

**Minutes of the regular Council Meeting  
Held in the Village of Duchess Council room  
April 20, 2015– 7:00pm**

**MOTIONS**

**Councillors present:** Mayor Bruce Snape, Councillor Tony Steidel  
Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl, Councillor Darren Drader &  
Councillor Shannyn Creary – 7:35

**Staff present:** Yvonne Cosh, Kent Torkelson & Sharon Zacharias

025/15            **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the  
Regular meeting of Council held on March 16, 2015.  
Carried

026/15            **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the  
Special meeting of Council held on March 26, 2015.  
Carried

027/15            **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to adopt the agenda.  
Carried

**Visitors:**

Jeff Benson – JMH - 7:15

Jeff Benson presented the Financial statements and answered  
specific questions posed by Councillors.

028/15            **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to accept the financial statements  
as they are presented by Jeff Benson of JMH.  
Carried

Kevin Carlson – BRK – 7:45

Kevin presented a proposal for fitness equipment for the  
Recreation Centre.

Theresa Walls, Charlene Godfrey and Lorne – 8:30

Theresa attended Council asking for a variance to the Land Use  
Bylaw to build an addition on her home at 227 Centre Street.  
Council will not allow a variance to the front setback of 25ft. PW  
will locate the property pins and make sure that the homeowners  
measurements are correct. Additions that comply with the LUB  
and the residential building code will be allowed. (filed)

**Committee Reports**

\* a copy of submitted meeting minutes will be retained at the  
Village office.

1. Newell Foundation \* General discussion
2. Dutchess Library – The COW bus is coming to the Dutchess library.
3. Shortgrass Library – update
4. FCSS –
5. Regional Landfill – general discussion
6. 911 – The Board had a tour to the new tower site.
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation – Still flushing lines
8. Fire – Patricia truck is scheduled to be delivered April 28<sup>th</sup>.
9. Agricultural Society – general update
10. Canadian Badlands – Veteran is holding the long lunch this year. AGM. Barry Morishita is the new Chair
11. Recreation Parks Cultural - May 21<sup>st</sup>.
13. EXPO – Rolling Hills supper
14. Recreation Centre – General discussions.

**Councillor Drader:** 8:50pm excused himself for the next discussion item.

Rod Drader of Safeblu Fire and Safety Services has submitted a bid to install a fire suppression system in the Rec Centre kitchen. The equipment will be a donation to the Centre with the professional installment as the costs submitted. (filed)

029/15

**Mayor Snape:** Motioned to accept the bid as submitted by Safeblu Fire and Safety Services.

Carried

**Councillor Drader** rejoined the Council meeting at 8:55 pm.

15. Mayor & Reeves - cancelled
16. Regional Transportation –

**Old Business:**

The Regional Wastewater Assessment and the Regional Infrastructure Master plan applications have been declined. The Dutchess School no longer needs the Village's contribution to their reading program.

The Fortis Agreement has gone through the AUC's advertising process, with no concerns.

030/15

**Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to pass second reading of Bylaw 460/15 the Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement.

Carried

031/15 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned to pass third and final reading of Bylaw 460/15 the Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement.

Carried

**New Business:**

032/15 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned for approval of cheques 12888 – 12925 = \$ 76,880.04 and cheques 12926 – 12937 = \$ 329,952.59 for a total of \$ 406,832.63.

Carried

033/15 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned that Council will appoint Todd Green, Holly White, Will Schapp, Kim Fleming, Harold Forrest, Chelsey Krause, Catherine Christensen, Cianna Slenders and Rae Neeley as Inspectors for the Village of Duchess pursuant to Section 7 of the Weed Control Act, and furthermore that this appointment ceases at the time their employment ceases with the County of Newell

Carried

Council declined the proposal from Craig Baird for a video production.

**Verbal or Written Reports:**

**Community Peace Officers:** John Nesbitt - report is filed

**Public Works:** Kent Torkelson

Spring maintenance is ongoing in the parks and cemetery.

**CAO:** Yvonne Cosh

Yvonne will meet with Julie Friesen in May to complete our planning document.

**Financial:** Sharon Zacharias

A finalized budget and mill rate was presented to Council. Questions were asked and answered. No changes were requested.

034/15 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to accept the 2015 Budget as it is presented.

Carried

035/15      **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to accept first reading of Bylaw 461/15 A Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Duchess for the 2015 taxation year.

Carried

036/15      **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to accept second reading of Bylaw 461/15 A Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Duchess for the 2015 taxation year.

Carried

037/15      **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to proceed with third and final reading of Bylaw 461/15 A Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Duchess for the 2015 taxation year.

Carried

038/15      **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to accept third and final reading of Bylaw 461/15 A Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Duchess for the 2015 taxation year.

Carried

039/15      **Councillor Creary:** motioned to go "in camera" at 9:37pm.

Carried

040/15      **Councillor Steidel:** motioned to come "out of camera" at 9:53pm.

Carried

Adjourned 10:20 pm

Next Council meeting Tuesday May 19th, 2015 @ 7pm

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Mayor/Councillor

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Administrator