

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
February 27, 2017 – 7:00pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

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Councillors present: Mayor Bruce Snape
Councillor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl

Councillors absent Councillor Shannyn Rus
Councillor Darren Drader

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW
Sharon Zacharias

Mayor Bruce Snape called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motions

010-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on February 20, 2017 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

011-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on February 27, 2017 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

012-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried Unanimous

Sharon Zacharias presented her financial update, updated on yearend, answered all questions and a brief discussion followed regarding budget timing and meeting requirements.

Sharon left the Council meeting at 7:50pm.

Board and Committee Reports *a copy of submitted reports will be retained in the office.

Newell Foundation & Housing – life lease update

Dutchess Library – Dutchess library is working on policy updates.

Shortgrass Library - policy updates

FCSS – April 21st is the Citizen of the Year award night

Regional Landfill

911

Newell Regional Service Corporation –

Fire – Duches Councillors will meet with County Councillors to discuss the fire agreement.

Ag Society

Canadian Badlands – Canadian Badlands conference is on March 15-17 in Brooks. Councillor Rus and Yvonne Cosh will attend.

Recreation Parks Cultural

EXPO – Honoring Brooks supper is in Scandia on April 8th.

Mayor & Reeves

Joint Services

Newell Transportation Logistics Project

Palliser Economic Partnership

Intermunicipal Meeting

Old Business

The underground replacement of water and sewer lines on Railway Avenue was discussed. In 2018 Alberta Transportation will be doing a 20 year overlay on highway 550 from highway 36 to highway 873. This overlay will consist of cold milling 60mm of road and adding 100mm of new asphalt from curb to curb. Problem areas will be dug deeper and fixed and the manholes and valves will be adjusted.

At that time Council talked about the possible replacement of the Duches underground lines. This item will continue to be discussed during budget talks.

New Business

013-17 Councillor Steidel motioned for approval of cheques as presented MIG cheques 14713 & 14714 totaling \$15066.57 and Muniware cheques 14713 – 14739 totaling \$28042.33 for a grand total of \$ 43108.90 .

Carried Unanimous

The Census number was received and the Village of Duchess has 1085 residents. Small Town Saturday Night contest was discussed. Tina Preston has initiated this project and Council will support her in the bid to win the competition.

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt - attached

Public Works – Kent Torkelson

After a meeting with the EID, Rock Lake will need to be dismantled this summer.

Spraying and weed control will be contracted out locally this year.

Gerry Fortier submitted the year end water report.

Paul has started the process to be certified for water distribution.

CAO – Yvonne Cosh

Brownlee presentation was shared. MGA amendments were discussed.

Possible Canada 150 projects will be discussed.

The City of Brooks is holding a procurement session that Duchess will attend.

Kent Torkelson left the Council meeting at 9:12 pm.

014-17 Mayor Snape motioned to go "in camera" @ 9:12pm

015-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to come "out of camera" @ 9:45pm

Meeting sheets were handed in

Adjourn 10:10 pm

Budget meeting April 10, 2017 @ 7pm

Next Council meeting April 18, 2017 @6pm

Mayor Bruce Snape

CAO Yvonne Cosh