

Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, September 23, 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 Bill Windsor

Council Members Absent

Councillor Ethan Williams Councillor Joyce McCoy

Administration Present

Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley

Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith

Municipal Intern, Jocelyn Baxter

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter Called the September 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to Order at 6:10 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Item 8.4 Parkland Regional Library System 2025 Budget was deferred to the October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Res. 518-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To adopt the September 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 STARS

Res. 519-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the presentation from STARS as information.

Motion Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 September 9, 2024 Special Council Meeting

Res. 520-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To adopt the September 9, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

4.2 September 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Res. 521-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adopt the September 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

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

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6. CAO REPORT

Res. 522-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for September 23, 2024 as information.

Motion Carried

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

7.1 Bylaw 2024-11 Council Procedural Bylaw

Res. 523-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

That Council grant first reading to Council Procedural Bylaw 2024-11, and refer it back to the Policy and Governance Committee for further review and recommendations and to address any comments made by Council as well as recent comments made by legal counsel.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Х	
Councillor Moore	Х	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
Motion Carried		

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Write Off of Uncollectible Tax Account

Res. 524-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To authorize the write off of the outstanding tax receivable balance for Roll #1398000 totaling \$6,370.25.

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

8.2 Financial Planning Committee Recommendation 2025 Franchise Fees

Res. 525-24

Motion Carried

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To maintain the ATCO Gas franchise fee rate at 25% for 2025.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
Motion Carried		

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Res. 526-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To maintain the Fortis Alberta franchise fee rate at 17% for 2025.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
Motion Carried		

8.3 Speed Limit Changes

Res. 527-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To postpone item 8.3 regarding Speed Limit changes to the October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Motion Carried

8.4 Municipal Representatives on the Regional Health Advisory Council

Res. 528-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the Municipal Representatives on the Regional Health Advisory Council as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
Motion Carried		

8.6 Letter of Thanks to the Mountain View Arts Society

Res. 529-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To send a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Mountain View Arts Society for their coordination and facilitation of the creation of Mike Sydoryk's mural on the wall of the Didsbury Inn.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
Motion Carried		

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9. COUNCIL REPORTS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

9.1 Council Reports for September 23, 2024

Res. 530-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the Council Reports for September 23, 2024 as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
Motion Carried		

Meeting Highlights

- CAO Report
- Proposed speed limit changes that will be coming up at the next Council Meeting
- Development Permits issued
- STARS presentation

In accordance with s. 161.4 of the MGA CAO Gorner announced the resignation of Councillor Joyce McCoy which was received by him today and is effective immediately.

10. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION

- World Cerebral Palsy Day
- National Veteran's Week Speakers Program

Res. 531-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the Correspondence presented as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Х	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Х	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Х	
Councillor Windsor	Х	
Motion Carried		

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 532-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To go into Closed Meeting at 7:24 p.m. for the following items:

- 12.1 Organizational Preparation as per Section 29 of the FOIP Act
- 12.2 Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission as per Section 21 of the FOIP Act
- 12.3 Alberta Municipalities as per Section 29 of the FOIP Act
- 12.4 Personnel as per Section 17 of the FOIP Act
- 12.5 Code of Conduct Review as per Section 24 of the FOIP Act

Motion Carried

13. RECONVENE

Res. 533-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To return to Open Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Res. 534-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To accept the report on the Organizational Preparation as information.

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

Motion Carried

Res. 535-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve Mayor Hunter to send a letter on behalf of Council to the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission as discussed.

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

Motion Carried

Res. 536-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To accept the Alberta Municipalities update as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	X	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Х	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	X	

Motion Carried

Res. 537-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To approve Mayor Hunter to add the clarifying statement on the envelope that contains the personnel letter as discussed.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter		Χ
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Windsor		X
Motion Carried		

Councillor Windsor left the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

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Res. 538-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

That Council approve that legal counsel be engaged for consultation and resolution as discussed.

	FOR	OPPOSED	
Mayor Hunter	X		
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ		
Councillor Baswick	X		
Councillor Moore	Χ		
Councillor Windsor	Χ		
Motion Carried			

14. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 539-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adjourn the September 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner