



**Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Operating Budget Meeting
Held in Council Chambers at 1606 - 14 Street
March 17, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Council Members Present: Mayor Rhonda Hunter
Deputy Mayor Curt Engel
Councillor John Baswick
Councillor Joyce McCoy
Councillor Dorothy Moore
Councillor Ethan Williams
Councillor Bill Windsor

Administration Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner
ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen
Manager of Legislative Services/Recording Officer, Luana Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. 141-22

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Year End Reserves

Res. 142-22

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To allocate \$444,851.50 from the 2021 Surplus to the General Reserve.

Motion Carried

Res. 143-22

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To allocated the 2021 Surplus from the Wastewater Department to fund the water deficit.

The Water Reserve balance will remain at \$722,832 and the Wastewater Reserve will be \$1,331,388.

Motion Carried

3.2 Utility Rates

Res. 144-22

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

That 2022 Utility Charges be brought to the March 22, Regular Council Meeting for second and third reading of the Bylaw 2022-02 with the discussed revisions.

Motion Carried

3.3 Council Professional Development

Council was asked to review their Professional Development Plan and submit the changes to Administration prior to the next Budget Meeting.

3.4 Strategic Planning Consultants

Res. 145-22

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

That Mayor Hunter, Councillor Williams and Councillor Windsor form an Ad hoc Committee to explore the Strategic Planning Consultants with recommendations to be presented at the March 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

Motion Carried

3.5 Special Project Listing

Res. 146-22

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

That the Operating Budget Special Project Listing items 2 to 5, be referred to the Strategic Plan Workshop.

Motion Carried

3.6 Items for Consideration

Library Funding

Discussed funding framework to be brought back at a later date.

Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

Council discussed Council foregoing a COLA increase in 2022.

Council will bring back the discussion of COLA at the next Operating Budget Meeting.

4. Next Operating Budget Meeting

Res. 147-22

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To set the following dates for Operational Budget Meeting:

March 24 and 31, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 148-22

MOVED by Councillor Williams

To adjourn the Operating Budget Meeting of March 17, 2022 at 7:36 p.m.

Motion Carried


Mayor- Rhonda Hunter


Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner