



Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on  
May 14, 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 Joyce McCoy  
Councillor Dorothy Moore  
Councillor Ethan Williams  
Councillor Bill Windsor

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner  
ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley  
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox  
Economic Development Officer, Alexandra Ross  
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith  
Municipal Intern, Jocelyn Baxter

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hunter Called the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Remove 3.1 Didsbury Curling Club Delegation  
Move 12.4 Final Stretch Refresher to 8.11  
Move 12.2 Special Purpose Committee to 12.3 and  
Move 12.3 2500 15 Avenue & Shantz Land Sale Agreements to 12.2  
The remainder of Closed Meeting items move down

**Res. 302-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams  
To adopt the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting as amended.

**Motion Carried**

*Councillor Windsor requested a recorded vote.*

**Res. 303-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor  
That all votes are recorded votes for Bylaws & Policies and Business items until the end of this Council's term.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick		X
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

3. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 **Didsbury Fire Department**

**Res. 304-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the Didsbury Fire Department's use of the new Heavy Rescue Unit as a showcase item at the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Conference and Trade Show in Calgary on May 26 and 27, 2024.

**Motion Carried**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 **April 23 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Res. 305-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adopt the April 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried**

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – *no public hearings*

6. **REPORTS**

6.1 **Council Reports for May 14, 2024**

**Res. 306-24**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To accept the Council Reports for May 14, 2024 as information.

**Motion Carried**

6.2 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report for May 14, 2024**

**Res. 307-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for May 14, 2024 as information.

**Motion Carried**

7. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

7.1 **Bylaw 2024-05 Tax Rate (3rd Reading)**

**Res. 308-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To grant third and final reading to Tax Rate Bylaw 2024-05, a bylaw to establish the rates of taxation for the 2024 Taxation Year.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore		X
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8. BUSINESS**

**8.1 Budget at a glance**

**Res. 309-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the 2024 Budget at a Glance document as presented.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.2 2025-2029 Multi-Year Capital Plan**

**Res. 310-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the 2025-2029 Multi-Year Capital Plan as presented.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.3 Write-off of Uncollectible Accounts**

**Res. 311-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the write off of the following accounts in the total amount \$6,309.16:

- Amante Organics 2022 Bulk Water Sales for \$3,466.14;
- Terra Sar Developments 2020 interest charge for \$1,002.36;
- DOSCA account 51952 for \$871.00;
- DOSCA account 52246 for \$493.08, and
- DOSCA account 52329 for \$476.58.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 312-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

That Administration bring back information regarding the Desjardins Insurance 2021 Fire Call for \$2,205 to see if the uncollected amount can be billed directly to the individual.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 313-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

That Administration bring back the Policy FIN 005 Accounts Receivable for review and recommendation to the May 28 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.4 2024 Roadworks Award Recommendation**

**Res. 314-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve the 2024 Roadworks Contract to Border Paving Ltd for \$472,530.47 consisting of 20 Avenue Mill and Overlay for \$171,202.90, 15 Avenue Mill and Overlay for \$74,038.53, and Co-op Road Surface Works for \$227,289.04.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 315-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve amending the 2024 Capital Budget as follows: increase the 20 Avenue Mill and Overlay project to \$182,000 funded from CCBF, decrease the 15 Avenue Mill and Overlay project to \$85,000 funded from CCBF, and increase the Co-op Road Surface Works project to \$249,000 funded from MSI.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.5 MAP Funds Allocation to Reserves**

**Res. 316-24**

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To approve to transfer the Municipal Area Partnership disbursement funds of \$3,587.58 to the Strategic Initiatives and Contingency Reserve.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.6 Bill 20 - Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024**

**Res. 317-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

In the spirit of working with the Provincial Government, that Council approve Mayor Hunter to send a letter to Premier Danielle Smith, and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver, and MLA Nathan Cooper asking for clarification on the proposed amendments as follows:

- What criteria is being considered by the provincial government that would trigger the option and give power to the provincial cabinet to remove a municipal councilor from their position “in the public interest?” When will that criteria be finalized and will it be through a public consultation process?
- What criteria is being considered by the provincial government that would trigger the option and give power to the provincial cabinet to order the CAO to conduct a referendum where residents can vote on whether a municipal councilor should be removed “in the public interest?” When will that criteria be finalized and will it go through a public consultation process?
- How would the removal of a municipal councilor by approval of the provincial cabinet be different, what more could it accomplish, as compared to the municipal inspection process that is already in place to remove a municipal councilor?
- How would removal of a councilor through a referendum ordered by the provincial government be different from the electorate’s process of removing a municipal councilor through the Recall Act process? Would a failed Recall Act petition trigger the provincial government to order a referendum in place of the Recall Act?

- We are also requesting clarification on rescinding municipal policies and repealing municipal bylaws. What is the criteria for such acts, and will there be a public consultation process?

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.7 Invitation to CAEP Event**

**Res. 318-24**

MOVED by Councillor McCoy

To approve the purchase of tickets for the CAEP Event taking place on May 23, 2024 in Red Deer, Alberta in the amount of \$120 per ticket from the Council Professional Development budget

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick		X
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.8 Council Summer Events**

**Res. 319-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve Council's participation at the *Seniors' Week events, Canada Day celebration, and Summer Sunday Funday* and that members of Council inform Administration of their availability to participate.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.9 DEDAC New Member Appointment**

**Res. 320-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To appoint Chris Overwater as a new member to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**8.10 2024 Marketing Plan**

**Res. 321-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the 2024 Marketing Plan and provide \$40,030 from the Economic Development Reserve fund for initiatives outlined.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy		X
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor		X

**Motion Carried**

**8.11 Final Stretch Refresher Workshop**

**Res. 322-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To set the Council Final Stretch Refresher on May 21 and 22, 2024 with time to be confirmed later.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor		X

**Motion Carried**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION**

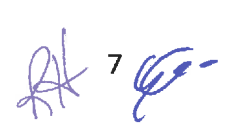
- RCMP Collective Bargaining Agreement Update
- Eckville Parade Invite

**Res. 323-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the Correspondence Items presented as information.

**Motion Carried**



**10. COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Didsbury Fire Department’s new Heavy Rescue Unit will be showcased at Fire Chief’s Convention
- Council Agenda Preparation
- Bill 20 information discussion
- Passing of the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw
- Awarding of 2024 Roadworks
- Appointment of DEDAC member
- Economic Development Marketing Plan
- Multi Year Capital Plan

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

**12. CLOSED MEETING**

**Res. 324-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To go into Closed Meeting at 8:38 p.m. for the following items:

- 12.1 Draft Land Sale Policy - as per Section 23 of the FOIP Act
- 12.2 2500 15 Avenue and Shantz Land Sale Agreements - as per Section 23, 24, and 27 of the FOIP Act
- 12.3 Special Purpose Committee Update - as per Section 23 and 24 of the FOIP Act
- 12.5 Governance Interface - as per Section 23 and 24 of the FOIP Act

**Motion Carried**

**13. RECONVENE**

**Res. 325-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To return to Open Meeting at 9:48 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 326-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To bring back the draft Land Sale Policy to Council for review and recommendation.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 327-24**

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the Special Purpose Committee Update as information.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**



**Res. 328-24**

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the 2500 15 Avenue and Shantz Land Sale Agreement Discussion as information.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

**Res. 329-24**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the governance interface as information.

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor McCoy	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	

**Motion Carried**

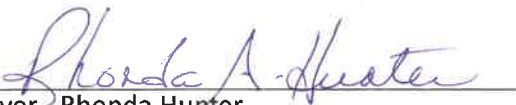
**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. 330-24**

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adjourn the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 9:51 p.m.

**Motion Carried**



Mayor Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner