

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
May 15, 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
Sharon Zacharias 7:00 – 8:10pm

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

Motions

026-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on April 18, 2017 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

027-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried Unanimous

The first order of business was to accept the written resignation of Councillor Shannyn Rus.

028-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to appoint Mayor Snape as a replacement representative on the Newell 911 board following Councillor Rus' resignation.
Carried Unanimous

Representation on Councillor Rus' other boards will be as available from the remaining Councillors as they are able. The meeting dates will be made available to all Councillors. Daytime meetings may have to be covered by CAO Cosh.

Financial – Sharon Zacharias

Sharon presented a finalized budget and a tax rate breakdown for review and discussion.

029-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to approve the Capital and Operating Budget for 2017 as presented.

Carried Unanimous

030-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to approve first reading of the 2017 Tax Rate Bylaw # 468-17.

Carried Unanimous

031-17 Mayor Snape motioned to approve second reading of the 2017 Tax Rate Bylaw # 468-17.

Carried Unanimous

032-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to continue with third and final reading of the 2017 Tax Rate Bylaw #468-17.

Carried Unanimous

033-17 Councillor Dahl motioned for third and final reading of the 2017 Tax Rate Bylaw # 468-17.

Carried Unanimous

Sharon left the meeting at 8:10pm

Old Business

Tina Preston is operating a Duchess Events page independent of the Duchess Office. She will post events that are happening in the area that are of interest to all residents. She has made it very clear that this page is not the Village office. We will work closely with Tina to populate the page with anything that the office has happening.
ACP Grant update.

New Business

Duchess Council will send their regrets to Grasslands School Division in regards to the joint meeting they proposed as it is during the daytime and all the Duchess Councillors are employed during daytime hours and cannot attend.

The MSI funding update letter was presented and the MOA was signed.

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

1. Newell Foundation & Housing * The Bassano hospital project has officially been turned down with no real explanation.
2. Duchess Library – working on policies and plan of service.
3. Shortgrass Library *
4. FCSS
5. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority – general update
6. 911 – Mayor Snape was nominated to be our representative replacing Councillor Rus
7. Newell Regional Service Corporation
8. Fire * A letter was received from the County of Newell terminating our current fire agreement. A date will need to be set to discuss a new agreement.
9. Ag Society
10. Canadian Badlands
11. Recreation Parks Cultural
12. EXPO
13. Mayor & Reeves
14. Joint Services
15. Newell Transportation Logistics Project
16. Palliser Economic Partnership *

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt - attached

Public Works – Kent Torkelson

- New Line Trenchless Technologies is not able to line potable water lines.
- We have hired 2 students for the summer. Dawson Plett and Brent Rommens
- Mowing and maintenance are full steam ahead for PW
- Alley cleanup will be the week of May 23 – 29th
- Park inspections are complete and went very well this year with minimal repairs to be made

CAO – Yvonne Cosh

- Regional Wastewater Collection and Treatment Study – this will be presented at the next Joint Services meeting
- CAO meeting update
- Tax bills will go out this Thursday or Friday
- Volunteer week update – 100
- FCSS survey for Quality of Life is currently in progress
- Streetlight update
- Unsightly

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre

Sara's written report was handed out as information.

Councillor Dahl left the Council Chambers at 9:15pm

034-17 Mayor Snape motioned to go in camera at 9:15pm

035-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to come out of camera at 9:25pm

Councillor Dahl rejoined Council at 9:26pm

Meeting sheets were handed in

Adjourn 9:35pm

Next Council meeting June 19, 2017 @7pm

Mayor Bruce Snape

CAO Yvonne Cosh