

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
December 18, 2017 – 7:00pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Councillor Bruce Snape
Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley
Councillor Ryan Kiedrowski
Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Motions

088-17 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on November 20, 2017 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

089-17 Councillor Snape motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried Unanimous

090-17 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to close the meeting for a confidential item @ 7:10 pm – FOIP Division 2 section 17.

091-17 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to re-open the Council meeting @ 7:15pm.

Sharon Zacharias joined the council meeting @7:15 - 7:40

Kent Torkelson joined the council meeting @7:25

Sharon presented an updated financial statement for Council.

092-17 Mayor Steidel motioned to adopt the 2017 budget for interim use in 2018.
Carried Unanimous

New Business

093-17 Councillor Snape motioned for approval for the cheque listing 15559 - 15705 equaling \$ 249,434.34 and automatic payments 990076-990084 equaling \$16,728.31 for a total of \$266,162.65.

Carried Unanimous

Newell Further Education will attend Council in January.

094-17 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned That whereas the County of Newell plans to make application under the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Program to obtain sufficient funding to have all partnering municipalities Intermunicipal & Municipal Development Plans updated and completed as well as each Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement and further that the CAO's or a designate of each municipal partner be appointed to sit on the Project Administration/ Steering Committee with the County of Newell as the Grant Administrator for the project. Therefore be it resolved, that the Village of Duchess supports the County of Newell Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application for \$200,000 to complete and or update all required municipal planning documents as well as Intermunicipal Collaboration Agreements required to meet the new changes in provincial legislation.

Carried Unanimous

Councillor Reid Mickler spoke with Ed Mattheis about a historical trail concept he has that would start at the Duchess Golf Course and end at the Matziwin Creek, on his land. He would like a general agreement from Duchess Council endorsing the concept. Council was in favor of this venture, although the land involved is not within the Village boundaries.

095-17 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to sign the engagement letter with JMH for auditor services.

Carried Unanimous

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

1. Newell Foundation & Housing * general update. Trying to get the CAO of AHS to come and look at the health centre.
2. Duchess Library * had their Christmas Dinner. Talked of fundraising ideas. Draft budget presented.

096-17 Mayor Steidel motioned to appoint the Duchess Library Board Members as presented. Karyn Jones – chair, Brenda Owen – secretary, Charmaine Loewen – treasurer, Yvonne Cosh, Amy Dyck, Ryan Kiedrowski & Lorraine Samis – Board members.

Carried Unanimous

3. Shortgrass Library

4. FCSS – general update Clarence Amulung is once again the Chair

097-17 Councillor Snape motioned to appoint Tina Preston as the Member at Large for the FCSS board.

Carried Unanimous

5. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority – general update – energy from waste was discussed.

6. 911 – the AFFRACS radios continue to be a discussion point. The current proposed radios did not work as good as hoped...they have a new product to test and will continue until they find the best radio for the job. 911 had set aside \$92,000 to contribute to the purchase of radios when a product is selected.

7. Newell Regional Service Corporation – ROW transfers have been completed. The water rate increases this year to \$0.85/cubic metre in 2018.

8. Fire - Gordon Musgrove has resigned as Fire Chief in Patricia.

9. Ag Society – the Gala is set for January. Raffle tickets are out and for sale. There are cosmetic fixes being done at the arena. Financially the Ag Society seems to be doing a bit better, but they plan to continue improving.

10. Canadian Badlands *

11. Recreation Parks Cultural

12. EXPO

13. Mayor & Reeves

14. Joint Services * - Economic Development – incubator opened in Brooks. Energy feasibility study – branding update – RHPAP award and conference – shop local campaign – budget review and the medieval village presentation

15. Newell Transportation Logistics Project

16. Palliser Economic Partnership *

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt – attached

Public Works – Kent Torkelson

The lagoon repairs are well on their way. The dirt work was started and the repair is going good. The coming snow may slow down progress but Kent is happy so far with the gains. The sewer lift station by Thom's has been upgraded with a new electrical panel and controls.

There was discussion in regards to lift station maintenance.

Kent Torkelson left Council at 9:06

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre – report attached

CAO - Yvonne Cosh

098-17 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to approve the list of documents to be shredded as attached.

Carried Unanimous

The Fortis presentation was discussed and attached.

The Brownlee Emerging Trends in Municipal Law day is February 8, 2018.

099-17 Mayor Steidel motioned to close the meeting for a confidential item @ 9.06 pm – FOIP section 21.

Sharon Zacharias left the meeting @ 10:03pm

100-17 Councillor Snape motioned to re-open the Council meeting @ 10:16pm.

101-17 Councillor Steinley indicated that Council has discussed any pecuniary conflict that may exist between Mayor Steidel and his wife Vicki Steidel - Admin Assistant and have found after extensive review, that there is no conflict. Therefore Councillor Steinley motions that this matter be put to rest and not to be brought back to Council.

Carried Unanimous

Meeting sheets were handed in
Adjourn 10:40pm

Intermunicipal Meeting in Rosemary December 20, 2017 @ 6:00pm
Next Council meeting January 15, 2018 @ 7pm

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh