

Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Budget Meeting held on November 19, 2024 in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Mayor Rhonda Hunter

Deputy Mayor Curt Engel - Virtual

Councillor John Baswick Councillor Dorothy Moore Councillor Ethan Williams 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 November 19, 2024 Budget Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hunter announced she will be leaving the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Councillor Windsor, Alternate Deputy Mayor will assume the chair at that time.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Remove item 3.2 External Wage Grid Review – as per section 24 of the FOIP Act Move item 5. Reconvene to item 4, and Business will become item 5.

Res. 627-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adopt the November 19, 2024 Budget Meeting Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried

3. CLOSED MEETING

Res. 628-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To go into Closed Meeting for the following items at 6:01 p.m. for the following items:

- Cost of Living Adjustment as per section 24 of the FOIP Act
- Water Transmission Line/Water for Life Grant Application as per section 25 of the FOIP Act

Motion Carried

4. RECONVENE

Res. 629-24

MOVED By Councillor Williams

To return to Open Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Res. 630-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the Cost of Living Adjustment discussion as information.

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

Res. 631-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To accept the Water Transmission Line/Water for Life Grant Application as information.

	FOR	OPPOSEI
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Χ	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Williams	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

Motion Carried

5. **BUSINESS**

5.1 Community Group Funding Requests

Deputy Mayor Engel left the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and returned at 6:39 p.m.

Res. 632-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the 2025 Library operating grant totaling \$276,867, based on the population of Mountain View County Recreation and Culture Area for Rural Didsbury of 2,336 residents: which is approximately \$45.82 per capita for Didsbury and \$19.08 per capita for Mountain View County.

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

Motion Carried

Res. 633-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To approve funding for the Didsbury and District Historical Society Didsbury Museum 2025 operating grant of \$37,440.

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

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Res. 634-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve funding for the Didsbury Lions Club Community Bus 2025 operating grant of \$12,000.

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

Motion Carried

5.2 Updated Municipal Enforcement Vehicle Replacement Score Card

Res. 635-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To accept the scorecard for the municipal enforcement vehicle as information.

	FOR	OPPOSEI
Mayor Hunter	Χ	
Deputy Mayor Engel	Х	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	X	
Councillor Williams	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	
Motion Carried		

5.3 Full Time Fire Chief Funding Allocations

Res. 636-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the full time fire chief funding allocations report as information.

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5.4 Valarosa Link Design

Res. 637-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To explore alternative design options for the Valarosa Link Pathway which would allow the project to:

- a. be located on Municipal Reserve;
- b. maintain the integrity of the existing natural environment as much as possible;
- c. explore the possibility of the pathway being accessible.

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

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5.5 Pathways and Trail Reserve Allocations

Res. 638-24

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To include an additional \$45,000 for the transfer to the Pathway and Trails Reserve in the 2025 draft operating budget.

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

Mayor Hunter left the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and transferred the chair to Alternate Deputy Mayor Councillor Windsor.

5.6 2025 Draft Capital Budget

Res. 639-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To accept the 2025 draft capital budget report as information.

	FOR	OPPOSED
Mayor Hunter	Sept. Mary	
Deputy Mayor Engel	X	
Councillor Baswick	Χ	
Councillor Moore	Χ	
Councillor Williams	Χ	
Councillor Windsor	Χ	

Motion Carried

5.7 2025 Draft Operating Budget

Res. 640-24

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

That information to improve the sound system in Council Chambers be brought back for consideration to the 2025 budget.

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Motion Carried

Res. 641-24

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To accept the 2025 draft operating budget report as information.

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

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 642-24

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adjourn the November 19, 2024 Budget Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor - Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner