

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
September 18, 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 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

055-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on August 21, 2017 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

056-17 Councillor Steidel made the motion to excuse Councillor Darren Drader from this council meeting as he is away for work.
Carried Unanimous

057-17 Mayor Snape motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried Unanimous

Financial

A written financial update was presented for information.

058-17 Mayor Snape motioned to go in camera at 7:24

059-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to come out of camera 7:56

Sharon left the meeting at 7:57

Old Business

The tax arrears auction was successful in the sale of 218 Centre Street. Finalization will be handled through Orval Shantz' law office.

Preliminary floor plans were looked at for a new Administration office. Councillors would like to hold off until the new Council is sitting to make a final decision. Tender documents will be finalized to show to the new Council.

The Regional Enhancement Funding application will be presented to County of Newell Council on Monday by Y Cosh.

K Ramer has asked if Duchess will remove the caveat that is currently on her title in regards to the raw waterline that runs from Rock Lake to the Village of Duchess. Council discussed this and are agreeable if there is no cost to the Village and Ramers will release the Village of all obligations in regards to air relief valves, the water line and any other components of the water line. Council would like O Shantz to act on Duchess' behalf.

G McKenzie had also enquired about removing the caveat on his land in regards to the raw water line from Rock Lake. Council discussed this and is agreeable if there is no cost to the Village and McKenzie will release the Village of all obligations in regards to air relief valves, the water line and any other components of the water line. Council would like O Shantz to act on Duchess' behalf.

New Business

Nomination day was today and we received 6 set of nomination papers. Unless someone withdraws by noon tomorrow, we will have an election.

060-17 Councillor Steidel motioned for approval for the cheque listing 15305 - 15383 totaling \$ 68,843.84.

Carried Unanimous

Fire bills sent from the County will remain unpaid until the 2017 requisition is received.

Administration brought information in regards to the effect a franchise fee increase would have on residential bills for both ATCO and Fortis. Discussion followed that included

looking at the surrounding areas and the current rates.

061-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to increase the ATCO franchise fee from its current rate of 12.67% to 14.0% percent for 2018.

Carried

062-17 Mayor Snape motioned to increase the Fortis Franchise fee from its current rate of 14% to 15% for 2018

Bassano's small business week social invitation was given as information.

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

1. Newell Foundation & Housing – life leases are complete and a new manager has been hired
2. Dutchess Library – Susan Jensen has resigned as the chair of the library and been replaced with Karen Jones. The treasurer remains as Charmaine Loewen and the secretary is Brenda Owen.
3. Shortgrass Library
4. FCSS
5. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority * A letter was received that confirmed a 1.75% increase to the requisition for the next 3 years.
6. 911 – AFFRAC radios did not work in the County of Newell. There are still big concerns with these radios.
7. Newell Regional Service Corporation – General update. The AGM will be Sept 20th.
8. Fire - Councillors discussed the fire agreement and their intent to continue working with the County for a resolution
9. Ag Society - concerns with usage at the Community hall were raised as no one is checking immediately after an event is held. Discussion regarding the Ag Societies losing their base grant from the Government.
10. Canadian Badlands
11. Recreation Parks Cultural – A funding meeting will be held September 28
12. EXPO
13. Mayor & Reeves
14. Joint Services
15. Newell Transportation Logistics Project
16. Palliser Economic Partnership

The 95th annual Turkey Supper will be held October 16th. Administration has volunteered to supply the placemats this year and all three Councillors will commit to pouring coffee for the evening.

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt – attached

Public Works – Kent Torkelson

Rock Lake has been completely cleaned up with nothing of the Villages remaining. PW will seed the area before fall and have the EID confirm that they are satisfied with the area.

Overages on the Margaret Avenue project were discussed. The scope of this job increased with field fitting and large amounts of rain contributed to a much longer time frame. Kent has verified all the amounts, discussed the increases with BA and is satisfied that the costs are correct.

063-17 Mayor Snape motioned to pay the Brooks Asphalt bill for Margaret Avenue and to take the monies from reserves.

Carried

Street lighting on Margaret Avenue was discussed and will be put on hold for now. A residents remarks were conveyed to council. He does not want street lights and especially not in front of his home. He says no one on his street wants lights installed.

Crack filling will be scheduled. We will do 2-3 days and see what volume can be completed.

CAO – Yvonne Cosh
General update

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre - attached

064-17 Mayor Snape motioned to go “in camera” at 10:10pm

065-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to come “out of camera” at 10:14pm

Meeting sheets were handed in
Adjourn 10:20pm

Next Council meeting will be October 12th @ 7pm

**** Organizational meeting October 23rd @ 7pm **this may have to change as Bruce will be on holidays**

Mayor Bruce Snape

CAO Yvonne Cosh