

**Minutes of the regular Council Meeting
Held in the Village of Dutchess Council room
August 18, 2015– 7:00pm**

MOTIONS

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

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh, Kent Torkelson & Sharon Zacharias

061/15 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the
Regular meeting of Council held on July 6, 2015.
Carried

062/15 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried

Visitors

7:30 -Ray Juska attended Council to address the Memorandum
of Understanding that was sent from Brownlee LLP from SAEWA.
Ray explained the agreement and answered questions from
Council.

063/15 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to accept and sign the SAEWA
Memorandum of Understanding that was received via Brownlee
LLP.
Carried

Committee Reports

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

1. Newell Foundation *
2. Duchess Library
3. Shortgrass Library
4. FCSS
5. Regional Landfill – Councillor Steidel gave a general update.
6. 911
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation – the AGM is Sept 16th.
8. Fire – Will start the budget process soon.
9. Agricultural Society
10. Canadian Badlands
11. Recreation Parks Cultural
13. EXPO
14. Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre was hired as the Coordinator at the Rec Centre. Part time staff has also been hired. Sharon presented a financial update for the RC.
15. Mayor & Reeves
16. Regional Transportation
17. Tourism Visioning – Councillor Creary has received a report from Darlis.

Old Business:

064/15

Mayor Snape: Motioned to accept the cheque listing from July that needed revising cheques 13074 – 13144 totaling \$116,056.23.

Carried

After a review of the submitted proposal, Councillors did not accept the Infrastructure Plan that had been submitted by BSEI. They would like to have a look at some other ideas.

New Business:

065/15

Councillor Steidel: Motioned to accept the cheque listing as submitted cheques 13146 – 13237 totaling \$1,672,463.02.

Carried

A letter submitted requesting shrubs around the holding pond was discussed. This area will be looked at in the spring by PW.

The Gas Tax allocation is \$52,004

The Laura Place Lift Station project was turned down for funding through the Small Communities Funding Program.

066/15

Councillor Drader: Motioned to sign the request from the City of Red Deer allowing Alberta Health Services to access our GIS information.

Carried

Councillors would like Administration to check with the Brooks Women's Shelter to see if a used cell phone drop off location would benefit them.

We received grant funding through Western Economic Diversification Canada. This grant is a \$33,000 – 50/50 grant.

Verbal or Written Reports:

Community Peace Officers: John Nesbitt - report is filed

Public Works: Kent Torkelson

Ron Torkelson is asking for costs to hook into the VOD sewer line for the Norseman building which is the "old Lutes" building. PW/Admin will look into prior agreements and find costs associated with prior hook ups.

George McKenzie has enquired about building a home on the VOD easement for the raw water line from Rock Lake. Council is not willing to dissolve this easement, George will need to look at relocating on the property should he decide to build.

Kent will get an estimate for grooming the dirt piles in the South field.

CAO: Yvonne Cosh – general update

Financial: Sharon Zacharias – general update

Sharon left the meeting @ 9pm

067/15 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to go “in camera” at 9:00pm
Carried

068/15 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned to come out of “camera” at 9:28pm.
Carried

Adjourned 9:35 pm

Tax Arrears Auction September 21st @ 6:00 pm at the Village of
Duchess Office.

Next Council meeting September 21st , @ 7:00 pm

Mayor/Councillor

Administrator