Materials collection.
- 8.4.1 Administration will have discretion in addressing special circumstances.
- 8.5 Each additional Residential Recycling or Organics Materials collection shall be rated at a rate equivalent to the cost paid to the contractor by the Town for that service and is determined annually.
- 8.6 The monthly rate for Solid Waste Collection Services will apply even where there is no Solid Waste set out for collection, except in the case of unimproved residential lands.

9. Transitional

- 9.1 All versions of Rate and Fee Bylaw 2019-15 Schedule "C" are hereby repealed.
- 9.2 That this Bylaw shall take effect on the date of final passing.

Read a first time this ____ day of _____ 2021

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

SCHEDULE "A"

Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal

Solid waste collection and disposal (GST exempt)	
Additional Mixed Waste Service (Black Bin) (GST exempt)	
Additional Recyclables Service (Blue Bin) (GST exempt)	
Additional Organics Service (Green Bin) (GST exempt)	
Replacement bin (mixed waste, compost or recycling)	

Water

Bulk water consumed (GST exempt)	
Collection fee – Residential dwelling (GST exempt)	
Collection fee – Commercial (GST exempt)	
Collection fee – Institutional (GST exempt)	
Metered consumption (all users) (GST exempt)	
Water meter testing deposit (GST exempt)	
Water disconnect/re-connect fee (GST exempt)	
Water Meter sales – all sizes	

Wastewater

Collection fee – Residential (GST exempt)	
Collection fee – Commercial (GST exempt)	
Collection fee – Institutional (GST exempt)	
Customers without water service (GST exempt)	
Metered consumption (all users)(based on total water metered consumption) (GST exempt)	

Other Rates

Utility Account Deposit (for customers outside Didsbury corporate limits)	
Utility Penalties on overdue balances	
Transfer to Taxes for unpaid Utilities	



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Bylaw 2021-04 Tax Rate Bylaw for 2021
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	6.3

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Section 353(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* states that “council must pass a property tax bylaw annually.”

Council is being asked to provide first reading to Bylaw 2021-04, a bylaw to set the property tax rates for 2021.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

DRAFT Bylaw 2021-04 does not include the specifics to Schedule “A” at this time but will be provided once the budget has been finalized.

Schedule “A” will be included prior to third and final reading.

Please note the recommended changes to the penalty fee structure in Schedule B. This is a return to the previous penalty time line and framework.

Please see attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to grant first reading to Bylaw 2021-04 a bylaw to establish the rates and penalties for the 2021 Taxation Year.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
BYLAW NO. 2021-04
2021 TAX RATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 353 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26 (the “MGA”) Council must pass a property tax bylaw annually authorizing Council to impose a tax in respect of property in the municipality to raise revenue to be used toward the payment of the expenditures and transfers as set out in the budget of the municipality and the Requisitions;

AND WHEREAS, section 369 of the MGA provides that Council must pass a supplementary property tax bylaw to authorize the levying of supplementary property tax in respect for which Supplementary Assessments have been made;

AND WHEREAS, the tax rate to be established on areas annexed to The Town of Didsbury (the “Town”) is set by the Orders in Council by which those areas were annexed to the Town;

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1 – TITLE, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

1. Title

1.1 This bylaw may be referred to as the “2021 Tax Rate Bylaw”.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to authorize the levying of a tax upon all taxable property shown on the Assessment Roll and a supplementary property tax in respect for which Supplementary Assessments Roll has been prepared.

3. Definitions

3.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

Arrears means taxes that remain unpaid after December 31 of the year in which they are imposed.

Assessment Roll means assessment roll as set out in section 303 of the MGA;

Current Taxes means taxes levied within in the current calendar year.

Designated Industrial Property means designated industrial property as set out in Section 284 of the MGA;

Designated Manufactured Home means designated manufactured home as set out in Section 284 of the MGA;

Farm Land means farm land as set out in Section 297 of the MGA;

Machinery and Equipment means machinery and equipment as set out in Section 297 of the MGA;

Manufactured Home Community means manufactured home community as set out in Section 284 of the MGA;

MGA means the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 as may be amended.

Non Residential means non-residential property as set out in Section 297 of the MGA;

Provincial Assessor means provincial assessor as defined in Section 284 of the MGA;

Requisition means requisition as set out in Section 326 of the MGA;

Residential means residential as set out in Section 297 of the MGA;

Supplementary Assessment means supplementary assessment as set out in Section 314 of the MGA;

Supplementary Assessment Roll means supplementary assessment roll as set out in Section 315 of the MGA;
Taxes includes all property taxes, business revitalization zone taxes, local improvement taxes, penalties, and unpaid costs, charges and expenses as provided in Section 553 of the *Municipal Government Act* RSA 2000 c. M-26 or any other statute of the Province of Alberta.

PART II - ASSESSMENT CLASSES AND TAX RATES

4. Assessment Classes and Sub-Classes

- 4.1 For the purpose of the 2021 tax levy and supplementary tax levy, all assessed property within the Town of Didsbury is hereby divided into one of the following assessment classes and subclasses:
- a. Residential
 - b. Non-Residential
 - c. Farmland
 - d. Machinery and Equipment

5. Allowance for non-Collection of Taxes

- 5.1 Pursuant to Section 359(2) of the MGA, for the 2020 tax levy and supplementary tax levy there may be an allowance for the non-collection of taxes at a rate not exceeding the actual rate of taxes uncollected from the previous year's tax levy as determined at the end of the year.

6. Levy of Tax Rates

- 6.1 The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy the tax rates set out in Schedule "A" against the assessed value of all taxable property shown on the Assessment Roll and the Supplementary Assessment Roll and classified according to this bylaw.

7. Penalties on Unpaid Current and Supplementary Taxes and Arrears

- 7.1 All annual property taxes, local improvement and frontages taxes shall be paid in full on or before the last business day in June, and when any portion of such taxes remain unpaid, there shall be imposed by way of penalty for the non-payment of taxes, or any portion, an amount equal to four per cent (4%) therefore of on the first day of July as outlined in Schedule B.
- 7.2 In the event any annual taxes in and associated penalties remaining unpaid on the last day of July there shall be added by way of penalty an amount equal to four per cent (4%) on the first day of August as outlined in Schedule B.
- 7.3 In the event of annual taxes and associated penalties remaining unpaid on the last day of August there shall be added by way of penalty an amount equal to four per cent (4%) on the first day of September as outlined in Schedule B.
- 7.4 In the event of annual taxes and associated penalties remaining unpaid on the last day of September there shall be added by way of penalty an amount equal to four per cent (4%) on the first day of October as outlined in Schedule B.
- 7.5 In the event any annual taxes and associated penalties remaining unpaid on the thirty-first day of December of the year for which the same are levied, there shall be added by way of penalty an amount equal to eighteen percent (18%) per annum calculated monthly on the balance outstanding as outlined in Schedule B.
- 7.6 Any penalty added to current taxes or tax arrears shall be added to and form part of the unpaid taxes.

PART IV – GENERAL

8. That the minimum amount payable per tax roll as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be \$50.00.

9. **Effective Date**

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

Read a first time on the ____ day of ____ 2021

Read a second time on this ____ day of ____ 2021

Read a third and final time on this ____ day of ____ 2021

Mayor – Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner

**BYLAW 2021-04
SCHEDULE "A"**

2021 MUNICIPAL TAX RATES			
Assessment Class	Tax Levy	Taxable Assessment	Tax Rate
Residential	TBD	TBD	TBD
Residential Vacant	TBD	TBD	TBD
Farm Land	TBD	TBD	TBD
Non-Residential	TBD	TBD	TBD
Non-Residential Vacant	TBD	TBD	TBD
Machinery & Equipment	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL TAX LEVY	TBD	TBD	

2021 EDUCATION TAX RATES (Requisitions by Alberta School Foundation and Red Deer Catholic Region)			
Assessment Class	Tax Levy	Taxable Assessment	Tax Rate
Residential/Farmland	TBD	TBD	TBD
Non-Residential	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$1,536,391	TBD	

2021 MANAGEMENT BODIES TAX RATES (Requisitions by Mountain View Seniors' Housing)			
Assessment Class	Tax Levy	Taxable Assessment	Tax Rate
Residential/Farmland	TBD	TBD	TBD
Non-Residential	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$213,621	TBD	

2021 DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REQUISITION TAX RATE (Property assessment and tax rate are set by the Provincial Assessor)			
Assessment Class	Tax Levy	Taxable Assessment	Tax Rate
Non-Residential	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL TAX LEVY	TBD	TBD	

BYLAW 2021-04
SCHEDULE "B"
Penalties on Unpaid Taxes

Applied on the 1 st day of:	Current Taxes	Arrears
January		1.5%
February		1.5%
March		1.5%
April		1.5%
May		1.5%
June		1.5%
July	4.0%	1.5%
August	4.0%	1.5%
September	4.0%5.0%	1.5%
October	4.0%5.0%	1.5%
November	4.0%5.0%	1.5%
December		1.5%



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	2021 Policing Priorities
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Each year, the Didsbury RCMP Detachment asks Council to provide three priorities for the RCMP members to focus on.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

In 2020, Council set the following as priorities:

1. Increase in visibility in the community, including late evenings and early mornings.
2. Increase in traffic enforcement, particularly speeding.
3. Focus on correcting poor driving habits.

Attached is the current Didsbury RCMP Detachment Survey with regards to 2021 priorities they are conducting with the public.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to set the following Policing Priorities for 2021-2022:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



DIDSBURY RCMP POLICING PRIORITIES SURVEY

Didsbury residents, this affects YOU!

The RCMP is committed to preserving the peace, upholding the law, and providing quality service to the community. Every year the Didsbury Detachment reaches out to residents and businesses to help determine policing priorities for our Community. Policing priorities ensure that in addition to responding to calls for service, members focus on the policing issues most important to the public.

With COVID-19, connecting directly with people working and living in the community has been challenging. The Town of Didsbury is assisting the RCMP to seek important public input. Please conduct this two-minute survey which will provide the RCMP a better understanding of what the community views as priorities for policing. The survey will remain open until March 24, 2021.

*** Required Information**

*** 1. Select your top three policing priorities that you believe should be priorities in the Town of Didsbury (in addition to responding to calls for service).**

- ☐ Community engagement (i.e. Community crime prevention/watch groups and alternative patrols like foot or bike patrols).
- ☐ Crimes against persons (i.e. assaults and threats), Family violence (i.e. domestic abuse and threats).
- ☐ Fraud
- ☐ Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)
- ☐ Illegal drug-related offenses (i.e. possession and trafficking)
- ☐ Major property crime (i.e. break and enters, theft of motor vehicles and theft over \$5,000).
- ☐ Minor property crime (i.e. vandalism, theft under \$5,000).

- ☐ Traffic enforcement (i.e. aggressive driving and distracted driving).
- ☐ Youth engagement and development (i.e. school resource officer)
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

* 2. Do you find your local RCMP Detachment personnel are approachable and accessible?

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ N/A

* 3. Do you believe your RCMP Detachment is providing a service that meets your community needs?

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ N/A

* 4. The RCMP appreciates your feedback. Please specify opportunities for improvement that you see for the RCMP Detachment or any other comments you

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* 5. What is your age?

- ☐ 17 or younger
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-35
- ☐ 55 or older
- ☐ I'd rather not say



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Provincial Police Force Proposal
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.2

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Government of Alberta under the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General has implemented provincial investigation into creating an Alberta provincial police force. This investigation is being carried out by Price Waterhouse Cooper. This investigation was implemented based on a recommendation by the Fair Deal Panel submitted to the GoA in June 2020. The goal of the GoA is “to produce an evidence-based and objective assessment of the factors associated with establishing an APPS that will assist the Province in its consideration of the Fair Deal Panel’s recommendation.”

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Attachments:

- RCMP presentation at the AUMA RMA Policing Summit on February 17, 2021.
- National Police Federation (NPF) polling results presented at AUMA RMA Policing Summit on February 17, 2021.
- Questions answered by NPF that were not answered at Summit due to time constraints
- The Minister of Justice and Solicitor General presentation at AUMA RMA Policing Summit on February 17, 2021.
- Didsbury RCMP detachment policing survey (present, closes March 24 2021)

Direct consultation with municipalities regarding the creation of an Alberta provincial police service (APPS) has been limited. The Minister of Justice statement to “modernize” Alberta’s police force lacks clarity and substance for rural municipalities. The work of our RCMP, the continued strong relationship with our local detachment, and the mutual respect and open communication lines is appreciated and valued by our municipality.

The formation of an APPS would affect every municipality in the province, and especially those in rural areas. The Town of Didsbury’s positive working relationship with the RCMP detachment is valued and appreciated and prompts us to advocate for the continued support of an RCMP presence in Alberta and in Didsbury.

The investigation into creating an APPS is based on Recommendation 14 of Alberta’s Fair Deal Panel (FDP) Final Report presented in May 2020. Cancelling the current Alberta-Canada Provincial Police Service Agreement would result in the loss of the federal cost sharing portion of 30% of current RCMP funding, which is \$112.4 million annually according to the FDP Final Report. This contribution would have to be fully or partially absorbed by the province and municipalities. There will likely also be extra costs to the transfer of administrative and oversight responsibilities, training facilities, an IT system, and other unknowns. The transition study report by PriceWaterhouseCooper is expected to be completed by April 30th, 2021, and in June 2021 cabinet is expected to make the decision whether to proceed or not with additional studies, analyses, and stakeholder engagement. Considering the current timeline, now is the time to proactively take a stronger stance on the issue of creating an APPS, before the next steps are set in motion.

The Town of Didsbury is supportive of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and are extremely satisfied with the level of service provided through our local RCMP.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council forward a letter from the Mayor on behalf of Council to the Government of Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Kaycee Madu, that expresses support of and satisfaction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as Alberta’s police force of choice and Council’s opposition to the creation of an Alberta provincial police service to replace the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



AUMA Policing Summit

Curtis Zablocki

Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer - Alberta RCMP





Contracting the RCMP as the Provincial Police Service



The agreements are based on some key principles:

- Both parties are committed to a more cooperative and collaborative relationship to oversee and implement the policing agreement.
- Both contract parties receive mutual benefits
- The costs of contract policing are shared in recognition of the mutual benefits of the policing model.

The Provincial Minister that sets the objectives, priorities and goals of the Provincial Police Service.

The Minister will set (in consultation with the Commissioner) the level of policing service to be provided by the Provincial Police Service.

- Determined via funding from the Province and includes resource levels such as the number of police officers and civilian employees

The Commanding Officer implements and actions the objectives, priorities and goals as determined by the Provincial Minister.



Cost Share Arrangement



Provincial Policing:

- Alberta pays 70% of provincial policing costs
- Canada pays 30%.
- ALERT is also funded under this cost share arrangement with Public Safety Canada.

Municipal Policing:

- Communities over 15,000 – the municipality pays 90% and the federal government contributes 10% of the total costs.
- Communities whose population is over 5,000 but under 15,000 pay 70% of the costs while the federal government contributes 30%.



Recruiting, Staffing and Transfers

- Over 200 new resources to the Alberta RCMP with approximately 120 of those being new positions or new growth .
- Our police officers have a variety of policing experiences that contribute to communities with their experience, new ideas and ways to serve.
- Provides the organization an enhanced ability to fill locations that are remote, challenging or difficult to fill.
- Our members and employees are proud Albertans who bring a diversity of experience to the Alberta RCMP.





Police Funding Model



The Police Funding Model is a great example of our flexibility to fulfill HR commitments.

- Over four years we anticipate:
 - Approx. 275 regular members
 - Approx. 245 civilian positions
- A comprehensive police service for Albertans means:
 - Resources in our detachments
 - Resources for support services that directly support the front line
 - Resources for specialized services that address root causes of crime
- Resource Deployment in Year One covered all three of these areas and supported our effort in reducing rural crime.



Service Delivery Model

The Alberta RCMP is structured to be flexible, responsive and versatile.

- Ability to move and share resources – across business lines as well as municipal and provincial jurisdictions.
- Albertans have instant access to policing resources and equipment that can rapidly deploy and respond to emergencies and significant events.
- Our multiple service delivery lines at the municipal, provincial, territorial, national and international allow for the flow of intelligence between all levels of policing.





Service Delivery Model



The Federal Policing program in Alberta is primarily focussed on anything that has a nexus to Alberta, and contributes greatly to the safety and security of Albertans.

This includes operations such as:

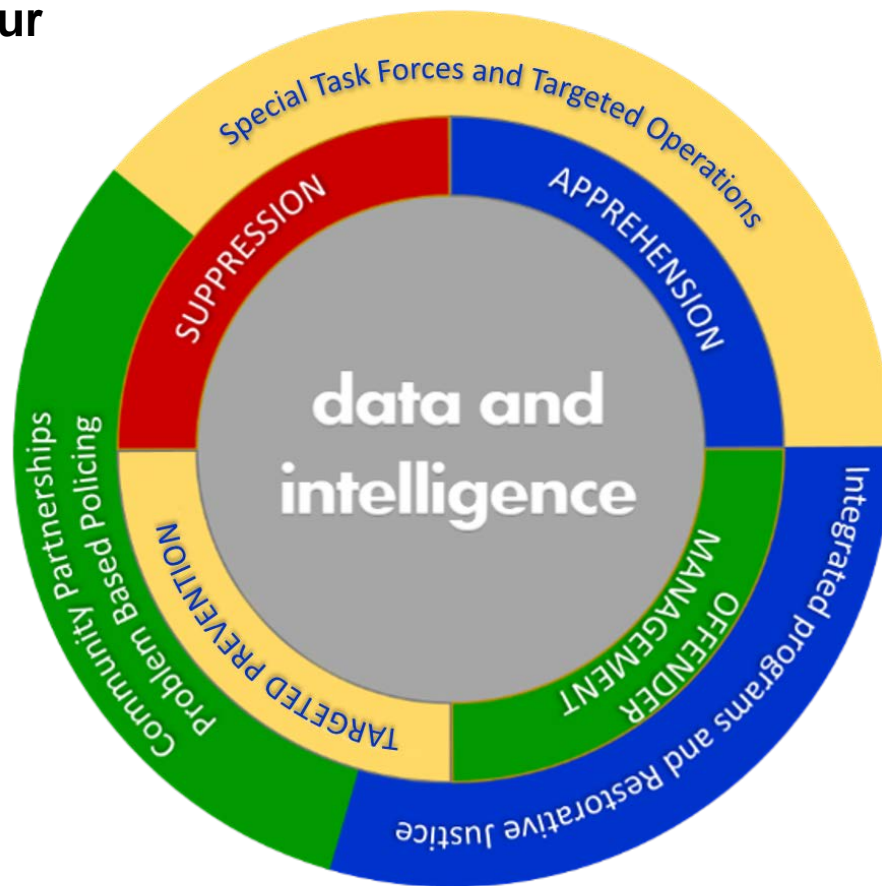
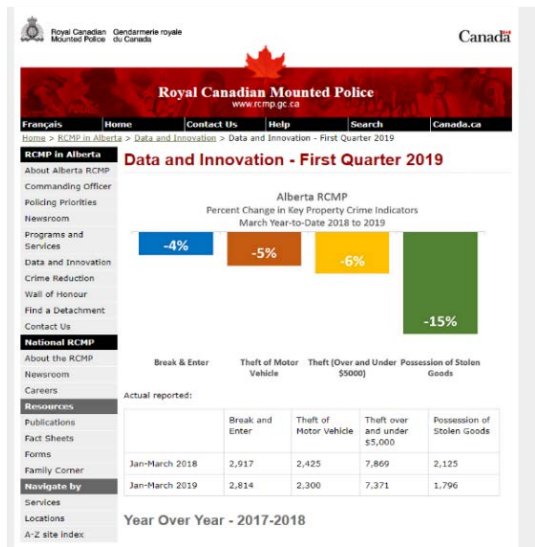
- ATM theft rings
- Organized Crime
- Gun and drug trafficking
- National security files, including terror-related offenses
- Child exploitation
- Significant border drug seizures
- Money laundering and high dollar fraud investigations
- Assistance and support to over 195 ALERT investigations in 2019-20



Crime Reduction

Data and intelligence is at centre of our four pillars of policing:

- Targeted prevention
- Offender management
- Apprehension
- Suppression





Alberta RCMP Crime Gauge

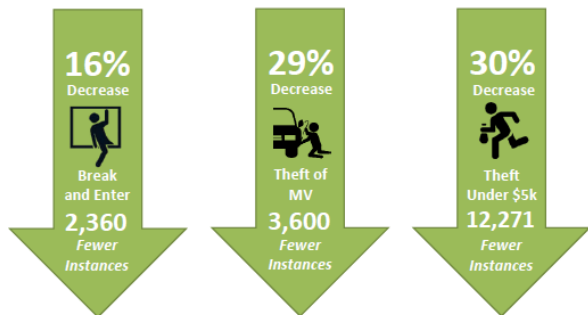
2020 vs. 2017
January to December

Criminal Code Offences



Total Criminal Code Offences: **10% Decrease**
When compared to January to December, 2017

Select Property Crime



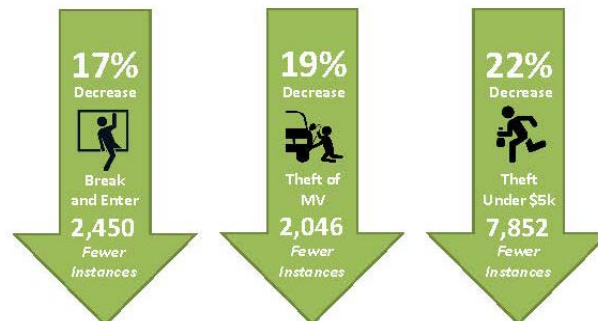
2020 vs. 2019
January to December

Criminal Code Offences



Total Criminal Code Offences: **10% Decrease**
When compared to January to December, 2019

Select Property Crime



Future Focussed

Police services constantly evolve and change – just like the citizens we serve.

We're working in areas that will not only benefit citizens, but find efficiencies for our frontline officers.

- Consultation with diverse communities
- Data-driven and research-led
- Integrated partnerships with government and non-government organizations
- Technology advancements
- Strategies and initiatives that address root causes of crime

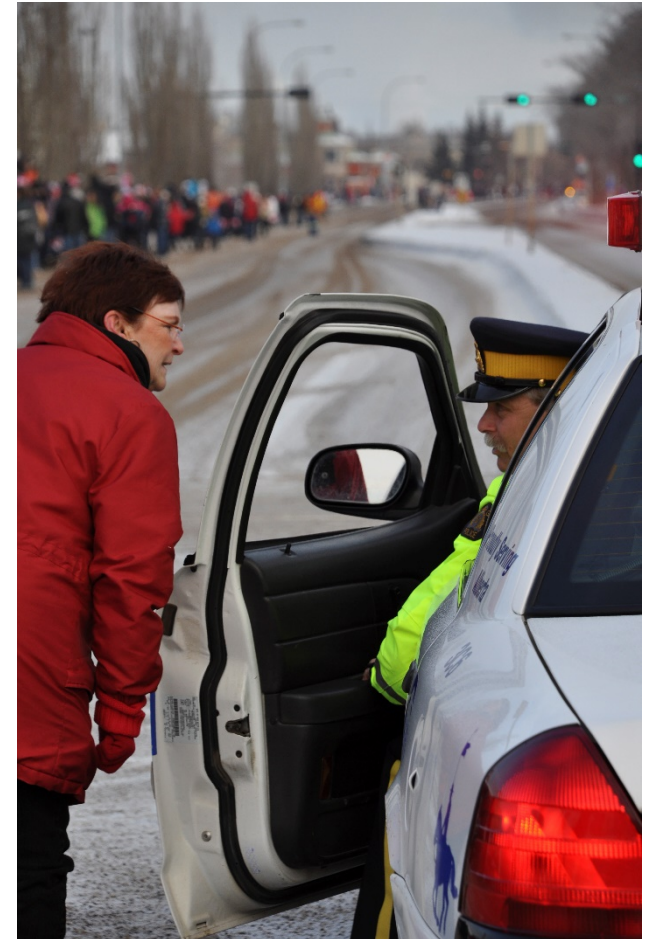




Your Voice

Trust and confidence in policing is the ability to have a strong voice and input into your policing services.

- Annual Performance Plans
- Community/Detachment Commander Relationships
- Community Reporting Templates
- Community Police Advisory Committees
- Interim Police Advisory Board



RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

QUESTIONS?



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RCMP-GRC Alberta



National Police Federation

President's Summit on Policing

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

February 17, 2021

RCMP in Alberta

- ~3,500 RCMP Members in Alberta
- Majority serve career in Alberta
- Engaged in local community
- Unique policing perspective
- History of local governance with communities and Province



The Fair Deal Panel

- Purpose: to engage Albertans on how to strengthen the province's position in Confederation
- Recommendation: create an Alberta Police Service to replace the RCMP
- FDP report findings:
 - ~42,000 Albertans engaged (**68.5% from Calgary & Edmonton regions**)
 - "Establishing a provincial police service" ranked 14 in a list of 15 priorities
 - Only 35% of respondents support the idea.
 - Key concerns: cost of creating an entirely new police service, and community safety.

Pollara survey

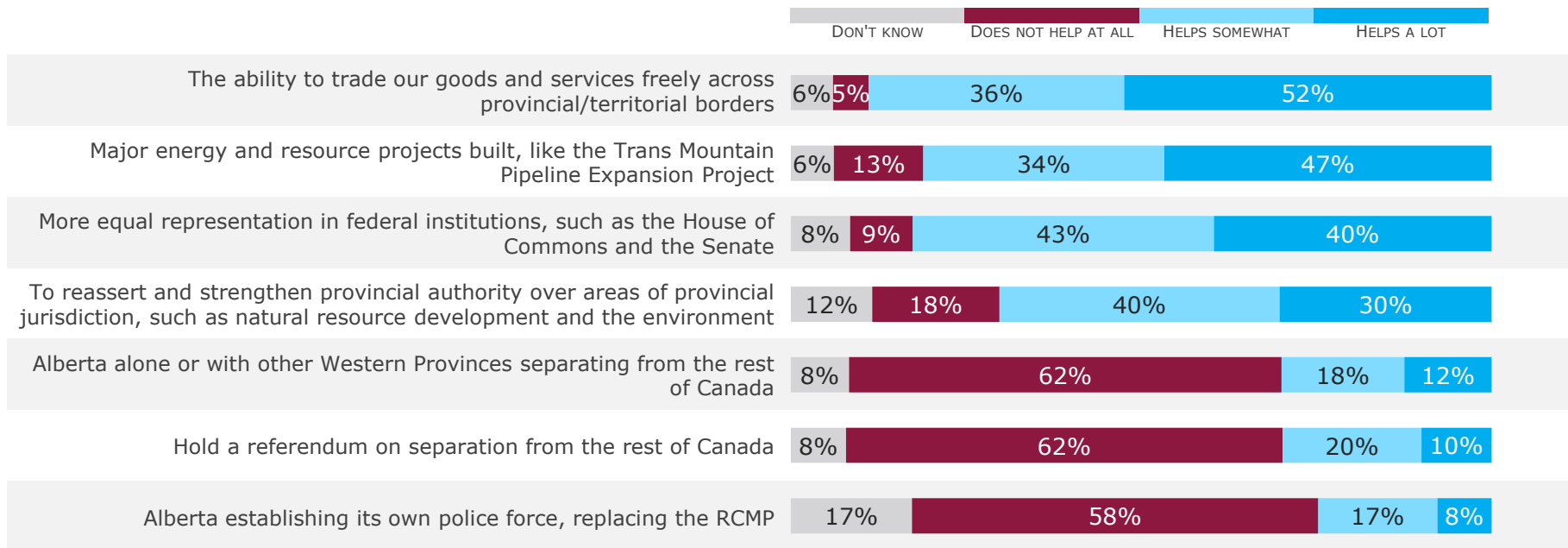
Online survey, 1,300 residents, rural and urban, Oct 2020.
Commissioned by NPF (margin of error +/-2.7%).

Distribution of respondents:

- 202 Calgary
- 208 Edmonton
- 100 Calgary suburbs
- 100 Edmonton suburbs
- 242 rural central
- 226 rural north
- 222 rural south

Replacing the RCMP viewed as least helpful measure tested to improve Alberta's place in Canada

- Only 8% say replacing the RCMP helps “a lot”, while about half say trading goods freely (52%) and energy and resource projects (47%) help “a lot”
- The measures tested were also part of the Fair Deal Panel consultation



Only 6% support
replacing the RCMP

81% 

of Albertans served
by RCMP are satisfied with
the service they receive.



70%

of Albertans oppose replacing
the RCMP with an expensive
new provincial police service.

Costly transition

- Feds pay 30% or \$112.4 million annually.
- Transition would cost municipalities and province.
- PwC review needs to include a full accounting of costs.
 - One-time transition costs
 - Special units: terrorism, major crimes, forensics, Emergency Response Teams, Police Service Dogs, Explosive Disposal Units, Underwater Recovery, VIP protection
 - IM/IT
 - Pensions
 - Facilities & Maintenance
 - Ongoing recruitment & training

Replacing the RCMP would cost Albertans millions more for unknown service levels, further deepening the imbalance between what Alberta contributes to Canada and what it receives.



How YOU can help:

- Insist that review of potential transition be objective, transparent and thorough;
- Get involved to ensure that full-cycle costs and community safety impacts of a transition be determined and considered.
- Visit and share www.keepalbertarcmp.ca
- Like, Follow and share on Facebook:
@KeepAlbertaRCMP

Outstanding Questions for the National Police Federation from AUMA/RMA 2021
President's Summit on Policing – February 17, 2021

- 1. In your first slide you speak of 3,500 Members in "K" Div. Can you tell me how many Directorates we have in HQ's Ottawa at this time and how many RCMP Members we have stationed in Ottawa?**

Not certain about the question but will try to answer. In Ottawa, there are 3 Divisions of the RCMP:

1. National HQ with approx. 1,000 Members providing support for operations such as contract management, operational policy review, recruiting, etc.
2. National Division with approx. 900 Members providing Federal enforcement in the National Capital Region such as Parliament Hill and VIP security.
3. Ontario 'O' Division with approx. 400 Members working in a Federal enforcement capacity such as Tech Crime, Border Integrity etc.

In total around the National Capital Region about 2,300 Members.

Alberta benefits from a federal policing program that focuses on the safety and security of Albertans by providing/investigating:

- Human trafficking
- Organized crime
- Gun and drug trafficking
- Terror-related offenses
- Child exploitation
- Money laundering

- 2. With the equalization in salary dollars with the Association/Union with Municipal Policing many Members are expecting a 20% increase - what do you anticipate will be the "raise" per Member?**

As you can understand, salary negotiations are underway, and we need to exercise our good faith in bargaining. To that end, we have not shared our "ask" for salary. However, we have shared the position we believe Members of the RCMP deserve to be compared to other police services in compensation and benefits, including Edmonton, Calgary, and other municipal forces. At present, a 1st Class Constable in the RCMP earns \$86,110/year versus many of our comparators across Canada +/- \$105,000/year.

3. Wouldn't the APP draw from not only the RCMP but also the existing Alberta Peace Officers such as Sheriffs, et al? It's not about just taking RCMP but ALL Alberta officers available to patch over.

Yes, we would expect that an APP would be recruiting from all police services in Alberta and nationally. However, there are limited numbers of police and Sheriffs in Canada. Recruiting 3,000 law enforcement personnel would be a significant challenge given the current ongoing shortages across Canada. This would also create a vacuum across the sector leading to potential public and community safety issues among existing municipal and rural police organizations, here in Alberta and across Canada.

4. Your thoughts on the RCMP union and the impact.

A little over one year into full operation and I believe we are slowly having an impact on our Members' experience of their jobs, and on public and community safety. The opportunity to speak with municipal leaders at this Summit was a prime example as well as the numerous media stories and Committee appearances on a wide variety of related topics over the past year and a bit.

The Membership now have the opportunity to have their front-line perspectives shared and amplified in a respectful and professional manner to engage Canadians and help them see a different side of the RCMP, giving a more comprehensive picture.

5. How can, and is it possible, for all of the critical information get to citizens for them to be as educated as possible on the magnitude of such a transition? The information needs to be easily understandable for them to take on the challenge of voicing their opinions and get involved.

Education of the public is key on initiatives as large as this. We have [created our web page: keepalbertarcmp.ca](http://keepalbertarcmp.ca) and have a social media presence on [Facebook @keepalbertarcmp](https://www.facebook.com/keepalbertarcmp) where content and information are updated daily. Visitors can sign-up on our web page for ongoing information and updates via email that Albertans can share with their neighbours and family members.

6. At one time the RCMP Membership were in the top three of the police universe in pay. Where do they stand now

Quite simply put, the RCMP is at the bottom regarding base pay. In terms of total compensation (benefits, pension etc included) they are close to 18% behind the average of the top three police services.

7. At what point does the public see this information and become involved in lobbying?

We need your voice now – before government makes a decision. Please write the Premier, Minister Madu and your MLA. You and your residents can do this through our webpage [*keepalbertarcmp.ca*](http://keepalbertarcmp.ca) where you can have electronic letters sent directly to them.

Please also share this information and our website with family and neighbours (virtually in these times of course). Good discussion and widely sharing this information is encouraged to ensure the most positive outcome for all. Albertans are those who will be most impacted and Albertans need to be informed and have a say.

2021 AUMA President's Summit on Policing

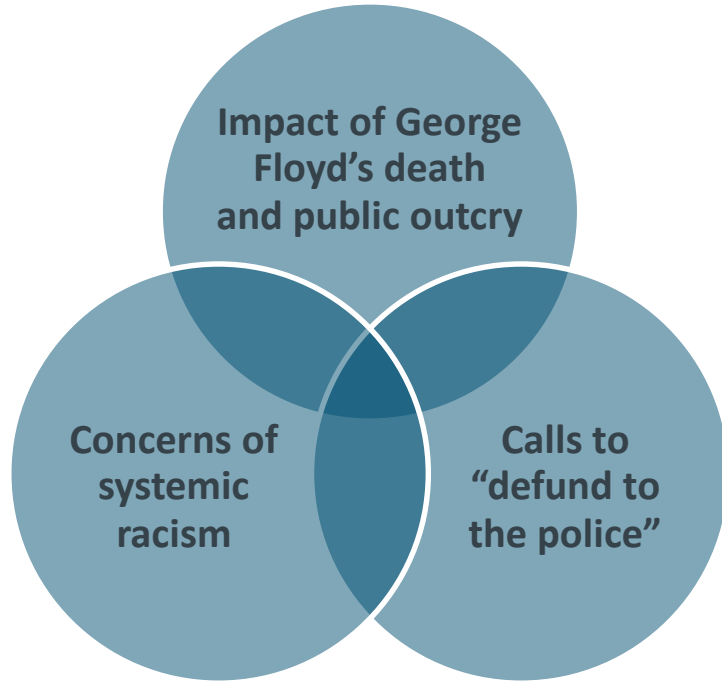
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
Kaycee Madu, QC



Topics

- Why modernizing the police in Alberta is important
- How the transition study contributes to the discussion around police modernization

Reforming Police – Why now?



- What is required is a renewed commitment to improve policing in the province
- Citizens are demanding democratic, community based policing
- Police need to work with community partners, citizens to ensure effective **community policing**

Reforming Police – What are we doing now?

Police Act Review

Improve
Public's
Trust in
Policing

Modern
Governance
Framework

Effective
Police
Complaints
Process for
Alberta

Improve
relationship
with
Indigenous
Peoples

Police Transition Study: Why Now?

- Fair Deal Panel, Recommendation 14: Create an Alberta Police Service to replace the RCMP:
 - Tension between the RCMP's federal/national responsibilities and contract policing in Alberta
 - Concerns that the RCMP is overly bureaucratic
 - Concerns about RCMP resourcing levels, response times and officer availability
 - Concerns about policing continuity in smaller, more remote communities.
- The possibility of transitioning an Alberta provincial police presents a unique opportunity to re-imagine how policing is delivered in the province

Transition Study

Objective

PwC will conduct a feasibility study of a possible transition from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS).

The contractor will provide a comprehensive analysis of the:

- ❑ **Operational requirements**
- ❑ **Process steps**
- ❑ **Costs**

The goal is to produce an evidence-based and objective assessment of the factors associated with establishing an APPS that will assist the Province in its consideration of the Fair Deal Panel's recommendation.

Transition Study - Key Considerations



Envision and build a 21st Century police service for Alberta that listens, and responds to communities' concerns and aspirations.



Determine how a potential APPS would recruit and train its members. Focus employment benefits for Albertans.



Leverage partners, technology & organizational design to improve police services provided to both rural and urban Alberta.



Eliminate the risk to public safety and ongoing investigations during any transition.

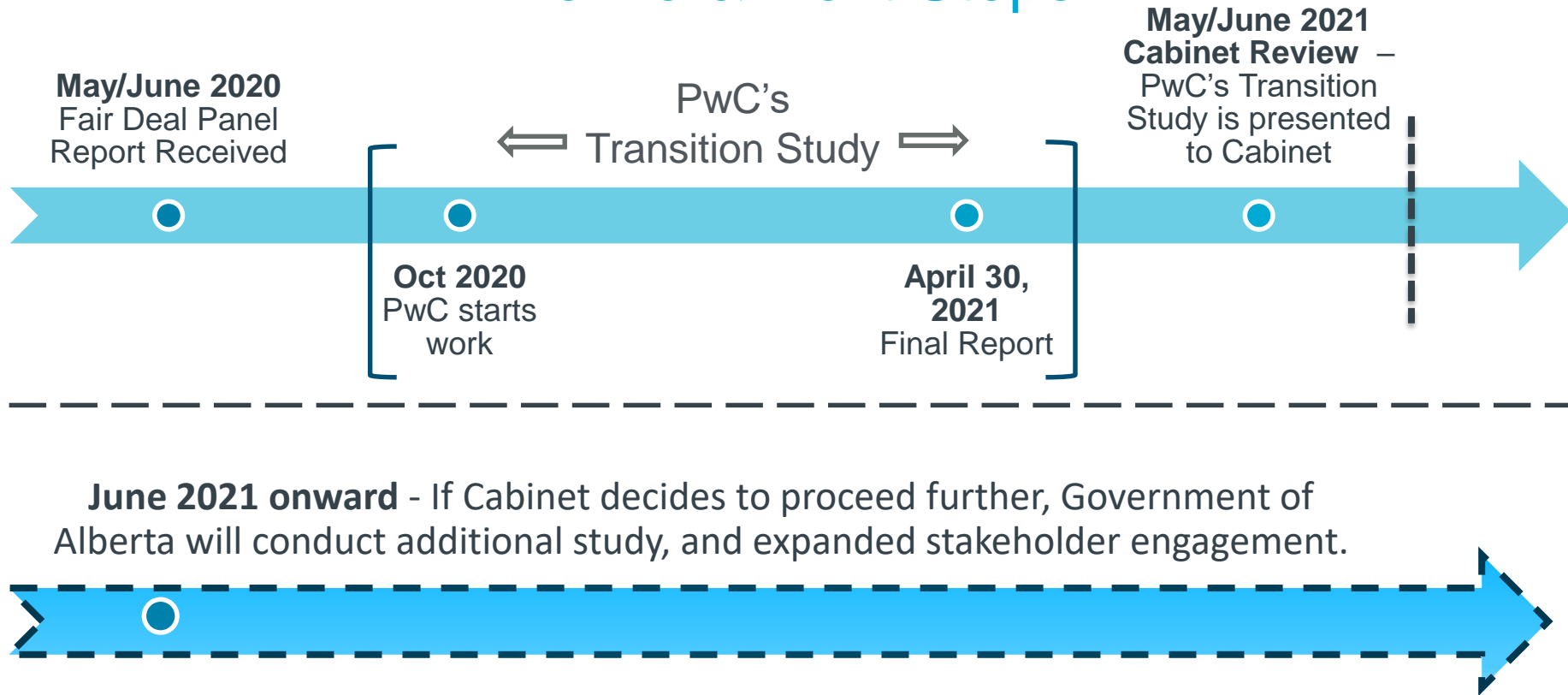


Determine the costs related to establishing a new provincial police service and transitioning from the RCMP.

Factors to Consider

- Will an APPS provide value for money?
- Will an APPS increase levels of service to both rural and urban Alberta?
- Will an APPS provide citizens and communities with greater levels of input into local policing priorities?

Timeline & Next Steps



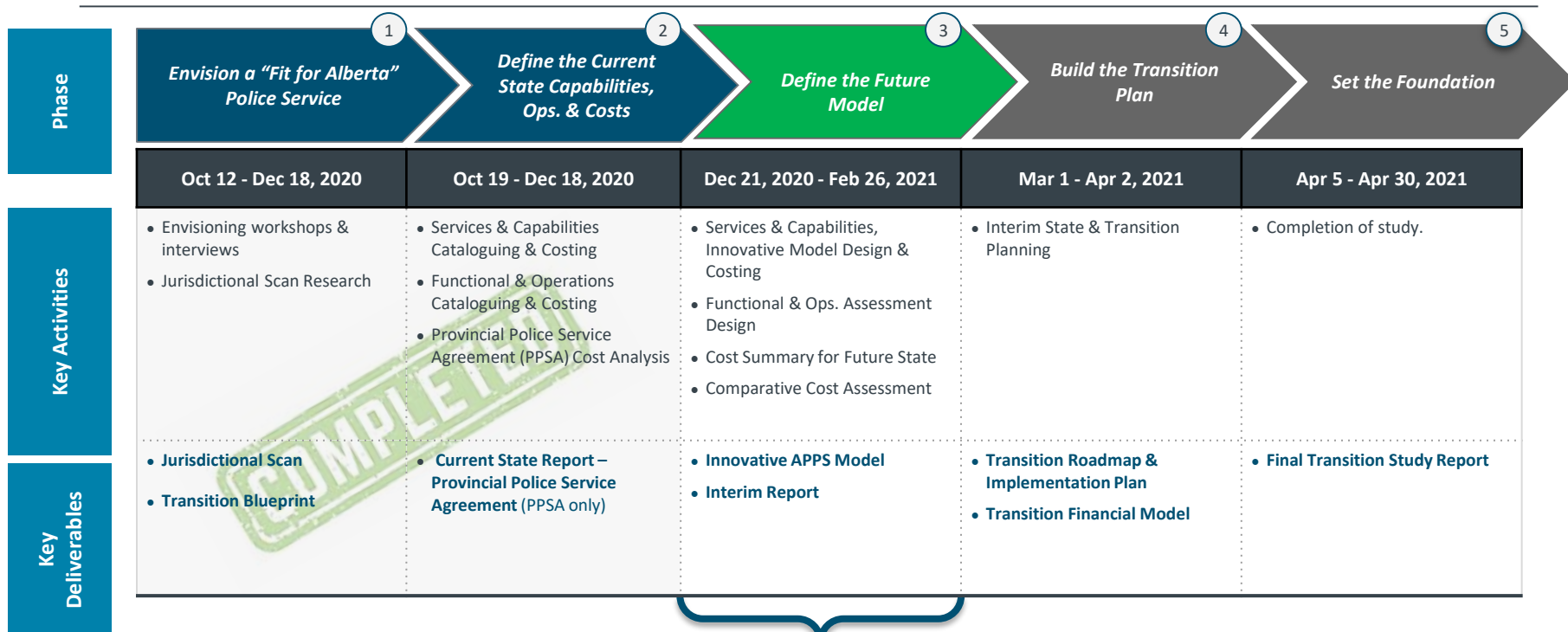
Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study

Justice and Solicitor General

Douglas Morgan, Project Principal,
Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Secretariat



PwC's Phases, Activities and Timelines



We are currently here

PwC's Transition Study Stakeholder Engagement

Phase 1 - Envision a Fit for Alberta Police Service

- In November 2020, envisioning workshops held with a variety of stakeholders, including both AUMA and RMA's executive leadership.
 - November 17, 2020 (RMA & AUMA Workshop)

Phase 3 - Define the Future Model

- Phase 3 includes the development of an innovative APPS model. PwC has conducted follow-up workshops to gain feedback on various APPS model development topics.
 - February 8, 2021 (RMA Workshop)
 - February 11, 2021 (AUMA Workshop)

Questions?



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Appointment of Chair & Vice-chair to DEDAC
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.3

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Section 6.1 of the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee (DEDAC) Bylaw 2020-05 states: *"The appoint of a Chairperson and a Vice-chair shall be at the discretion of Council."*

At the March 15, 2021 meeting, the committee selected two individuals to recommend as chair and vice-chair to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The committee approved resolutions recommending Mike Crampton as Chair and Shelly Daly as Vice-chair.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to appoint Mike Crampton as Chair and Shelly Daly as Vice-chair to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee; until the organizational meeting in 2021.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Virtual Town Hall Thank You
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	7.4

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Virtual Town Hall Meetings was well attended with 18 representatives from organizations and groups and the MLA at the February 24th Town Hall and 12 representatives from businesses at the March 3rd Town Hall.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Council heard from the individuals and businesses, that the Town Hall was a good venue to them to listen and be heard by Council and all who attended.

Mayor Hunter with Council's support, would like to send a thank you to those representatives of groups and organizations and the business representatives who attended.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to have Mayor Hunter send letters of thanks on behalf of Council and the Town of Didsbury to these participants for contributing to the Virtual Town Hall meeting(s).



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	COVID Update
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	8.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Administration will provide a verbal update on COVID-19.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the COVID-19 update for March 23, 2021 as information.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 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.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engaged Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to accept the Council Reports for March 23, 2021 as information.



CAO Report – March 23, 2021

1. Action Request Report & Summary for February 2021 (Financial Services)

Please find attached the report on the February Action Requests and Summary for February 2021.

2. Municipal Intern (ACAO/Chief Financial Officer)

Administration conducted interviews for the Municipal Intern (Finance Stream) position on March 11 and 12, 2021. The candidates which we had to choose from were all very strong. After careful consideration we offered the position to a candidate and it was quickly filled. We are excited to welcome our new Municipal Intern to our team effective April 26, 2021. A biography of our new Intern will be provided verbally.

2021 ACTION REQUESTS LISTING							
MONTH	SIDE WALKS	ANIMALS	VEHICLES	PROPERTY	TAXES	UTILITIES	TOTAL
February	I	III	IIII	II	IIII IIII IIII II	I	
	1	3	4	2	17	1	28

PW	1 SIDEWALK	Build up of ice flooding sidewalk
ME	3 ANIMALS	Not cleaning up after dog, Puppy mill possibility, Barking dogs
	4 VEHICLES	Vehicles protruding into alleyway, Truck parked in cul-da-sac, Truck parked on street, Van left untouched
	2 Property	Snow removal at night waking children, Neighbour issues
Admin	1 UTILITIES	High Consumption
	17 TAXES	Assessment Value Concerns

Action Requests February, 2021

<u>Department</u>	<u>Previous Outstanding</u>	<u>Current Monthly Requests</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Total Outstanding</u>
Public Works		1	1	0
Municipal Enforcement		9	9	0
Waste Management				0
Parks/Rec				0
Finance		18	18	0
Administration				0
Plan/Dev				0
Leg/Ec Dev				0
Totals	0	28	28	0



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 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 March 23, 2021 as information.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 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:

- Performance Evaluation Committee Meeting Notes for February 18, 2021
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Notes for March 3, 2021
- Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Notes for March 3, 2021
- Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Notes for February 22, 2021
- Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation – Response to Letter on Impacts of COVID-19 on Businesses in Didsbury.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority 2. An Informed & Engagement Community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council move to accept the items presented as information.



Performance Evaluation Committee
Meeting Notes
February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Held through ZOOM Meeting

Members	Staff
Councillor Poggemiller (Chair)	Ethan Goner
Councillor Engel (Vice-chair)	Amanda Riley
Councillor Baswick	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Poggemiller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item Add: 4.2 closed; and 4.4. closed were added to the agenda.

The Committed approved the agenda with amendments.

3. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

The Committee approved the January 21, 2021 Meeting Notes as presented.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

Snow Removal

The Committee discussed Appendix A and the Guidelines of the current snow removal policy. The Committee also discussed the requirement under the Community Standards Bylaw to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice.

The Committee requested the Policy be brought back with the Public Works Manager to discuss the policy further.

Municipal Enforcement

MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to go in closed meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

MOVED by Councillor Engel to go into open meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Carried

Residential Waste pick up

Administration provided an update regarding the RFP for Residential Waste.

The RFP will come back to the Committee once the bids have been evaluated for a recommendation to Council.



Organizational Structure

MOVED by Councillor Engel to go into open meeting at 8:05PM.

Carried

MOVED by Councillor Baswick to go into open meeting at 8:16PM.

Carried

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Roundabout on 23rd/582 going to Buy Low.
- 3 way stop on main street, whether to keep or make that a thorough main street in Didsbury.
- Christmas lights –the committee would like a budget next seasons as well as a policy that so each year we add to Christmas display.
- Generator at the fire hall.
- Consideration for in-person meetings again.
- Information Sign – committee want a fixed message sign and would like information proposed to be displayed on each sign to come to this committee for discussion.

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1 March 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

7. AJOURNMENT

The Performance Evaluation Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.



**Strategic Planning Committee
Meeting Notes
March 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Held through ZOOM Meeting**

Present:

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

Staff:

Amanda Riley, ACAO/Chief Financial Officer
Ethan Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
Craig Fox, Manager of Public Works
Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Windsor called the Strategic Planning Committee meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added, moving remaining items down:

- 4.1 CAO Message
- 5.1 Capital Budget Projects
- 5.2 Committee Role

The committee accepted the agenda as amended.

3. REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES

The committee approved the meeting notes from the February 24, 2021 meetings are presented.

CLOSED MEETING – in accordance with Section 23 and 24 of the *FOIP Act*

MOVED by Mayor Hunter to go into closed meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Carried

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

CAO Ethan Gorner gave an update on the framework and structure recommendations for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

5. STANDING ITEMS

FINANCIAL PLANNING

5.1 Capital Budget Projects

The committee agreed to recommend Council go with Option 1 for the Main Street Lighting Continuity project.

The committee asked Administration to bring back a capital project update when information is available.



5.2 Committee Role

The committee discussed the process for items going to committee and Council.

The committee agreed to recommended the principles on Utility Rates and Charges go to the March 9th Council meeting.

5.3 2020 Year end surplus (utilities) allocation

The committee was presented a verbal clarification on the allocation of the year end utilities surplus.

5.4 2020 Year end surplus allocation

The committee was presented with recommendations for allocation of year end operating surplus in accordance with Policy FIN 008.

The committee agreed to recommend to Council to approve the 2020 allocation of year end operating surplus for tax purposes of \$76,589 allocated \$1,589 to the snow removal reserve and \$75,000 to the general reserve.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE - Nothing to report at this time

REVIEW OF PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND PLANS - Nothing to report at this time

DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF AN ASSET PLAN - Nothing to report at this time

PRIORITIZE PERFORMANCE BASED BUDGETING - Nothing to report at this time

6. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- Community Information Signs Project – Proposed Locations
- Curling Club request
- Facility Operation Review
- MOST Grant Allocation
- Contingency fund framework

RECONVENE MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Moore to go return to open meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Carried

7. NEXT MEETING

7.1 March 17, 2021 with time to be determined

8. AJOURNMENT

The Strategic Planning Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.



Policy and Governance Committee
Meeting Notes
March 3, 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 10:08 a.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

The committee accepted the agenda as presented.

3. REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES

The committee approved the meeting notes of February 24, 2021 as presented.

CLOSED MEETING as per section 23 and 24 of the FOIP Act

Moved by Deputy Mayor Windsor that the Policy and Governance Committee go into closed meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Carried

4. BYLAW REVIEW

4.1 Utility Rates Bylaw

A draft of the Utility Rates and Fees Bylaw was presented to the committee for discussion and input.

The committee recommend the principles of bylaw be discussed with Council at the workshop in March.

RECONVENE MEETING

Moved by Councillor Crothers that the Policy and Governance Committee go return to open meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Carried

5. UPCOMING ON DOCKET ITEMS

- Code of Conduct Bylaw
- Utilities Rates and Fees Bylaw (finish discussion with Council's input)
- Wastewater Bylaw 2020-01
- Water Bylaw 2019-07
- Utility Policy 001
- Utility Policy 002

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1 March 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

7. AJOURNMENT

The Policy & Governance Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Carried



Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee
February 22, 2021 Meeting Notes

Attendance:

<u>Members:</u>	Vice-Chair, Mike Crampton Shelly Daly Helen Hafke Gord Leeson Jan Lukes Meaghan Neis Councillor Mel Crothers Councillor Erhard Poggemiller Mayor Rhonda Hunter, Ex-Officio Town of Didsbury
<u>Absent</u>	President Kyle Turner, Ex-Officio Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce
<u>Staff:</u>	Economic Development Officer, Phil Boucher Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner Manager of Legislative Services/Economic Development, Luana Smith

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Mike Crampton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The committee agreed to add an item on the Committee Membership as item 3 to the agenda.

3. Committee Membership

Moved by Member Hafke to go into closed meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Member Lukes to come out of closed meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Carried

4. Economic Development Officer Update

Economic Development Officer, Phil Boucher gave a follow-up to questions asked at the last meeting on the statistics and what has been done with the strategic action items from the Marketing Plan.

The committee would like a what to ensure the updated/new plan to include some sort of tracking and implementation of initiatives.

5. Business/Discussion items

5.1 Review of Meeting Notes from January 11, 2021

The committee approved the meeting notes from January 11, 2021.

5.2 Review of Marketing Plan Document (up to page 9 – C2 Strategy)

The committee reviewed the document with the notes provided by the members.

The Committee requested the Economic Development Officer provide the most current Area Structure Plan on Shantz Crossing for discussion with the current ASP being emailed out earlier.

6. Roundtable Discussion

- Phil Boucher 13 Ways to Kill a Community - the Town will purchase this book for the committee members. Gord Leeson suggested Doug Griffiths to speak to the group and Council when possible.
- Jan Lukes – shared information on book “Government 2.0” which is about communities/municipal government.
- Shelly Daly – recognized Tyler Brooks and Company and what they are doing for local businesses. And asked if the committee can say thanks, or ask Council to on behalf of the Town and Committee.
- Gord Leeson – inquired about the bylaw regarding graffiti.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Follow-up/Actions

Revisit the next 9 pages of the Marketing Plan at the next meeting.

Provide a copy of the Doug Griffiths book 13 Ways for the committee member, and research costs to having him present to the committee.

Next meeting plan to discuss and recommend a new Chair/Vice-chair for the Committee.

9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.



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JOBS, ECONOMY AND INNOVATION

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Elbow*

March 15, 2021

AR 81199

Her Worship Rhonda Hunter
Mayor
Town of Didsbury
1606 14 Street
PO Box 790
Didsbury AB T0M 0W0
rhunter@didsbury.ca

Dear Mayor Hunter,

Premier Jason Kenney shared your email regarding Alberta's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact on businesses in Didsbury. As the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, I appreciate this opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

There is still broad spread of COVID-19 across the entire province. However, the enhanced public health measures introduced in December 2020 appear to have slowed the rapid rate of growth we were experiencing. Alberta Health continues to evaluate the enhanced public health measures that were instituted in December. I assure you, these decisions were not taken lightly, and were based on the best, most up-to-date information and data.

We have introduced a clear, step-wise approach to easing public health restrictions that outlines when sectors are able to begin increasing activities. These steps and benchmarks will provide a transparent approach to easing restrictions for businesses and individuals, while at the same time protecting the health care system. Each step has an associated benchmark of COVID-19 impacts to our health care system. Changes to restrictions will be considered once a benchmark is reached. This stepped approach will only work if Albertans continue to follow existing health measures and make good choices to keep our numbers trending down.

The health and safety of Albertans is our top priority, and Alberta's government has started reopening by focusing on lower risk activities first. We want to slowly and safely relax restrictions, and avoid a rebound in disease so that businesses and operators are

not faced with the disruptive effect of opening and closing. For the full list of measures, please visit alberta.ca/COVID19.

We recognize that Alberta employers and businesses are facing significant challenges and uncertainty as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses have worked hard to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19. That is why Alberta's government has offered historic support for small and medium-sized businesses in our province.

On February 17, 2021, Alberta's government announced the new Enhanced COVID-19 Business Benefit. Businesses that can demonstrate a revenue reduction of 60 per cent or more will be eligible to receive 15 per cent of their monthly revenue, up to a maximum of \$10,000. The challenges associated with COVID-19 are ongoing, and this additional payment will provide even more immediate relief to Alberta's small businesses. Payments under the Enhanced COVID-19 Business Benefit will be available in April 2021 following the conclusion of the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant program. Detailed information on program guidelines will be available closer to the launch date in April. For updates, please follow www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx.

Small businesses can also seek free advice, coaching, and information on COVID-19 resources and supports through Business Link, which provides one-on-one guidance to Albertans who operate a small business. You can visit Business Link online at www.businesslink.ca, or you can connect with a business strategist at 1-800-272-9675.

Alberta businesses are the heartbeat of our economy, and we promised our job creators that we would be there to support them throughout this pandemic. We will continue to evaluate the needs of Albertans.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Doug Schweitzer, Q.C.
Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation

cc: Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta



ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
Deputy Government House Leader
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

AR100314

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

This letter is to inform you of changes to the Government of Alberta's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP), which are in effect for DRPs that occur in 2021 and onward and are outlined in the 2021 Disaster Assistance Guidelines.

In response to the rising cost and frequency of disasters in Alberta, we have made changes to the DRP. These changes are intended to share the responsibility of disasters with all those who are impacted and to make the program more sustainable for future events. Changes will ensure that assistance is available for Albertans when they need it most.

While conditions for eligibility remain the same for qualifying applicants, the following cost-sharing arrangements and funding limits have been added to the program:

Local authority and private sector applicants (including homeowners)

We are implementing a 90:10 cost-sharing arrangement.

- DRP assistance is limited to 90 per cent of eligible disaster expenses, instead of 100 per cent.
- The remaining 10 per cent of eligible assistance will be subtracted from the amount payable to the applicant. No payment to the program will be required.

Homeowners only

We are implementing a funding limit of up to \$500,000 per homeowner application and a limit on assistance to one time per property.

- For disaster events that occur in 2021 onward, qualifying homeowner applicants will only be able to access DRP assistance once per property address. Financial assistance from the program will not be provided to future applicants who own property at the same physical location.

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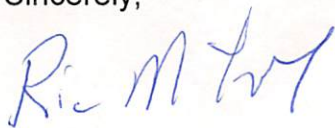
- The one-time funding limit is not cumulative. For example, if an applicant has received \$100,000 worth of assistance under the new policy, they would not qualify for any funding in the future.
- This change will not be applied retroactively. If a homeowner has received assistance before 2021, this does not count as meeting the one-time assistance limit.
- Homeowner addresses that receive DRP assistance will be posted online to the Government of Alberta website to provide transparency about DRP funding limits and up-to-date information for prospective homeowners, developers, and real estate professionals. The funding received stays with the property; therefore, a new homeowner would not be able to access disaster recovery funding for that same property in the future.

Being prepared improves individual and community resilience by lessening the impacts of disasters, shortening recovery time, and reducing economic disruption. Individuals and communities are encouraged to take measures to prepare for disasters and to look at ways of reducing their disaster risks. Learn how you can prepare for emergencies and disasters by visiting us at alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness.aspx.

Please refer to the enclosed information sheet for more information on changes to the Disaster Recovery Program and the Alberta Disaster Assistance Guidelines, or visit us online at www.alberta.ca/drp.

If you have any additional questions, please call 1-888-671-1111 or email drp.info@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ric McIver".

Ric McIver
Minister

Attachment: Information Sheet

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

Disaster Recovery Program Changes

Overview

The Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) provides financial assistance to qualifying applicants to help restore uninsurable property lost or damaged by a disaster to its basic, pre-disaster functional condition.

DRPs provide financial assistance as a last resort to assist those affected by a disaster.

Program changes

For DRPs that occur in 2021, the Government of Alberta has set homeowner funding limits and implemented cost-sharing mechanisms between the government and program applicants.

Why changes were made

The cost and frequency of disasters in Alberta are increasing, and the province needs a more sustainable approach to disaster recovery. By implementing a stronger framework to deal with emergencies and disasters, these changes help ensure the DRP can continue to be available for Albertans when they need it most.

Homeowner-funding limits

The province is implementing a homeowner funding limit of up to \$500,000 per application for eligible costs and a limit of one-time assistance per property, regardless of the transfer of ownership. The one-time funding limit is not cumulative, so if an applicant has received any amount of assistance under the new policy, they would not qualify for funding in the future.

Establishing a homeowner funding limit helps government reinforce the intent of the DRP, which is to contribute to a ready and resilient Alberta and be the payer of last resort. Homeowners may choose to opt out of receiving DRP assistance if they are able to cover damages on their own. This would allow their property to qualify for future assistance if a DRP is approved in their community and they meet the program qualification criteria at that time.

Limits to properties

- Limits to assistance are applied to the property address only, not the applicant.
- A new property owner will not qualify for DRP assistance if the previous owner already accessed the one-time funding limit.

Posting addresses online

- If a homeowner applicant accessed funding through a DRP for a disaster that occurred in 2021 and onward, the property address and legal land description will be posted on the Government of Alberta website. The post will indicate that the address (legal land description) is not eligible for future DRP funding.
- This will help prospective buyers and developers become aware of funding limits that apply to specific addresses.

90:10 cost-sharing

Cost-sharing mechanisms for municipalities and private-sector applicants are based on a 90:10 formula, where the province covers 90 per cent of eligible disaster costs and the applicant covers the remaining 10 per cent.

What you can do as a community

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency encourages all Albertans and communities to:

- Purchase adequate insurance.
- Have reserve funds.
- Invest in mitigation and infrastructure maintenance.
- Restrict future property development in high-risk areas.

Living in high-risk areas

Albertans living in high-risk areas may experience a natural disaster of one kind or another. The Government of Alberta continues to provide DRP assistance to all qualifying applicants; however, homeowners living in high-risk areas are encouraged to consider relocating or mitigating risks to their properties.

Flood maps are available at <https://floods.alberta.ca/>.

Purchasing insurance

It is important for Albertans to become educated about their disaster risks and ensure they are adequately insured. There are more insurance options on the market now than ever before.

High-risk areas

Homeowners living in high-risk areas who are not able to access overland flood insurance are also subject to the cost-sharing and one-time funding limit.

Flood insurance

Financial assistance for disaster recovery continues to be available to eligible applicants to help cover costs related to uninsurable loss and damages. Albertans are advised to check with several insurance companies to compare policy coverage limits, exclusionary language (e.g. concurrent causation clauses), and premiums when purchasing any flood insurance.

Federal government disaster assistance

Since 2015, the federal government has significantly reduced federal support through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements. This has increased the provincial liability for DRP costs. In addition to this, the federal government does not typically reimburse for repeat assistance in flood-prone areas.

Indigenous communities

The federal government continues to fund all eligible disaster-related costs on First Nations reserve land.

First Nations applicants living off reserve, as well as other members of Indigenous communities are eligible for the same benefits and limits as other Albertans applying to the DRP.

The 90:10 cost-sharing arrangements will also apply to Métis Settlement communities as it would for all other communities.

For more information

Online: alberta.ca/drp

Call us: 1-888-671-1111

Email: DRP.info@gov.ab.ca



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE	March 23, 2021
SUBJECT	Council Highlights Roundtable
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	10.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council members will identify items that were significant to them from the meeting to be included in the Council Highlights.

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 for public review and released to the public.