



Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Regular Council Meeting
August 24, 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, August 24, 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: 9.9 ZEMC Make a Wheel Difference Event
12.3 Advice from Officials

Remove: 3.2 RCMP 1st Quarter Report

Res. 361-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Economic Development & Strategic Operations Coordinator – Alexandra Ross

CAO, Ethan Gerner introduced Economic Development & Strategic Operations Coordinator Alexandra (Alexa) Ross

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Res. 362-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the July 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

Res. 363-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to approve the July 14, 2021 Joint Public Hearing with Mountain View County Minutes as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS - No public hearings

EG

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Bylaw 2021-09 Council Code of Conduct

Res. 364-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to grant First Reading to Bylaw 2021-09 Council Code of Conduct, and that it be referred to the Policy & Governance Committee for review.

Carried

Bylaw 2021-08 Didsbury/Mountain View County Intermunicipal Development Plan

Res.365-21 MOVED by Councillor Poggemiller to grant Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 2021-08 Town of Didsbury/Mountain View County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Carried

BUSINESS

Face-to-Face Opportunity to Meet with Minister of Municipal Affairs

Res. 366-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore that a response be sent to the Minister offering to meet outside of AUMA at a location convenient for him to discuss Infrastructure, Election Issues, and Code of Conduct requirements.

Carried

New RCMP Agreement Costs

Res. 367-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel that Council send a letter to the Minister of Public Safety Canada, Bill Blair, stressing that any retroactive pay increase for the RCMP that has been negotiated by the Federal Government must be paid by the Federal Government and not be downloaded onto Canadian municipalities that are served by the RCMP.

Carried

Councillor Crothers left the meeting at 7:14 p.m. and returned at 7:17 p.m.

REPORTS

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

- a) Overview of Election Process (Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services)
- b) Summer Market (Alexa Ross, Economic Development Officer)
- c) Engineering & Infrastructure Update (Craig Fox, Director)

Res. 368-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for August 24, 2021 as information.

Carried

Council Reports – Roundtable Verbal Reports made by Council members

Res. 369-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor that Administration examine the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission Membership Agreement with other member municipalities exploring the validity of providing recycling services.

Carried

Res. 370-21 MOVED by Councillor Engel to accept the Council Reports for August 24, 2021 as information.

Carried



Initials

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Res. 371-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore that a letter of thanks along with photos of projects be sent to the Provincial Government for the grants the Town of Didsbury has received.

Carried

Res. 372-21 MOVED by Councillor Moore to accept the correspondence and information items presented as information:

- Letter to Town of Didsbury Council from ISDAB Members
- MPC Minutes for June 9, 2021
- Municipal Affairs – GTF & Senate Election & Referendum
- Town of Claresholm – RCMP Retroactive Pay & Code of Conduct
- Didsbury & District Historical Museum – Operating Funding & Scarecrow Event
- Nathan Cooper – Letter of Support for Didsbury Library Project
- Crowsnest Pass – Bill C-21 Changes to Criminal Code and the Firearms Act
- CP Rail Interim Extreme Weather Fire Risk Mitigation Plan
- ZEMC Bethany Kids – Make a Wheel Difference

Carried

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

- Appreciation expressed for the newest member of the Town of Didsbury Administration, Economic Development & Strategic Operations Coordinator Alexandra Ross. Ms. Ross was welcomed.
- Appreciation expressed for Administration for a thorough CAO report, specifically focusing on the 2nd Quarter Financial Statements.
- Skateboard park project is concluding and are looking forward to seeing it being enjoyed by the youth of the community.
- Council granted first reading to the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw. The Policy & Governance Committee will review the bylaw prior to it being brought back for second and third reading.
- Appreciation expressed to Public Works who had a very busy summer with many projects, which were well done.
- Council watched a demonstration on automated voting machines, which are going to be used in the upcoming Municipal Election in October.
- Inter Municipal Development Plan between the Town of Didsbury and Mountain View County has been adopted.
- Importance of ensuring the communication to the Federal and Provincial leaders regarding the RCMP as the choice for police in Alberta as well as ensuring municipalities are not on the hook for the retroactive pay for RCMP, as municipalities were not included in the negotiations. AUMA will continue to advocate for these issues on our behalf.

GALLERY QUESTION PERIOD

Council heard from three members of the public.

CLOSED MEETING

Res. 373-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to go into closed meeting in accordance with Division 2, Sections 23 and 24 of the *FOIP Act* at 8:06 p.m.

Carried

The following staff attended the closed meeting session with Council:

E. Gorner, Chief Administrative Officer

A. Riley, Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer

RECONVENE

Res. 374-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to come out of closed meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Carried

Res. 375-21 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Windsor for the Mayor to proceed with writing a letter, upon approval from FX Producers to invite the appropriate members of the Provincial Government to tour the old fire hall that has been renovated for the film project.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 376-21 MOVED by Councillor Baswick to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of August 24, 2021 at 8:59 p.m.

Carried

Mayor – Rhonda Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner