



**Meeting Minutes of the Town of Didsbury
Operating Budget Meeting
Held in Council Chambers at 1606 - 14 Street
March 5, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

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

Council Members Absent Councillor Joyce McCoy

Administration Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gerner
ACAO/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Riley
Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Craig Fox
Director of Community Services, Nicole Aasen
Kelsey Hawkins, Municipal Finance Intern/Recording Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hunter called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. 095-22

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Capital Budget Items

Res. 096-22

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

That Administration bring back a project report on the proposed 23 Street North Resurfacing Project.

Motion Carried

Res. 097-22

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To use the current Trails Reserve balance, sitting at \$165,000, to fund the Deer Coulee/Cemetery Pathway (Alternative 2).

Motion Carried

Res. 098-22

MOVED by Councillor Baswick

To fund the purchase of the Columbarium with future Columbarium sales (Alternative 3).

Motion Carried

3.2 Special Operating Projects

Res. 099-22

Moved by Councillor Moore

To have Administration bring back Special Projects in a Council prioritization plan.

Motion Carried

3.3 External Funding

Res. 100-22

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve \$4,000 from the Community Grant Program to assist the 5-0 Club with utility expenses as per their request.

Motion Carried

Res. 101-22

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To approve \$4,000 from the Community Grant Program to assist the Didsbury & District Historical Society Funding request.

Motion Carried

3.4 Service Level Review

Res. 102-22

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To direct Administration to provide data and include cost comparisons regarding the existing overtime wage and salary costs with the existing shift schedule to be measured against/compared with the proposed Public Work Level of Service change for budget discussion.

Motion Carried

Res. 103-22

MOVED by Councillor Windsor

To direct Administration to bring back cost comparisons for existing budgeted contracted planning services to be measured against/compared with the cost to hire a professional planning officer for our municipality and staff complement.

Motion Carried

3.5 Council Projects

Res. 104-22

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To direct Administration to bring back the following projects:

- Canada Day Special Event;
- Add Bathroom to Council Chambers; and
- Council Professional Development Budget for future discussion and decision.

Motion Carried

Res. 105-22

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Engel

To direct Administration to bring back references for Strategic Planning Consultants, Rynic Strategic Solutions, WCS and Westwind Management.

Motion Carried

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Res. 106-22

MOVED by Councillor Moore

To adjourn the Operating Budget Meeting of March 5, 2022 at 4:53 p.m.

Motion Carried



Mayor- Rhonda Hunter



Chief Administrative Officer- Ethan Gorner