



**Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on
Held on October 22, 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 Ethan Williams

Council Member(s) Absent Councillor Bill Windsor

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner
ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen
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 October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE REGUALR COUNCIL AGENDA & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

Add item 13.5 Organizational Update as per Section 24 of the FOIP Act

Res. 564-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To adopt the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and Organizational Meeting Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Res. 565-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To adopt the October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – no public hearings

6. CAO REPORT

- Development Permits as of October 15, 2024
- Q3 Development Report
- Q3 Municipal Enforcement Report
- Q3 Didsbury Fire Department Report
- Q3 Community Services Report
- Request from Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding Carbon Tax
- Christmas Lights and Garland

Res. 566-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for October 22, 2024 as presented.

Motion Carried

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7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

7.1 COUN 011-24 Land Sale, Acquisition, and Expropriation Policy

Res. 567-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To refer COUN 011-24 Sale & Acquisition of Land and Expropriation Policy back to the Policy and Governance Committee to consider suggested amendments.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

7.2 Bylaw 2024-11 Council Procedural Bylaw

Res. 568-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To grant second reading to Bylaw 2024-11 Council Procedural Bylaw 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 Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

7.3 Bylaw 2024-12 Municipal Development Plan

Res. 569-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

That Council grant first reading to Bylaw 2024- 12 Municipal Development Plan.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

Res. 570-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To set the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2024-12 Municipal Development Plan on November 26, 2024 during item #5 of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried



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8. BUSINESS

8.1 Council Member Reimbursement ABMunis

Councillor Williams declared pecuniary interest as per Section 170 of the Municipal Government Act, and withdrew from the vote and left the Council Chambers at 6:47 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.

Res. 571-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To waive the reimbursement of the registration fees for the 2024 Alberta Municipalities Convention in the amount of \$640.00.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | | |

Motion Carried

Councillor Williams returned to the Council table at 6:59 p.m.

8.2 East Reservoir Funding Structure

Res. 572-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To amend the East Reservoir funding structure to fund the project as follows: \$2,541,461 AMWWP grant, \$115,000 Water Offsite Levies, \$2,841,527 Long Term Debt, and \$185,066, for a total of \$5,683,054, and to amend the 2024 Capital Budget accordingly.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | | X |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | | X |

Motion Carried

8.3 Elected Officials Event

Res. 573-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To approve those Council Members, who are able to attend the Friends and Food Dinner Event for the Central Alberta Elected Officials, which will be hosted by the Town of Innisfail on November 13, 2024, in the amount of \$50 per person to be funded from the Council Professional Development budget.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried



9. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

9.1 Call to Order Organizational Meeting

Mayor Hunter called the October 22, 2024 Organizational Meeting to Order at 7:29 p.m.

9.2 2024-2025 Council Calendar

Res. 574-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve the 2024-2025 Council Meeting Calendar as amended.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.3 2024-2025 Appointment Deputy Mayor and Alternate Deputy Mayor

Res. 575-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To appoint Councillor Curt Engel as Deputy Mayor until the Organizational Meeting in 2025.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

Res. 576-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To appoint the Alternate Deputy Mayor as follows:

Councillor Bill Windsor—October 23, 2024 to February 25, 2025

Councillor Ethan Williams—February 26, 2025 to June 27, 2025

Councillor Dorothy Moore —June 28, 2025 to October 28, 2025

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.4 2024-2025 Council Assignments

Res. 577-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve the 2024-2025 Council Assignments with the following amendments:

- PRLS – remove Councillor Moore and replace with Councillor Windsor
- PGC - Remove Mayor Hunter as Alternate and replace with Councillor Moore as Alternate
- CAEP – Re-appoint Mayor Hunter to the CAEP Board.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.5 Public Member Assignments

9.5.1 Appointments to the Municipal Planning Commission

Res. 578-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To appoint Karen Henry, Cheryl Dahl, Norm Quantz, and Geraldine (Dean) Mousseau to the Municipal Planning Commission until the Organizational Meeting in 2026, and reaffirm Shirley Madge as presently constituted.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.5.2 DEDAC Appointments

Res. 579-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To reappoint to the Laurie Hodge (Chair), Dawn Stewart (Vice-Chair), Chris Overwater, Sean McKinsley, Karen Griffin, Sterling Toews and Brody Fazakas to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee as presented.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.5.3 2024-2025 Appointment of CAEP Business Representative

Res. 580-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To appoint Chris Overwater as the Town of Didsbury Business Representative to the Central Alberta Economic Partnership until the Organizational Meeting in 2025.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.5.4 2024-2025 Didsbury Municipal Library Appointments

Res. 581-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To appoint the following Didsbury Municipal Library Board Trustees to a three-year term ending November 1, 2027: Jennifer Bommarito and Brittany Stevens.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

Res. 582-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To reaffirm Jaimee Reese, David McWhinney, Emily Swam, Diane Arbuckle, Bill Windsor, and Melynda Crampton as presently constituted.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.6 Council Seat Selection

Res. 583-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

That Councillor Moore move to the vacant seat at the Council table.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

9.7 Adjournment of Organizational Meeting and Reconvene to Regular Council Meeting

Res. 584-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adjourn the October 22, 2024 Organizational Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Motion Carried

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10. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

- Mountain View Seniors' Housing Board – Thank you card
- CPKC Holiday Train – 2024 Invitation
- Minister of Municipal Affairs – Carbon Tax

Res. 585-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the correspondence items presented as information.

Motion Carried

11. COUNCIL REPORTS & MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

11.1 Council Reports for October 22, 2024

Res. 586-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Council Reports for October 22, 2024 as information.

Motion Carried

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 587-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To go into Closed Meeting at 7:52 p.m. for the following items:

- 13.1 Campground Planning - as per Section 29 of the FOIP Act
- 13.2 Facility Planning - as per Section 24 of the FOIP Act
- 13.3 Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Updates - as per Section 21 of the FOIP Act
- 13.4 23rd Street Joint Infrastructure Project with MVC - as per Section 21 of the FOIP Act
- 13.5 Organizational Update – as per Section 24 of the FOIP Act

Motion Carried

14. RECONVENE

Res. 588-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To return to Open Meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Motion Carried

Res. 589-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the Campground Planning Update as information and proceed with the discontinuation of the Winter Camping program in the 2025-2026 Season.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried



Res. 590-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To accept the Facility Planning as information and approve the implementation of the visioning for the Didsbury Train Station.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

Res. 591-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To provide a grant to Essentials for Our Community funded from the Community Grant Program in the amount of up to \$3,500 to accommodate the transition.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

Res. 592-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission update as information.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

Res. 593-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To proceed to apply for a scope/cost change to the existing approved AMWWP funding application to cover the costs of the new supply main and deliver a letter for submission for the scope/cost change for the East Reservoir Project.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried



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Res. 594-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the 23rd Street Joint Infrastructure Project as information.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

Res. 595-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the Organizational Update as information.

| | FOR | OPPOSED |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hunter | | X |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | X | |
| Councillor Baswick | X | |
| Councillor Moore | X | |
| Councillor Williams | X | |

Motion Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 596-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To adjourn the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Motion Carried



Mayor - Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner