



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
July 13, 2021
Held in Council Chambers

The regular meeting of Council for the Town of Didsbury was held in Council Chambers located at 1606 14 Street on Tuesday, July 13, 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. Gorner
Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer, A. Riley
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, C. Fox
Director of Community Services, N. Aasen
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

Mayor Hunter requested item 7.2 Statement from Regional Mayors and Reeves on COVID-19 to be removed as the deadline has passed.

Res. 339-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS

DHS Scholarship Recipients

Mayor Hunter presented two of the three 2021 recipients of the Town of Didsbury – Didsbury High School Scholarship Award.

Nathan Cooper, MLA Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

MLA, Nathan Cooper brought greetings from the Province to Council and gave a constituency update.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 340-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to approve the June 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS - *No public hearings*

BYLAWS & POLICIES – *No bylaws or policies*

BUSINESS

Mountain View Seniors' Housing Golf Tournament

Res. 341-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the sponsorship of the Mountain View Seniors' Housing Annual Golf Tournament as a "Gold Sponsor" in the amount of \$2,000, and to send a "Mayor's Team" to represent the Town, to be funded from the Council budget surplus. **Carried**

Strategic Plan Status Update

Res. 342-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the Strategic Plan Status Update as information. **Carried**

Stop Sign Removal

Res. 343-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to send this item back to the Performance Evaluation Committee regarding the issues as discussed. **Carried**

The Local Democracy Pledge

Res. 344-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to include the Local Democracy Pledge in the 2021 Municipal Election Candidates Package. **Defeated**

New Resident Survey

Res. 345-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore for a New Resident survey to be undertaken by Administration. **Carried**

Letter of Thanks to Staff Sgt. Fournier

Res. 346-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel for the Mayor to send a letter and a small gift on behalf of Council to Staff Sgt. Fournier thanking him for his service to the Town and the Community. **Carried**

Additional Grant Funding

Res. 347-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to defer a decision on the additional Gas Tax Fund grant funding to the 2022 capital budget process. **Carried**

REPORTS

Councillor Crothers left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m.

CAO Report

Res. 348-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to have Administration explore options for a washroom in the Council Chambers. **Carried**

Res. 349-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for July 13, 2021 as information. **Carried**


Initials

Council Reports

Res. 350-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the Council Reports for July 13, 2021 as information.
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- Letters of Support for the RCMP
- Funding for Rural Municipalities – Town of Ponoka
- Bowden Daze Parade – July 17, 2021
- June 16, 2021 Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Notes
- June 16, 2021 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Notes
- Village of Caroline - Proclamation

Res. 351-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accepts the correspondence and information items presented as information.

Carried

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Council approved the administration of a New Resident Survey, to residents, which will give the Town important information on what attracts people to Didsbury, and will offer the Town a baseline for attraction.
- Council was pleased to have Councillor Crothers back at the meetings.
- Council was pleased to award the Town of Didsbury DHS Scholarship to three recipients, two of which were in attendance and were presented with a certificate and cheque. Council was impressed with the scholastic fortitude of the recipients.
- Council was pleased to meet with MLA Nathan Cooper and get his promise to advocate for Didsbury on their CFEP Grant Application for the library expansion and renovation project.
- Administration provided Council with a status update, on the outcomes of the Strategic Plan.
- Kudos were given to Administration and to the outside/Public Works employees for responding to an emergent situation late on a Friday afternoon. It was greatly appreciated.

GALLERY QUESTION PERIOD

Council heard questions from one member of the public.

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 352-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2, Sections 23 and 24 of the *FOIP Act* at 8:27 p.m.

Carried

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:

- E. Gerner, Chief Administrative Officer
- A. Riley, Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
- C. Fox, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure
- L. Smith, Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer

RECONVENE

Res. 353-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to come out of closed meeting at 9:45 p.m.


Initials

Carried

Res. 354-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to approve supporting Administration's application for the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for a downtown revitalization road project, to commit the matching funds for the grant and to provide a letter of support for the project.

Carried

Res. 355-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to approve commencement of expropriation of the property as discussed.

Carried


Res. 356-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to provide a press release outlining the conceptual floor plan and drawings of the library project which was included in the Community Facilities Enhancement Program (CFEP) Grant application.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 357-21 MOVED by Councillor Crothers to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of July 13, 2021 at 9:46 p.m.

Carried



Mayor – Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner