



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on  
April 9, 2019 - Commencing at 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Mayor: R. Hunter  
Deputy Mayor: C. Engel  
Councillors: B. Windsor, M. Crothers, D. Moore, E. Poggemiller, J. Baswick  
Chief Administrative Officer: H. Northcott; Chief Financial Officer: A. Riley  
Staff: M. Konowalchuk, N. Assen, M. Moreau, G. Skotheim, D. Reimer  
Special Guest: D. Miller  
Executive Assistant: D. Porath

**Absent:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor R. Hunter called the Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.

**2. DELEGATION**

BDO Canada LLP, 2018 Financial Auditors, presenting the 2018 Financials to Council. Two representatives spoke to council regarding the highlights of the financial statements. The Town received a clean audit for 2018. This is the third year in a row that the Town of Didsbury has received a clean audit.

**3. ADDITION/DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

The agenda was presented for Council's approval.

The following additions, deletions or amendments were noted:

ADD As new Item 9.d) Mar 25, 2019 Letter from WCB-Alberta  
ADD As new Item 9.e) MVSH Key Messages – Councillor Moore to speak to issues  
ADD As new Item 14.a.iv) Personnel – Section 17  
ADD As new Item 8.a) Council Directive – 2019 Hiring Freeze  
DELETE 8.a) Utility Rate Review Expenditure

**Res. # 124-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Deputy Mayor Engel that Council accept the agenda of the April 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as amended.

**Carried**

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**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor R. Hunter called the Public Hearing for the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 to Order at 6:25 PM.

**AGENDA**      The agenda was presented for Council's approval. There were no additions or deletions.

**Res. # 125-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council accept the Public Hearing agenda as presented.

**Carried**

Mayor Hunter outlined the procedures for a Public Hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bylaw 2019-04 - Land Use Bylaw**

Mayor Hunter called for questions/comments from the public.

INTLS: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. K. Bentley

Mr. Bentley was concerned that the LUB did not address some issues. The LUB appears silent on the walkability and livability, ecological and environmental sustainability (ensuring that front of house has green space for run-off), urban forestry, affordable and attainable housing, avoiding 1950's dysfunctional nature of subdivisions.

Mr. Konowalchuk thanked him for his comments and advised that these topics will be covered in the Municipal Development Plan.

Ms. J. McCoy

Ms. McCoy indicated that she wanted to make sure the LUB dealt with low-cost housing.

Concerned about the unsightly lots/all types of recreational vehicles being parked on street, etc. was removed from the bylaw.

Mr. Konowalchuk advised that the section was removed from the LUB because it is already covered in the Community Standards Bylaw.

Ms. K. Windsor

Ms. Windsor had a few housekeeping items.

Mayor Hunter thanked everyone for their comments and the meeting would move on to letters and emails from the public which were received after the Open House. The Manager, Planning & Development indicated that 10 letters were received after the Public Hearing. They were:

1. Letter from Alberta Health Services dated April 2, 2019
2. Letter from Alberta Transportation dated March 12, 2019
3. Comment Sheet from Open House, Debra Matcheski dated April 3, 2019
4. Email from E. Aldcroft, Fortis Alberta dated March 26, 2019
5. Comment Sheet from Open House, Luanne Jones undated.
6. Email from Councillors Crothers/ Moore dated March 28, 2019
7. Email from Councillor Poggemiller dated March 19, 2019
8. Email from Mayor Hunter dated April 2, 2019
9. Email from N. Quantz dated March 18, 2019
10. Letter from Mountain View County dated March 26, 2019
11. Email from M. Smith dated March 11, 2019

Mayor Hunter asked Council to bring forward any motions for the Land Use Bylaw.

**Res. # 126-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council direct Administration to amend General Purpose on Page 58 to include existing development is not required to hook up to water lines.

Carried

**Res. # 127-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council direct Administration to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 to comply with the 3 meter setback from power lines as required by Fortis Alberta.

Carried

**Res. # 128-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Moore that Council direct Administration to amend the Land Use Bylaw to state all existing legal non-conforming uses will be deemed conforming in the Land Use Bylaw 2019-04.

Carried

**Res. # 129-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Poggemiller that Council direct Administration to amend the Land Use Bylaw to remove height restrictions for multi-dwelling buildings.

Carried

- Res. # 130-19**      **Motion:**      *Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council direct Administration to amend the Land Use Bylaw to have signage on businesses removed after 30 days of vacancy, closure, abandonment or relocation.*  
**Defeated**
- Res. # 131-19**      **Motion:**      *Moved by Deputy Mayor Engel that Council direct Administration to accept Mr. Quantz's proposed changes, 1 through 6 as outlined in his email to the Planning & Development Department and dated March 18, 2019.*  
**Carried**
- Res. # 132-19**      **Motion:**      *Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council direct Administration to remove the second and third diagrams on page 21 of the Land Use Bylaw - Figure 1 - Determining Building Height.*  
**Carried**
- Res. # 133-19**      **Motion:**      *Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council direct Administration to remove the proposed Land Use District Names and Abbreviations and continue to use the District Names and Abbreviations from Land Use Bylaw 2013-13.*  
**Carried**
- Res. # 134-19**      **MOTION:**      *Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:54 PM.*
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Mayor Hunter reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:55 PM.

## 5. MINUTES

- 5.a) Regular Council Meeting – March 26, 2019**
- Res. # 135-19**      **MOTION:**      *Moved by Deputy Mayor Engel that Council accept the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented.*  
**Carried**
- 5.b) Minutes – Agencies, Boards and Committees**
- Res. # 136-19**      **MOTION:**      *Moved by Councillor Poggemiller that Council accept the attached minutes as information.*  
**Carried**

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

- 6.a) 2018 Audited Financial Statements**
- Res. # 137-19**      **MOTION:**      *Moved by Deputy Mayor Engel that Council approve the audited 2018 Town of Didsbury Financial Statements as presented.*  
**Defeated**
- Res. # 138-19**      **MOTION:**      *Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council accept this report as information and bring the Town of Didsbury 2018 Financial Statements back to the April 23, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.*  
**Carried**

**7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

**7.a) Land Use Bylaw 2019-04**

**Res. # 139-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council rescind Land Use Bylaw 2013-03 and grant first reading to Land Use Bylaw 2019-04 this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

**Carried**

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.a) Council Directive – 2019 Hiring Freeze**

**Res. # 140-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council direct Administration to bring back for Council review to the May 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting:

1. Hiring freeze parameters that will include identification and definition of essential and non-essential positions and when it is necessary to get approval for hiring a vacant position;
2. A summary of an organizational review that addresses efficiencies in staffing
3. Information on the creation of an Economic Development position into the existing organizational chart.

**Carried**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.a) Fundraising Consultant Award**

**Res. # 141-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council direct Administration to award the Skatepark Fundraising Consultant project to Jordan Cleland Consulting for the maximum amount of \$60,000.00.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Baswick.

Councillor Moore	For
Councillor Crothers	For
Councillor Baswick	For
Mayor Hunter	For
Deputy Mayor Engel	For
Councillor Poggemiller	Against
Councillor Windsor	For

**Carried**

**9.b) Purchase of Aerial Truck**

**Res. # 142-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Baswick that Council approve the purchase of the 2002 Spartan 75" aerial truck from Rocky Mountain Phoenix at a cost of \$69,900.00 plus GST of \$3,495.00 from the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve.

**Carried**

**9.c) Road Closure Request - Filming**

**Res. # 143-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Moore that Council approve the road closures and traffic control as outlined in the attached letter from Getting Away Productions.

**Carried**

**9.d) Letter from WCB - Alberta**

**Res. # 144-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Windsor that we accept this letter from WCB – Alberta as information.

**Carried**

**9.) Mountain View Seniors Housing Key Messages**

**Res. # 145-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Engel that Council accept the MVSH verbal report of Councillor Moore as information.

**Carried**

Mayor Hunter called a recess at 8:49 PM.

Mayor Hunter called the meeting back to order 8:54 PM.

**Res. # 146-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council extend the Regular Council Meeting to 9:45 PM.

**Carried**

**10. REPORTS**

**10 a) Mayor's Event Report**

**Res. # 147-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Baswick that Council accept the attached Mayor's Event Report as information.

**Carried**

**10 b) Council Reports**

**Res. # 148-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Poggemiller that Council accept the attached Council reports as information.

**Carried**

**10 c) Chief Administrative Officer Action Log**

**Res. # 149-19**      **Motion:**      Moved by Councillor Baswick that Council accept the attached Chief Administrative Officer Action Log as information.

**Carried**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

None

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**13. GALLERY QUESTION PERIOD**

**14. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA**

**Res. # 150-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council close the meeting to the public for Agenda Item 14.a.i through 14.a.iv as per Section 27, FOIP at 9:10 PM.

**Carried**

**Res. # 151-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:44 PM.

**Carried**

**Res. # 152-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council extend the Regular Council Meeting to 10:00 PM.

**Carried**

**Res. # 153-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council close the meeting to the public as per Section 27, FOIP 9:44 PM.

**Carried**

**Res. # 154-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:47 PM.

**Carried**

**Res. # 155-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council direct administration to reimburse Mr. Clem Kuelker an amount of \$9,022.63 for having water utility brought to his property.

**Carried**

**Res. # 156-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Windsor that Council direct Administration to revise the Water Bylaw 2013-08 to update it in general and to Section II, 4(a) specifically.

**Carried**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. # 157-19**      **MOTION:**      Moved by Councillor Crothers that Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:59 PM.

**Carried**

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Mayor R. Hunter

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Chief Administrative Officer H. Northcott