Minutes of the Town of Didsbury Regular Council Meeting held on September 29, 2026 in Council Chambers 1606 14 Street Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Mayor Chris Little
Councillor Curt Engel
Councillor Troy Lambert
Councillor Norm Quantz
Councillor Will Stevens

Council Members Absent Councillor Irwin Mahon
Deputy Mayor Bob Murray

Administration Present Chief Administrative Officer, Vanessa Van der Meer
Executive Assistant, Ty Tomasta
Legislative Assistant, Leonie Becker
Director of Corporate Services, Amanda Riley
Director of Public Works & Infrastructure, Shawn Persad
Development Officer, Lee-Ann Gaudette
Communications Coordinator, Lisa Bastarache

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Little called the September 29, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
Res. 335-26
Moved by Councillor Engel
That Council adopt the September 29, 2026 Regular Council Meeting with the following additions:
8.7 – Council Meeting Calendar Amendments;
8.8 – Canada 150 Legacy Moose Artwork;
12.1 – Personnel Policy Amendments - Section 29 of the ATIA - Advice to Elected Officials.
Motion Carried

3. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
Res. 336-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
That Council receive the Q1 2026-2026 Community Policing Report Package as presented.
Motion Carried

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Res. 337-26
MOVED by Councillor Quantz
That Council adopt the September 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.
Motion Carried

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6. **FINANCE REPORT**

7. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

8. **BUSINESS**

Res. 338-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
That Council approve the allocation of up to $50,000 from the Wastewater Reserve for the sole-source procurement and installation of a replacement P2 pump at the Didsbury Wastewater Lagoon through Sterling Power Systems Inc.
Motion Carried

Res. 339-26
MOVED by Councillor Quantz
That Council accept the Q2 Action Request Report for the period of April 1 to June 30 as presented.
Motion Carried

Res. 340-26
MOVED by Councillor Stevens
That Council approve the extension of the Safety Codes Services Agreement for an additional three year term.
Motion Carried

Res. 341-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
That Council accept the *Municipal Positions Regarding the October 19 Referendum* report as information and reaffirm their statement that the Town of Didsbury takes no position on any question in the October 19, 2026 provincial referendum; that Council believes decisions on referendum questions belong to individual electors, made freely and without coercion from their local government; that Council believes municipal councils should remain neutral on referendum questions to represent all residents equally; and that Council encourages all eligible electors in Didsbury to vote on October 19, 2026.
Motion Carried

Res. 342-26
MOVED by Councillor Lambert
That Council maintain the existing ATCO gas franchise percentage at 25% and the existing Fortis Alberta Franchise Fee percentage at 17% for the 2027 calendar year.

Motion Carried

Res 343-26
Moved by Councillor Quantz
That council move into a 10 minute recess at 7:20 p.m.
Motion Carried

Res. 344-26
MOVED by Councillor Stevens
That Council approve the Butte Reservoir Generator Electrical Integration and Smart Controls Communications and Programming project for a maximum of up to $175,000 funded from the Water Reserve.
Motion Carried

Res. 345-26
MOVED by Councillor Stevens
That Council amend the 2025-2026 Council Calendar as presented;
AND
That Council cancel the October 27, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting;
AND
That Council set the new meeting date as November 3, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting.
Motion Carried

Res. 346-26
MOVED by Councillor Quantz
That Council direct administration to coordinate with Council and the Public Works department to remove, photograph/document, and relocate/install the Canada 150 Legacy Moose Artwork in appropriate parks and public spaces throughout Didsbury.
Motion Carried

9. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

10. **QUESTION PERIOD**

11. **CLOSED MEETING**

Res. 347-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
That Council move to Closed Session at 7:58 for the following items:

12.1 Personnel Policy Amendments - Section 29 of the ATIA - Advice to Elected Officials

Motion Carried

12. **RECONVENE**

Res. 348-26
MOVED by Councillor Engel
That Council return to the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:08 p.m.
Motion Carried

Res. 349-26
MOVED by Councillor Stevens
That Council approve the amendment to Human Resources Policy 004, section 6.2.2 as presented.
Motion Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 350-26
MOVED by Councillor Lambert
That Council adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Motion Carried

Mayor - Chris Little

Chief Administrative Officer
Vanessa Van der Meer