



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2021

The regular meeting of Council for the Town of Didsbury was held in Council Chambers located at 1606 14 Street on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer, E. Gerner
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer, A. Riley
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, C. Fox
Director of Community Services, N. Aasen
Economic Development & Strategic Operations Coordinator, A. Ross
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 9.2 - Correspondence & Information: FCM Response – Costs of RCMP Unionization

Res. 377-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS

Didsbury RCMP Detachment – Interim Staff Sgt. Browne

Res. 378-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to accept the First Quarter Report April 1 to June 30, 2021 from the Didsbury RCMP Detachment as information.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 379-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the August 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS - No public hearings

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw 2021-09 Council Code of Conduct

Res. 380-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant Second Reading to Bylaw 2021-09 Council Code of Conduct, and that it be referred to the Policy & Governance Committee for review.

Carried

Council Remuneration Policy COUN 004-21

Res. 381-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve Council Remuneration Policy COUN 004-21 as presented.

Carried

BUSINESS

Street Light Replacement

Res. 382-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to approve the amendment of the 2021 Street Lighting Continuity capital project to upgrade four streetlights on 20th Street to heritage style pendent streetlights for an additional costs of up to \$30,000, to be funded from the Canada Community Building Fund grant.

Carried

Recreation Facility User Group Rate Model

Res. 383-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the proposed hourly rates and monthly bar rental costs for the Didsbury Curling Club Rink for a one-season trial period, October 2021 to March 2022 with an evaluation presented to Council when completed.

Carried

Memorial Park Stage

Res. 384-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the prioritization of redevelopment of the Memorial Park Stage as per the Strategic Planning Committee recommendations, and that a letter be sent to the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee updating them as to the status of this initiative.

Carried

Mountain View Summer Games Legacy Funds

Res. 385-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to reserve the Mountain View Summer Games Legacy funding of \$15,296.89 in a Legacy Fund reserve for future development of an interior community mural.

Carried

Res. 386-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore for Council to reserve \$2,000 of the Mountain View Summer Games Legacy fund to be used as seed money for an athletic scholarship in 2022 and that a policy be created to develop a framework for Council's consideration for an athletic scholarship program, and that it be referred to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Carried

Commercial Dumping – Lagoon

Res. 387-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers that Administration ensure the lagoons are in the best shape they can be as per Alberta Environmental standards, and then explore adding capacity to allow for commercial dumping, while protecting the integrity of our treatment system, and that options for increasing this capacity be brought back to Council for consideration.

Carried

Councillor Crothers left the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m.


Initials

REPORTS

CAO Report – The following verbal updates were presented by administration:

- a) COVID Update
- b) Engineering & Infrastructure update

Res. 388-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for September 14, 2021 as information.

Carried

Council Reports – Roundtable Verbal Reports made by Council members

Res. 389-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the Council Reports for September 14, 2021 as information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Res. 390-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to accept the correspondence and information items presented as information:

- Railway Safety Week – CPR
- Costs of RCMP Unionization

Carried

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Roundtable highlights as selected by individual Council members

- Council was pleased with the following projects taking place this fall:
 - Installation of solar crossing signals 16th street near the vet clinic and Tim Horton's.
 - Additional updates to the Street Lighting Continuity capital project to upgrade four streetlights on 20th Street to heritage style pendent streetlights, to be completed while FORTIS Alberta is doing the upgrades during their planned replacement, resulting in cost savings.
- Interim Staff Sgt. Browne gave an excellent report on the Didsbury RCMP detachment with detailed explanation of the statics and what they mean.
- Council approved the prioritization of redevelopment of the Memorial Park Stage, which was an initiative from the Didsbury Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- Council was presented and approved an alternative agreement for the Didsbury Curling hourly rates and monthly bar rental costs for a one-season trial period, October 2021 to March 2022.
- Council approved to reserve the Mountain View Summer Games Legacy funding of \$15,296.89 in a Legacy Fund reserve for future development of an interior community mural, and set aside \$2,000 to be used as seed money for an athletic scholarship in 2022.

GALLERY QUESTION PERIOD

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 391-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2, Sections 23 and 24 of the *FOIP Act* at 8:54 p.m.

Carried

Initials 

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:

E. Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Riley, Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
C. Fox, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure
N. Aasen, Director of Community Services

RECONVENE

Res. 392-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to come out of closed meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Carried

Res. 393-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the repair and maintenance project presented.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 394-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of September 14, 2021 at 9:53 p.m.

Carried


Mayor – Rhonda Hunter
Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner