

# Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on April 22, 2025 in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter

Councillor John Baswick Councillor Dorothy Moore Councillor Bill Windsor

Council Members Absent Deputy Mayor Curt Engel

Administration Present Acting CAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley

Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox Economic Development Officer, Alexandra Ross Legislative Services Coordinator, Jocelyn Baxter Communication Coordinator, Lisa Bastarache

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Res. 243-25

**MOVED by Councillor Windsor** 

To adopt the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1 MNP LLP - 2024 Audit Report

Res. 244-25

**MOVED by Councillor Moore** 

To thank the representatives from MNP LLP for their presentation of the 2024 audit report and presentation of the 2024 audited financial statements.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 3.2 Business Arising from Delegations - 2024 Audited Financial Statements

Res. 245-25

**MOVED by Councillor Baswick** 

To approve the 2024 audited financial statements as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

#### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Res. 246-25

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adopt the April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 4.2 April 14, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Res. 247-25

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adopt the April 14, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried** 

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

#### 6. CAO REPORT

Res. 248-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Baswick

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for April 22, 2025 as information.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

#### 7.1 Tax Rate Bylaw 2025-05

Res. 249-25

**MOVED by Councillor Windsor** 

That Council grant second reading to 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw 2025-05 as amended.

	FOR	OPPOSI
Mayor Hunter	X	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	X	

#### **Motion Carried**

Res. 250-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

That Council grant third and final reading to 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw 2025-05.

	FOR	OPPOSEI
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

#### **7.2** Borrowing Bylaw 2025-07

Res. 251-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Moore

That Council grant first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2025-07.

	FOR	OPPOSE
Mayor Hunter	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

#### 7.3 HR 007-25 Hiring Policy

Res. 252-25

**MOVED by Councillor Windsor** 

To rescind HR 007 - Hiring Policy.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
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<b>Motion Carried</b>		

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#### Res. 253-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To approve HR 007-25 – Hiring Policy as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

#### 8. BUSINESS

#### 8.1 East Reservoir - Award Recommendation

#### Res. 254-25

**MOVED by Councillor Moore** 

To approve the award of the East Reservoir Project to Timcon Construction Ltd. for \$7,112,083.02.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	Х	

#### **Motion Carried**

#### Res. 255-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Moore

To amend the capital budget for the East Reservoir Project to a total cost of \$7,400,000 to be funded with the AMWWP grant of \$2,541,000, offsite levies of \$215,000, water reserves of \$1,144,000 and debentures of \$3,500,000.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

### 8.2 Awarding of Assessment Services Contract

#### Res. 256-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To award a five year assessment services contract, beginning July 1, 2025 to Wild Rose Assessment Services Inc.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	X	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

#### 8.3 2025 Roadworks - Award Recommendation

#### Res. 257-25

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To approve the award of the 2025 Roadworks program to Ruby Rock Construction Ltd. for \$447,997.55 inclusive of GST.

	FOR	OPPOSED	7 + []
Mayor Hunter	Х		
Councillor Baswick	Χ		
Councillor Moore	X		
Councillor Windsor	Χ		

#### **Motion Carried**

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#### 8.4 Institutional Voting Locations

Res. 258-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Baswick

To approve the institutional voting stations for the 2025 General Municipal Election as follows:

- Aspen Ridge Lodge 1100 20 Avenue
- Bethany Didsbury 1201 15 Avenue
- Didsbury Hospital 1210 20 Avenue.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

#### **Motion Carried**

#### 8.5 2025 Economic Development Priorities and Marketing Plan

#### Res. 259-25

**MOVED by Councillor Moore** 

To approve the Economic Development priorities for 2025 as follows:

- 1. Business retention
- 2. Investment and Business Attraction
- 3. Unique Tourism Destination

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor		X
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#### **Motion Carried**

#### Res. 260-25

**MOVED** by Mayor Hunter

That Council direct Administration to bring back the marketing strategy for attracting residents and young families and bring a report and inventory of the current and future housing for that campaign back to Council.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	X	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

#### **Motion Carried**

#### Res. 261-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To accept the 2025 Marketing Plan as information.

	FOR	<b>OPPOSED</b>
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	2 20

#### **Motion Carried**

#### 8.6 Expenses for CAO Recruitment Services

#### Res. 262-25

**MOVED by Councillor Moore** 

To approve up to \$35,000 for CAO recruitment and to fund the costs from the Strategic Initiatives and Contingency Reserve.

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	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

#### **Motion Carried**

## 8.7 Policy and Governance Committee Recommendation - Council Remuneration and PD Policy Res. 263-25

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To refer COUN 001-24 Council Remuneration and Professional Development Policy to the Policy and Governance Committee for review and recommendation back to Council.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

#### 8.8 Housing Needs Assessment

Res. 264-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Moore

That Council adopt the Urban Systems Housing Needs Assessment as presented.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

Res. 265-25

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To send the Housing Needs Assessment to Mountain View Seniors' Housing for inclusion in their Strategic Planning.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
<b>Motion Carried</b>		

#### 9. COUNCIL REPORTS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Res. 266-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Baswick

To accept the April 22, 2025 Council Reports as information.

#### **Motion Carried**

#### **Highlights**

- CAO Report
- Audited Financial Statements
- East Reservoir Project Tender Award
- Innovative Approach to Economic Development Award

#### 10. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Res. 267-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To accept the correspondence for April 22, 2025 as information.

**Motion Carried** 



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#### 11. QUESTION PERIOD

#### 12. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 268-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Baswick

To go into closed meeting at 8:29 p.m. for the following items:

- 12.1 Rosebud Valley Campground as per section 19 of the FOIP Act
- 12.2 Shantz Land Sale as per section 16 of the FOIP Act
- 12.3 Council Expense Claim Request Approval as per section 24 of the FOIP Act

**Motion Carried** 

#### 13. RECONVENE

Res. 269-25

**MOVED by Councillor Moore** 

To return to open meeting at 9:23 p.m.

**Motion Carried** 

Res. 270-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Moore

To accept the Rosebud Valley Campground Update as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

#### **Motion Carried**

Res. 271-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Windsor

To accept the update on the Shantz Land Sale as information.

	FOR	OPPOSEI
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

#### **Motion Carried**

Res. 272-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Moore

To accept Council Expense Claim Request Approval as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
<b>Councillor Baswick</b>	X	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

#### **Motion Carried**

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 273-25

**MOVED** by Councillor Baswick

To adjourn the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

**Motion Carried** 

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Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Acting Chief Administrative Officer- Amanda Riley