



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2021
Held through ZOOM Meetings

The regular meeting of Council for the Town of Didsbury was held through ZOOM Meetings on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Hunter
Deputy Mayor B. Windsor
Councillor J. Baswick
Councillor E. Poggemiller
Councillor M. Crothers
Councillor C. Engel
Councillor D. Moore

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer E. Gorner
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer A. Riley
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer L. Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add 7.5 Recognition of Didsbury Good Samaritan
Move 7.1 and 7.2 ahead of items in Section 6 - Bylaws and Policies
Res. 126-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

DELEGATION

Didsbury RCMP Sgt. C. Fournier 2020 Policing Activities

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 127-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

BUSINESS

2021 Policing Priorities

Res. 128-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor that Council set the following Policing Priorities for 2021-2022:
1. Increase in visibility in the community, including late evenings and early mornings
2. Increase in traffic enforcement, particularly speeding
3. Focus on correcting poor driving habits

Carried

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Provincial Police Force Proposal

Res. 129-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore that Council approve forwarding a letter of support and satisfaction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as Alberta's police force of choice to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Carried

Res. 130-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor that Council approve sending a letter from the Mayor in opposition to the creation of an Alberta provincial police service to replace the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Carried

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Council Professional Development Policy COUN-001-21

Res. 131-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the Council Professional Development Policy COUN-001-21 as amended.

Carried

Utility Rates and Fees Bylaw 2021-03

Res. 132-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers that Council grant first reading to Utility Rates and Fees Bylaw 2021-03 and that it be referred to the Policy and Governance Committee.

Carried

Tax Rate Bylaw 2021-04

Res. 133-31 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to grant first reading to Tax Rate Bylaw 2021-04 to establish the rates and penalties for the 2021 Taxation year and that it be referred to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Carried

BUSINESS

Appointment of Chair and Vice-chair to Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee

Res. 134-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to appoint Mike Crampton as Chair and Shelly Daly as Vice-chair to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee until the organizational meeting in 2021.

Carried

Virtual Town Hall

Res. 135-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to have Mayor Hunter send letters of thanks on behalf of Council and the Town of Didsbury to the participants for contributing to the Virtual Town Hall Meetings.

Carried

Recognition Good Samaritan

Res. 136-21 MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller that Administration bring back information on the good Samaritan in our community.

Carried


Initials

REPORTS

COVID-19 Update

Res. 137-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the COVID-19 update for March 23, 2021 as information.

Carried

CAO Report

Res. 138-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for March 23, 2021 as information.

Carried

Council Reports

Res. 139-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Council Reports for March 23, 2021 as information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- Performance Evaluation Committee Meeting Notes for February 18, 2021
- Strategic Planning Committee Notes for March 3, 2021
- Policy & Governance Committee Notes for March 3, 2021
- Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Notes for February 22, 2021
- Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation – Response on impact COVID-19 and Businesses in Didsbury
- Minister of Municipal Affairs – Alberta Disaster Recovery Program

Res. 140-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the items presented as information.

Carried

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council deemed the following items be highlighted from the March 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting:

- Staff Sgt. Chad Fournier gave a presentation and report on the Didsbury Detachment's statistics for 2020. Council expressed their appreciation and hard work with the Didsbury RCMP and commented on the exceptional relationship that exists between the Town and the RCMP. In an on-going effort to meet the needs of the community the RCMP had a survey on the Town's website to see what priorities the public would like the Didsbury Detachment to focus on for the 2021-2022 year.
- Council is pleased to report the Aquatic Centre is open to some extent and the work done on the arena looks great. They are looking forward to the upcoming season with the parks opening up and Memorial Park and pathways being made ready to enjoy.
- Council was pleased with the provincial government announcement of the \$4.2 million investment into the Didsbury and District Health Services facility for upgrades and enhancement to Public Health, Mental Health, and Rehabilitation Services.
- Council is happy to welcome the new Municipal Intern in the Finance area who will begin in April 2021.
- Council asked Administration to bring back information on a good Samaritan who has been picking up after dogs where the owners have not in Memorial Park. This citizen has done a stellar job and is much appreciated.

QUESTION PERIOD - None



Initials

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 141-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2 Sections 23 and 24 of the *FOIP Act* at 7:56 p.m.

Carried

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:
Ethan Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
Amanda Riley, Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services

Ethan Gorner, Amanda Riley and Luana Smith left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:22 p.m.

RECONVENE

Res. 142-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to come out of closed meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Carried

Res. 143-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve Mayor Hunter's participation on behalf of the Town of Didsbury in the "*Bring Wynonna Home*" campaign.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 144-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to adjourn the meeting Regular Council Meeting for March 23, 2021 at 9:58 p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner