



TOWN OF DIDSBURY AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 1606 14 Street

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The minutes of the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting are being presented to Council for their review and approval.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Council can adopt the minutes as presented or amended.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Governance & Organizational Excellence

RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on
December 10, 2024 in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter
Deputy Mayor Curt Engel
Councillor John Baswick
Councillor Dorothy Moore
Councillor Bill Windsor

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner
ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley
Manager of Public Works, Adam Johnston
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith
Legislative Services Coordinator, Jocelyn Baxter

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Move delegation order as following: 3.2 to 3.1

Res. 678-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adopt the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 D. Forehead

Res. 679-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the presentation from Deborah Forehead regarding the use of off-highway vehicles and amendments to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw as information.

Motion Carried

3.2 RCMP 2nd Quarter Report

Res. 680-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the Didsbury RCMP Detachment Second Quarter report for July 1 to September 30, 2024 as information.

Motion Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 November 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Res. 681-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adopt the November 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – no public hearings

6. 2025 BUDGET BUSINESS

6.1 Economic Development Budget

Res. 682-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To bring back the 2025 Economic Development Advertisement Budget with an additional \$20,000 to the next budget meeting.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

6.2 Amended Draft 2025 Draft Capital Budget

Res. 683-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adopt the 2025 Capital Budget, totaling \$1,964,450, as presented and funded as follows: \$109,050 from the operating budget, \$937,700 from reserves, and \$917,700 from grants.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

6.3 Draft 2025 Operating Budget - Budget Reduction Options

Res. 684-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To bring back the 2025 Operating Budget to the next budget meeting with a \$30,000 reduction in municipal policing contract costs and a reduction to the Council Salaries and Wages by \$35,000.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 685-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To bring back options for Cost of Living Allowance of 5 and 3 percent; 4 and 3 percent split for consideration to the next budget meeting.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick		X
Councillor Moore		X
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 686-24

MOVED by Mayor Hunter

That Administration bring back, to the next budget meeting, the summary of the proposed increase of \$333,638 to the 2025 draft budget to include any decrease to the 2024 Salaries and Wages, the proposed COLA amount, the amount of proposed wage adjustments, the amount of proposed unfunded positions being refunded, the amount of the fire chief position, and any other funding for salaries and wages that was part of the proposed increase of \$333,638.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore		X
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 687-24

MOVED by Mayor Hunter

That Administration provide updated departmental line-by-line actuals to the next budget meeting.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore		X
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

6.4 2025 Interim Operating Budget

Res. 688-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adopt the 2025 Interim Operating Budget with revenues totaling \$6,579,564 and expenditures totaling \$6,579,564 as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

6.5 Setting Budget Meeting Date

Res. 689-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

That Administration explore dates for a budget meeting in 2025 and bring back options to the January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

7. CAO REPORT

Res. 690-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for December 10, 2024 as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

8. BYLAWS & POLICIES

8.1 Bylaw 2024-11 Council Procedural Bylaw

Res. 691-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To grant third and final reading to Bylaw 2024-11 Council Procedural Bylaw as amended.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick		X
Councillor Moore		X
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

8.2 Bylaw 2024-09 Amending Committees of Council

Res. 692-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To rescind resolution 373-24 - *Moved by Councillor Williams to grant first reading to Bylaw 2024-09 Committees of Council and refer it to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendation.*

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 693-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the Policy and Governance Committee to engage with a third party as required in their review of Bylaw 2021-09 Code of Conduct Bylaw.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

8.3 PLAN 001-24 Standard Development Agreement Policy

Res. 694-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve PLAN 001-24 Standard Development Agreement Policy as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 695-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To rescind PLAN 001 Standard Development Agreement policy.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

8.4 COUN 005-24 Road Closure Policy

Res. 696-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To amend COUN 005-24 Road Closures Policy as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

8.5 COUN 012-24 Filming in Didsbury Policy

Res. 697-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve COUN 012-24 Filming in Didsbury Policy as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATION

9.1 Community Standards Bylaw

Res. 698-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To refer Community Standards Bylaw 2023-14 to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendation.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

9.2 Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw

Res. 699-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To refer Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendation.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

10. BUSINESS

10.1 2024 Budget Amendment - Didsbury Fire Department Command Vehicle

Res. 700-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To approve the revised scope as outlined above and revised budget of \$110,000, funded 50% from the Fire Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Reserve and 50% from Mountain View County, for the Didsbury Fire Department Command Truck Replacement and to amend the 2024 Capital Budget accordingly.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

10.2 2025 General Municipal Election - Appointment of Officers

Res. 701-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To appoint Luana Smith as Returning Officer for the 2025 General Municipal Election.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 702-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To appoint Jocelyn Baxter as Substitute Returning Officer for the 2025 General Municipal Election.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

10.3 2025 Facility Closures

Res. 703-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the 2025 Facility Closures as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter		X
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor		X

Motion Carried

10.4 Streetlight Improvement Program Update

Res. 704-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the \$10,000 for professional services for the design work for the Streetlight Improvement Program for 20 Street between 17 and 18 Avenues project in the 2024 operating budget be allocated from the 2024 Operating Budget surplus to reserves and the project be added to the 2025 Operating Budget to be funded from Reserves.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

10.5 Economic Development Project Update

Res. 705-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Economic Development Project Update as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

10.6 Paper Mailing Fee during Canada Post Strike

Res. 706-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the temporary cancellation of the paper mailing fee for the November bills, and, until such time that Canada Post resumes services.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

11. COUNCIL REPORTS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

11.1 Council Reports for December 10, 2024

Res. 707-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Council Reports for December 10, 2024 as information.

Motion Carried

Council Highlights

- Passing of 2025 Capital Budget
- Passing 2025 Interim Budget
- Council Procedural Bylaw
- Filming in Didsbury Policy
- Standard Development Agreement Policy
- Road Closure Policy
- Lagoon Update
- Economic Development Update
- RCMP Detachment 2nd Quarter Report

12. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

- Letter from the Minister re: Police Services Grant 2024/2025

Res. 708-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the correspondence presented as information.

Motion Carried

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 709-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To go into Closed Meeting at 9:03 p.m. for the following items:

- 14.1 Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee - as per section 23 of the FOIP Act
- 14.2 Organizational Planning - as per section 24 of the FOIP Act

Motion Carried

Councillor Baswick left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

15. RECONVENE

Res. 710-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To return to Open Meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Motion Carried

Res. 711-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the update on the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 712-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To bring back information on a cultural assessment to the January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 713-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adjourn the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gerner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: December 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The minutes of the December 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting are being presented to Council for their review and approval.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Council can adopt the minutes as presented or amended.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Governance & Organizational Excellence

RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the December 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Special Council Meeting
Held on December 20, 2024 held through Zoom Meetings
Commencing at 7:30 a.m.**

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter
Deputy Mayor Curt Engel
Councillor John Baswick
Councillor Dorothy Moore
Councillor Bill Windsor

Administration Present Director of Community Services/Acting CAO, Nicole Aasen
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter Called the December 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting to Order at 7:30 a.m. regarding the failed condenser unit at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Arena.

Consensus to hold the Special Council Meeting was confirmed on December 19, 2024.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 714-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To adopt the December 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

3. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 715-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To go into Closed Meeting for the following at 7:31 a.m. in accordance with sections 23 and 24 of the FOIP Act. regarding the failed condenser unit at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Arena

Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Engel left the meeting at 7:58 a.m.

4. RECONVENE

Res. 716-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick to return to Open Meeting at 8:01 a.m.

Motion Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 717-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor to adjourn the December 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: January 6, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The minutes of the January 6, 2025 Special Council Meeting are being presented to Council for their review and approval.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Council can adopt the minutes as presented or amended.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Governance & Organizational Excellence

RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the January 6, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Special Council Meeting
Held on January 6, 2025 through Zoom Meetings
Commencing at 12:00 p.m.**

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter
Deputy Mayor Curt Engel
Councillor John Baswick
Councillor Dorothy Moore
Councillor Bill Windsor

Administration Present Ethan Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
Amanda Riley, CFO/Director of Corporate Services
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen
Legislative Services Coordinator/Recording Officer, Jocelyn Baxter

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter Called the January 6, 2025 Special Council Meeting to Order at 12:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 001-25

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adopt the January 6, 2025 Special Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

3. BUSINESS

Res. 002-25

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve Administration entering into a contract with Trane Technologies for a temporary chiller unit at a value of up to \$67,500, to be funded from the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick		X
Councillor Moore		X
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 003-25

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To bring back the adjustment to the operations costs and revenues of the facilities affected by the condenser unit failure to the next Budget Meeting.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 004-25

MOVED by Councillor Baswick to adjourn the January 6, 2025 Special Council Meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Motion Carried



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: CAO Report
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Please find attached the information for the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report for January 14, 2025.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

During the CAO Report, Council will have the opportunity to ask questions to the CAO and to make motions for information they would like Administration to bring back to a future Council meeting.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Governance & Organizational Excellence

RECOMMENDATION

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for Janury 14, 2025 as information.



CAO Report – January 14, 2025

1. **Development Permits Issued** (Planning & Development)

Please find attached the development officer issued permits and the MPC approval of permits as of January 7, 2025.

2. **Municipal Enforcement 4th Quarter Report** (Legislative Services)

Please find attached the fourth quarter report for the Municipal Enforcement department.

3. **Economic Development 4th Quarter Report** (Economic Development)

Please find attached the fourth quarter report for the Economic Development department

CAO Report January 14, 2025: Planning & Development

The Town of Didsbury has authorized the conditional issuance of the following permits:

Development Officer (Permitted Use) Decisions

PERMIT #	ADDRESS	TYPE	APPLICANT/OWNER	DECISION DATE
DP 24-080	1324 – 23 Street	Dwelling, Single Detached & Accessory Building – Garage	Reimer, Brock (a) Jonboyz Construction Inc. (o)	Dec 5, 2024
DP 24-081	1326 – 23 Street	Dwelling, Single Detached	Stillwater Homes Ltd. c/o Rod Reimer (a) Jonboyz Construction Inc. (o)	Dec 5, 2024

DP 24-080: Dwelling, Single Detached & Accessory Building – Garage to be built on the lots along 23 Street which were newly subdivided in 2024



DP 24-081: Dwelling, Single Detached to be built on the lots along 23 Street which were newly subdivided in 2024





Town of Didsbury Municipal Enforcement Fourth Quarter Report – October 01, 2024 to December 31, 2024

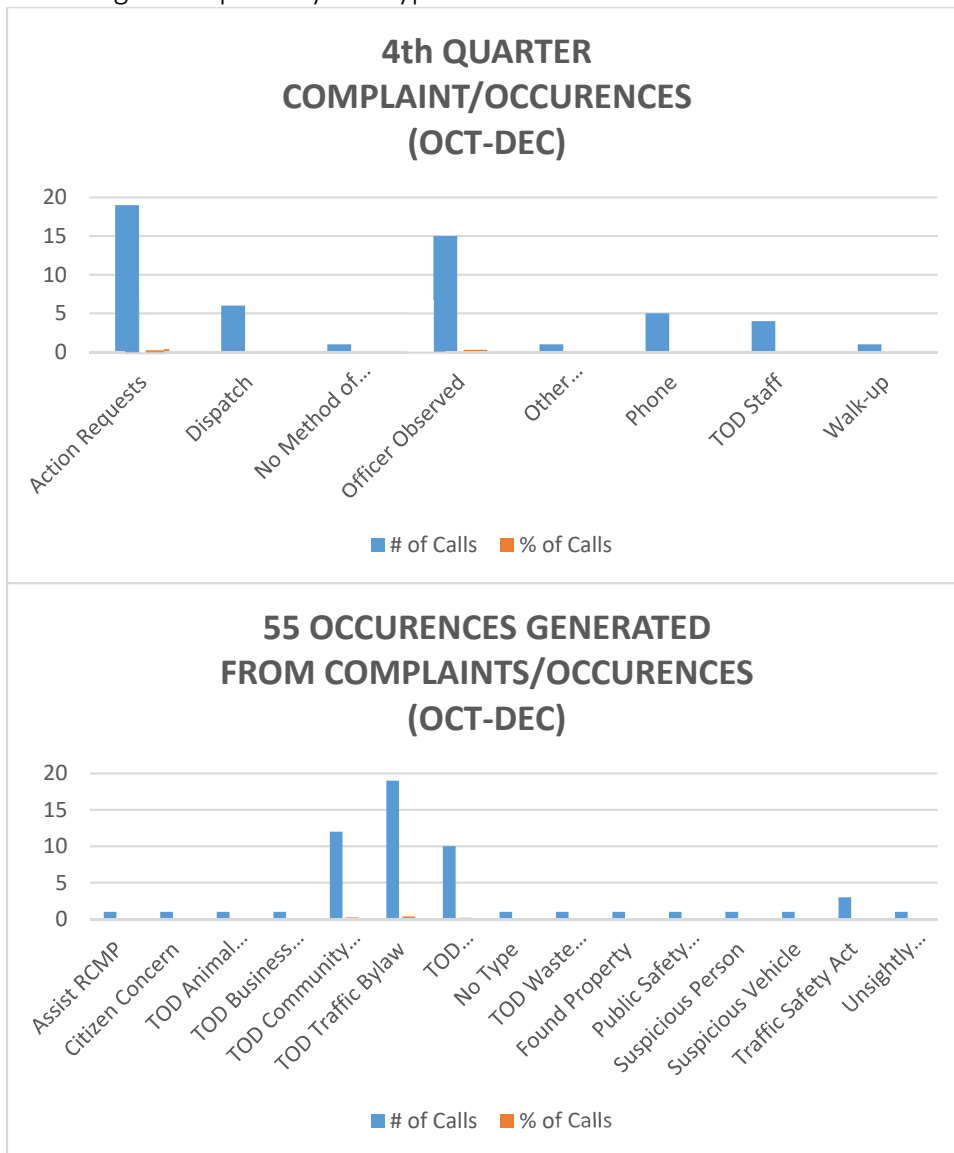
The Municipal Enforcement Team responded to 51 Reports in the Fourth Quarter.

- 15 concluded
- 5 still under investigation
- 2 forwarded to other agency
- 3 unfounded
- 1 unsolved

The Municipal Enforcement Team issued 22 Tickets in the Fourth Quarter

- 19 Provincial
- 3 Municipal

Below is a graph showing the Reports by the Type of Occurrence:



4th Quarter Economic Development report October 1 – December 31, 2024

Prepared by: Alexandra Ross, Economic Development Officer and Strategic Operations Coordinator

Date: January 7, 2025

Highlights in numbers:

- Rural Entrepreneurship Stream Program (RES) and general inquiries for investment, expansion and new business set up, total inquiries: approx. 54 Support letters: 6
- Rural Renewal Stream (RRS-workforce program) registrations: 5
Registration is closed, but inquiries continue (27+ in 4th quarter).
Businesses registered for RRS: 20 (added: 3)
- Support Letters for workforce issued: 8
- LinkedIn followers Town of Didsbury Economic Development: 342
- New Businesses: 6
- Total number of Business Licenses issued: 335
- Grand Openings: 2

Business Retention

- Business connect ongoing throughout the year.
- Summer photo-video project, 2 videos published:
1. Business & Investment Attraction 2. Quality of Life in Didsbury
2x videos in progress: Business Shameless Plug and Tourism

Website & Social Media

- Review and update of Economic Development section on ToD website – ongoing;
- LocalIntel preparation for new web tool and integration of videos;
- Mountain View Regional Film Office (MVRFO) continues posting updates & activities on social media;
- Didsbury Economic Development LinkedIn posts updates as information becomes available. Please **follow the Didsbury EcDev page** and repost any EcDev news communicated via the Town's social media channels, incl. MVRFO. This is how we create awareness!

Marketing

- Relevant information distributed via Social media – including shop local post;
- Airdrie Radio: Country Christmas promo coordination;
- Completed AB Magazine ad and advertorial for 2025 publication;
- Completed 2025 Marketing Plan and Budget draft;
- Preparation & presentation of 2024 Marketing campaign results;
- Preparation & coordination for Business & Opportunity Pamphlet update.

Mountain View Regional Film Office (MVRFO) & Didsbury Filming

- Meetings, review and finalization of “Nordicity” consultancy strategic plan;
- Responded to general inquiries;
- Partners continue to monitor website functionality and adjust as see fit and needed.
- Didsbury filming this year: 3 productions including 1 street interview filming (promotional).

Events & meetings attended

- AAIP Provincial meetings;
- EDAC (Economic Development Association Canada) conference;
- Earptopia event;
- DEDAC meetings;
- Investors & Immigration consultation meetings;

4th Quarter Economic Development report October 1 – December 31, 2024

Prepared by: Alexandra Ross, Economic Development Officer and Strategic Operations Coordinator

Date: January 7, 2025

- MVRFO meetings – Nordicity Consultants meetings;
- Development & Investment meetings and follow up;
- CanExport Grant workshop.
- Chamber of Commerce & Country Christmas meetings
- Country Christmas Event December 13th (facilitated scavenger hunt & showcase viewing)

Projects, Action items and notable Activities

- Tasks, meetings related to Country X-mas and organize scavenger Hunt for community;
- Coordination of Earptopia event October 3rd & 7th;
- Audible filming coordination;
- Completion of 2025 Marketing Plan;
- Completion of 2025 Budget for EcDev;
- Review of business proposals from AAIP entrepreneurs;
- Prepared DEDAC – CAEP appointments;
- Earptopia food vendor payment consolidation.

NOTES:

1. Earptopia donated \$2,500 to the museum; provided all participating food vendors with additional monies and donated \$6,000 to Town of Didsbury for their prop showcase and expenses that occurred during the Earptopia event. Two additional Wynona Earp props were donated by Earptopia to the Town: Shorty's façade and a sign.
2. Over 240 participants from around the world attended the Day in Didsbury event during Earptopia in October.
3. 35 people visited the showcase and participated in Scavenger Hunt during Country Christmas.

Project updates

- Augmented Reality: **in progress**. Outreach to production companies ongoing. Working with Alberta Film Commission, Keep AB Rolling and Producers to receive permission from film companies for video clips.
- Didsbury Quality of Life and Business Photo-Video Library: two videos **completed** and two **in progress** as winter footage and images still need to be completed. The project started in July.
- Business Resource & Investment Opportunity Pamphlet: **in progress**. Collecting information to include in pamphlet to inform businesses and newcomers on resources and opportunities available in Didsbury. Winter 2024/2025 project.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
 SUBJECT: Bylaw 2025-01: Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 – Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker
 ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Administration has recognized that the Use for Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker has come up in several proposed development inquiries. Administration knew that at some point, a request to Council to consider amending the Land Use Bylaw to add this Use would be inevitable.

Council's Strategic Plan identifies the desire to refresh the Land Use Bylaw to provide for varied housing options integrated throughout the community. In an effort to further this objective, the new Municipal Development Plan identified the Town's support of owner, operator and caretaker suites within the Central Core and Entranceway Policy area. At present, the Land Use Bylaw does not support this use and therefore, Administration is proposing that the Bylaw be amended to provide for consistency between the two documents.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Administration recommends that Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 be amended as follows:

- a. Add a definition for “Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker as follows:
Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker means a dwelling unit that is secondary to the primary use on a parcel.
- b. Addition of *Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker* as a Discretionary Use to the following Districts: C1: Commercial District – General; C2: Commercial District – Highway; C3: Commercial District – Core; RC: Residential/Commercial District and I1: Industrial District - General.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

3. Strong & Resilient Local Economy

4. Liveability

RECOMMENDATION (two motions)

That Council grant first reading of Bylaw 2025-01 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 – Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker.

AND

To set **Tuesday, February 25, 2025** as the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2025-01 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 – Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY
Bylaw 2025-01 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2019-04
Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of Owner, Operator or Caretaker

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 amend Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Didsbury deems it necessary to amend Bylaw 2019-04: Land Use Bylaw;

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

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1. This Bylaw may be referred to as “Amending the Land Use Bylaw –”Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of Owner, Operator or Caretaker Bylaw 2025-01”.

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

2.1 Bylaw 2019-04, being the Town of Didsbury Land Use Bylaw, is hereby amended as follows:

a. Add a definition for “Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker as follows:

***Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker** means dwelling unit that is secondary to the primary use on a parcel.*

b. Addition of ***Dwelling Unit: Occupancy of the Owner, Operator or Caretaker*** as a Discretionary Use to the following Districts: C1: Commercial District – General; C2: Commercial District – Highway; C3: Commercial District – Core; RC: Residential/Commercial District and I1: Industrial District - General.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

3.1 This Bylaw shall come into effect upon passing of the third and final reading.

Read a First time on this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Read a Second time on this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Read a Third and Final time on this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Mayor Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Gorner



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Capital Budget Amendment – Ice Plant Condenser
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Community Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

As Council is aware, the Didsbury Arena experienced a condenser failure on December 19, 2024. This critical piece of equipment is part of the ice plant system and is required to manufacture ice in both the arena and curling rink.

In considering a new condenser for the ice plant, Administration notes the following:

- The lead time to have a new condenser installed is estimated at 20 weeks. If an order is placed during the first week of February, we can expect delivery and installation to be achieved around the end of June/early July 2025. This will allow us to be operational in time to meet our timelines to install ice and be ready for the August camps we have booked.
- Due to the timeline above, it is Administration's intent to utilize the Canoe Procurement Program for this purchase. A two-week advertisement of the opportunity will meet requirements through our Procurement Policy.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

There are two styles of condensers that can be utilized with our operations:

Evaporative Model - \$300,000: The first option is an evaporative model, which utilizes water as the cooling source for its operation. In order for an evaporative model to operate successfully, it requires significant water use, water treatment chemicals and dedicated water pumps, as well as consistent water and equipment maintenance. An evaporative model has a lifespan of 20-25 years. During an average operating season, a high-level estimate of water use is 600,000 gallons (2271 cubic metres) with a value of \$14,761/year at 2025 rates, and we average \$10,000/year in chemical for the water treatment, at current rates.

Advantages: lower initial capital cost

Disadvantages: higher water costs, chemicals and R+M of equipment – estimated at \$24,761/year

Adiabatic Model - \$400,000: The second option is an adiabatic model, which utilizes air and an air humidification process to create a more efficient operation. An adiabatic condenser only utilizes water as part of its operations during peak ambient conditions (likely August and September), which would result in significant reductions in water consumption, water treatment chemicals, and the repairs and maintenance associated with that equipment. An adiabatic model has a lifespan of 20-25+ years. During an average operating season, a high-level estimate of water use for this model is 144,000 gallons (545 cubic metres) with a value of \$3542/year at the 2025 rates. There would be no water treatment chemical costs associated with this model.

Advantages: lower operational costs relative to water consumption (estimated 75% reduction), chemicals and R+M of equipment

Disadvantages: higher initial capital cost



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Based on the estimated annual cost savings of \$24,761/ year (water and chemicals) with an adiabatic model, the \$100,000 estimated price difference between the two types of condensers would be realized in operational savings in just over four years. In addition to the savings, it would also have a positive environmental impact with an approximate 75% reduction in water consumption for the ice plant.

Administration is recommending that we proceed with the purchase of an adiabatic condenser. Funding for this project is recommended from the Didsbury Memorial Complex Reserve fund, which has approximately \$900,000 available. Additionally, Administration will be making an application to Mountain View County for Shared Facility Funding for this capital item, that could see up to 32% (estimated \$128,000) in funding towards this project.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Strategically Managed Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the 2025 Ice Plant Condenser capital project, valued at \$400,000, funded from the Didsbury Memorial Complex Reserve, and to amend the 2025 Capital Budget accordingly.



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Request for Decision (RFD)**

*Vision: The Place to Grow.
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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: Valarosa Link Design
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Engineering & Infrastructure

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

At the November 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, upon recommendation from the Financial Planning Committee, Council directed Administration to explore alternative design options for the Valarosa Link Pathway which would:

- allow the project to be located on Municipal Reserve (MR);
- maintain the integrity of the existing natural environment as much as possible; and
- explore the possibility of the pathway being accessible.

The redesign of the Valarosa Pathway Link was completed to address issues that came to light during the original design. Five different options for the Valarosa Link Pathway are attached, each with varying degrees of accessibility, cost, and style. The revised designs have relocated the proposed pathway to MR lands as opposed to the originally planned location on the Environmental Reserve.

A summary of the Valarosa Link Design information is as follows:

Options	Estimated Construction Cost	Contingency (20%)	Engineering (10%)	Total Project Cost	Length	Slope	Wheel Chair Accessible
Option 1	\$ 180,800	\$ 36,160	\$ 18,080	\$ 235,040	481 meters	5%	Yes
Option 2	\$ 211,450	\$ 42,290	\$ 21,145	\$ 274,885	511 meters	5%	Yes
Option 3	\$ 130,385	\$ 26,077	\$ 13,039	\$ 169,501	356 meters	13.2%	No
Option 4	\$ 149,345	\$ 29,869	\$ 14,935	\$ 194,149	386 meters	7.8%	No
Option 5	\$ 229,005	\$ 45,801	\$ 22,901	\$ 297,707	236 meters	5% (staircase)	No

The revised designs also include a potential pathway link to the Shantz development, which ISL calls Phase 2, as a potential option. The “Phase 2” Options are not included in the costs noted above. The revised design options are attached.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The revised designs address the challenges identified in the original design of the Valarosa Link Pathway; however, the cost estimates are significantly higher than those of the original design as a result of the change of location. In comparison to those presented above, the original costing estimates ranged in value from \$167,757 to \$234,684, inclusive of contingency and engineerings; the current designs range from \$169,501 to \$297,707, inclusive of contingency and engineering. The original cost estimate per the Multi-Year Capital Plan was \$175,000.

Given the on-going development in Valarosa, it is expected that, in 2025 and subsequent years, the current roadway, pathway and sidewalk system will eventually connect Valarosa Drive to 29 Avenue, the top loop of Memorial Park, and the Wetlands. However, it is unlikely that the full connection will be accessible for all users considering the grades that are present.



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In December of 2024, the Government of Canada opened intakes for the Active Transportation Grant. Capital projects building infrastructure for active transportation such as multi-use paths are eligible for this funding. The capital component of this grant will pay for a maximum of 60% of the cost of the project, leaving the Town responsible for the remaining 40%. The intake process has a very short window of December 12, 2024 to February 26, 2025. Competitive grants are very time consuming and, given the current capacity constraints, if Council wishes that the grant be pursued, it may need to be outsourced. It is likely that a funding announcement would come mid-to-late 2025; therefore, the project would not be initiated until 2026 at the earliest.

If Council wishes to pursue the grant, it is advisable that one of the presented options be approved in principle and a letter of support for the project and application be approved.

If the Active Transportation Grant is unsuccessful, the Town currently holds approximately \$95,000 in Trails and Pathway reserves. Should Council go ahead with this project, they would need to pull from a different reserve that is not meant for a pathway purpose, or use LGFF or CCBF grant funding that is currently committed to roads.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Strategically Managed Infrastructure

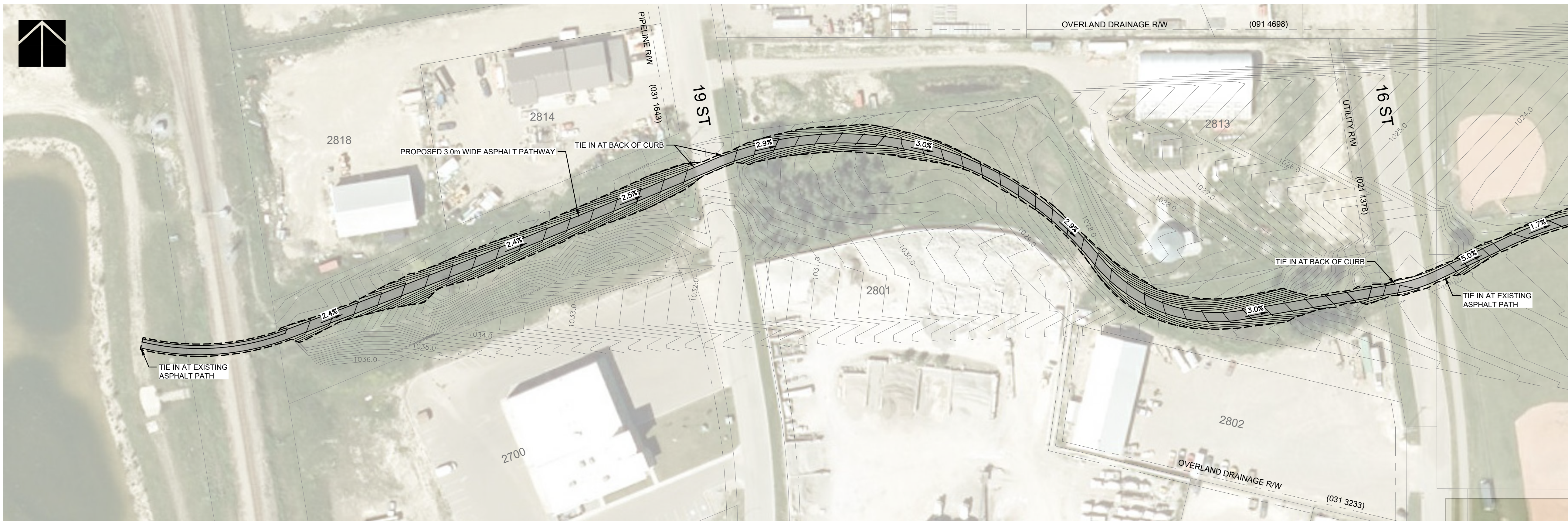
RECOMMENDATION

To accept the Valarosa Link Pathway report as information.

OR

To accept Option (option 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 from the list provided) in principle and provide a letter of support for the Valarosa Link Project grant application for the Active Transportation Fund Grant.

Shantz Village Connection - Phase II



Option 1



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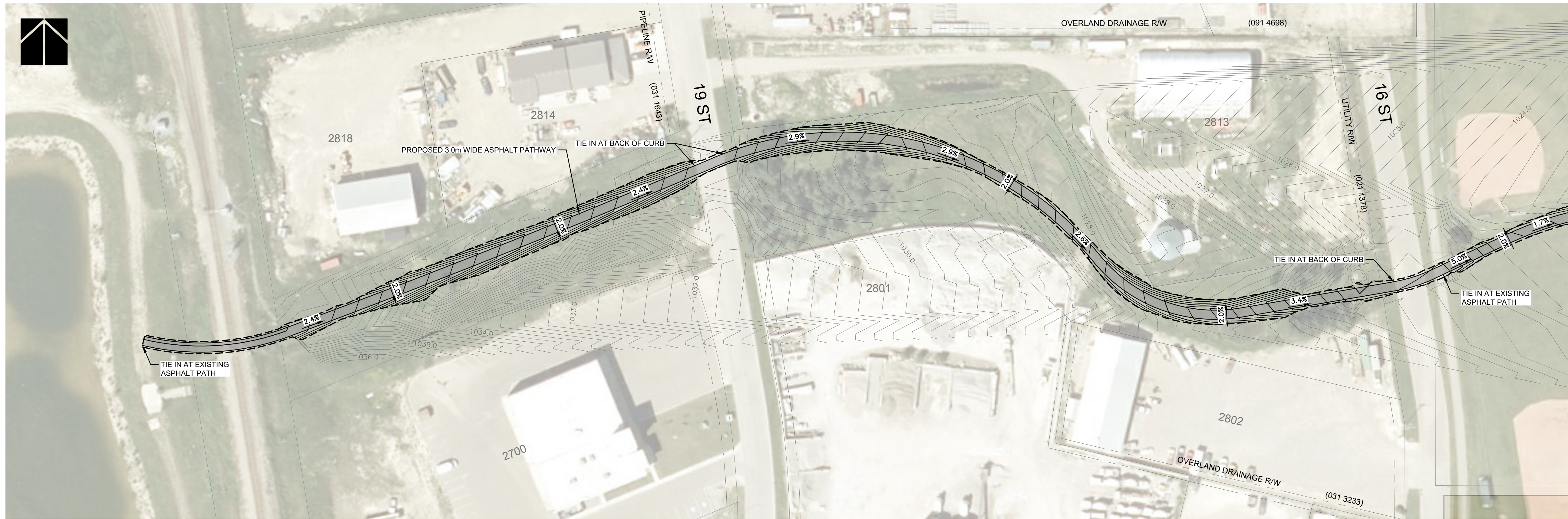
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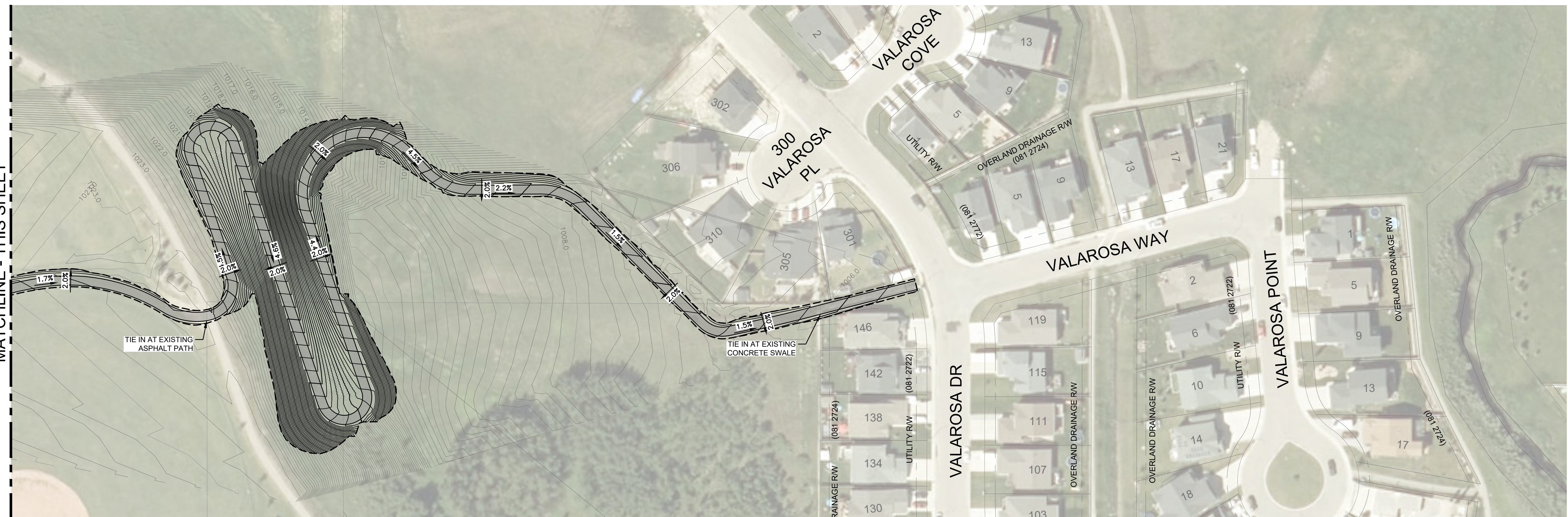
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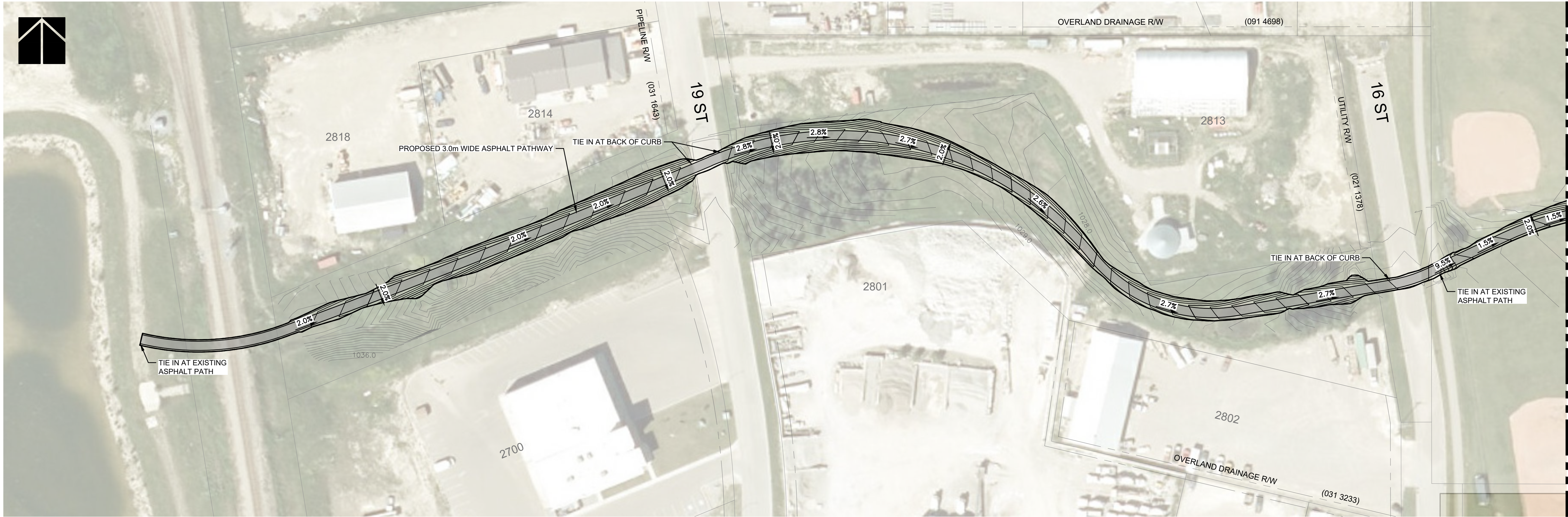
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Option 2



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Shantz Village Connection - Phase II



Option 3



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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
 SUBJECT: Setting 2025 Budget Meeting Date
 ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

At the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Council resolved that Administration explore prospective budget meeting dates for 2025 and bring back options to the first Regular Council Meeting in January.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Administration sent out a survey to Council with dates that are available for administration in the coming months. The results of the survey will be presented at the Regular Council Meeting for Council's decision. Council will then select one of the options available below based on Council's availability for these dates.

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Council Meeting	MPC	Holiday	Committee	Budget Meeting Date Options						

Date	Time
Monday, February 10	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 27	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 3	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 4	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 6	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13	6:00 p.m.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Governance & Organizational Excellence

RECOMMENDATION

To set a 2025 Budget Meeting date for 6:00 p.m. on (one of the dates above), 2025 in Council Chambers.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

Vision: The Place to Grow.

Mission: Creating the Place to Grow.

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: DEDAC New Member Appointment
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Economic Development & Strategic Operations

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee (DEDAC) is recommending the appointment of a new member to the DEDAC for Council's consideration.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The Economic Development Officer received an application for DEDAC from Laurie Fisher, owner of The Yarn Merchant in Didsbury.

Laurie Fisher's application was reviewed by the DEDAC members and she is considered a great asset. As a new entrepreneur, she will complement the current committee members as she brings experience of the retail industry and as a small business owner to DEDAC.

Laurie is a new business owner in Didsbury as of 2024 and is already heavily involved in the business community. She was part of the Country Christmas volunteer committee and, as of this year, she became part of the Chamber of Commerce board, helping to rebuild the organization.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

3. Strong & Resilient Local Economy

RECOMMENDATION

To appoint Laurie Fisher as a new member to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
 SUBJECT: Council Reports
 ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Council Members will each provide a verbal and/or written report on any business or committee activity in which they have participated.

Council Professional Development Attendance January

In Mid-December, Mayor Hunter was invited to the Red Deer Polytechnic Impact Breakfast to be hosted on January 28, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The invitation has been attached for Council’s review.

Mayor Hunter is seeking Council’s approval to attend the event in accordance with COUN 001-24 Council Remuneration and Professional Development Policy.

2024 Council Expense Claim Final Total

	TOTAL
Mayor Hunter	\$ 43,593.65
Deputy Mayor Engel	\$ 22,553.62
Councillor Baswick	\$ 22,568.58
Councillor McCoy	\$ 18,330.10
Councillor Moore	\$ 23,863.92
Councillor Williams	\$ 18,070.11
Councillor Windsor	\$ 27,111.91
	\$176,091.89

2024 Council Professional Development Expense Total

	Budget	FINAL SPENT (Incl. ABMuni)	FINAL SPENT (Exclud. ABMuni)	FINAL REMAINING (Incl. ABMuni)
Mayor Hunter	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,025.90	\$ 3,754.99	\$ 474.10
Deputy Mayor Engel	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Councillor Baswick	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,490.18	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,009.82
Councillor McCoy	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,122.49	\$ 321.07	\$ (1,622.49)
Councillor Moore	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,621.05	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,878.95
Councillor Williams	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,860.00
Councillor Windsor	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,372.84	\$ 2,406.01	\$ 1,127.16

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Governance & Organizational Excellence

RECOMMENDATION (two motions)

To accept the Council Reports for January 14, 2025 as information.

AND

To approve Mayor Hunter’s attendance at the Red Deer Polytechnic Impact Breakfast on January 28, 2025.

Fwd: INVITATION: RDP Impact Breakfast 2025

2 messages

Rhonda Hunter <rhunter@didsbury.ca>
To: Jocelyn Baxter <jbaxter@didsbury.ca>

Thu, Jan 9, 2025 at 11:44 AM

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Red Deer Polytechnic President's Office**
>Date: Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 9:47 AM
Subject: INVITATION: RDP Impact Breakfast 2025



Red Deer Polytechnic would like to invite you to the 2025 Impact Breakfast, a gathering celebrating the achievements and initiatives that are shaping RDP's future and advancing the Central Alberta region.

January 28, 2025 | 7:30 – 9:00 AM | Cenovus Energy Learning Common

Join us as we reflect on RDP's accomplishments and share our vision for the year ahead. Together, we can continue to build a foundation for innovation and collaboration that strengthens Central Alberta's future.

Kindly RSVP by **January 15, 2025**.

We look forward to seeing you there.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Request for Decision (RFD)

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MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: Correspondence & Information
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

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

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The following correspondence items can be found on the link below:

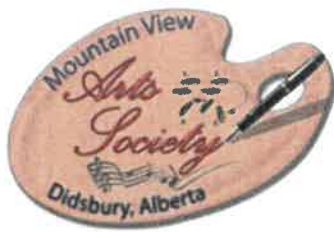
- Letter from the Mountain View Arts Society

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

5. Governance & Organizational Excellence

RECOMMENDATION

To accept the correspondence provided as information.



Mountain View Arts Society
Box 1461
Didsbury, Alberta
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www.mountainviewartssociety.ca

December 10, 2024

Town of Didsbury
Box 790, 1606 – 14th Street
Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is with a sense of sadness that we must let you know the Mountain View Arts Society Board of Directors and their membership are moving forward on the dissolution of the Arts Society.

Please know that this decision made by the members was not made lightly. Suffice it to say that MVAS never fully recovered from the social impacts that began long before the pandemic, and that continue to this day. We have experienced what many other organizations have gone through, basically that the volunteer of 2011 is not the volunteer of 2024. Their expectations are quite different than what is needed to manage the Mountain View Arts Society.

We have accomplished so much in the past 13 years together, and send our sincere gratitude to the Town of Didsbury for supporting the society as we worked diligently to promote arts, culture, and heritage in our communities.

We are very proud of our success in creating signature events in the Town of Didsbury including, of course, the Mountain View Arts Festival, but also 12 years of the “A Brush with Art” Art Show and Sale, and 10 years of the Days of Yore living history festival. Besides hosting these annual events, we helped promote artists, dancers, musicians, writers, photographers, songwriters, actors, photojournalists, and artisans - those people in our towns who help create community with depth and feeling. We raised awareness of the value of the arts, and also the value of providing opportunities for residents to become active, creative, and engaged volunteers. For that, we are very grateful.

Yours most sincerely,

Doug Giesbrecht, Interim President
Mountain View Arts Society

The Mountain View Arts Society promotes and encourages a variety of artistic opportunities and events for the enrichment and enjoyment of the general public.