

**Minutes of the regular Council Meeting  
Held in the Village of Dutchess Council room  
September 21, 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

069/15

**Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the  
Regular meeting of Council held on August 18, 2015.

Carried

070/15

**Councillor Creary:** Motioned to adopt the agenda.

Carried

● **No Visitors**

**Committee Reports**

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

1. Newell Foundation – Councillor Dahl gave a general update.
2. Dutchess Library
3. Shortgrass Library
4. FCSS
5. Regional Landfill – Budgeting will begin soon
6. 911
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation – The AGM was held.  
There are a few problems with Candoo and the bonding

company not covering \$77,000. A payment plan is being discussed.

8. Fire

9. Agricultural Society – General update

10. Canadian Badlands

11. Recreation Parks Cultural – Oct 1

13. EXPO – the Taste of Nations is Sept 26 and Oct 13 is a planning session

14. Recreation Centre

15. Mayor & Reeves –Linear funding was the main topic of discussion.

16. Tourism Visioning – Councillor Creary received a report That will be forwarded to all of Council.

071/15 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to go “in camera” at 7:28.

Carried

072/15 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to come “out of camera” at 7:47.

Carried

**Old Business:**

The tax arrears auction was cancelled as payments were received.

The Village office will accept donations of old cell phones for the Cantara Safe House to use for their clients. They also need casino workers.

**New Business:**

073/15 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned to accept the cheque listing as submitted cheques 13257 - 13300 totaling \$131,996.90.

Carried

074/15 **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to raise the Fortis Franchise fee to 14%.

Carried

075/15 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to charge cost plus 15% for any new Hookups to the Village of Duchess Water or Sewer infrastructure.

Carried

076/15 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to proceed with the Development application as received from K Lake's estate.

Carried

The ATCO gas franchise fee will be left as is at 12.67% for this coming year. It will be reviewed next year.

077/15 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to change the budget line "Contributed Revenues" from \$500,000 to \$0 , and then add a budget line "Transfers from Unrestricted Surplus" for \$500,000.

Carried

**Verbal or Written Reports:**

**Community Peace Officers:** John Nesbitt - report is filed

**Public Works:** Kent Torkelson

Thuro has jetted the sewer lines, with a few areas that Kent will have Thuro come back and do some further work on.

The sewer lagoon will be discharged on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

General update.

Kent will arrange for A Stinnessen to smooth out the excess soil In our South field.

**CAO:** Yvonne Cosh

Yvonne gave an update on the Bassano CAO meeting.

A wage and compensation review will be set up and this item will be tabled to October.

**Financial:** Sharon Zacharias – general update

078/15

**Mayor Snape:** Motioned to change the MSI Operating Revenue budget line “Infrastructure Plan” from \$59,965 to \$0, and then add a new MSI Operating Revenue budget line “Recreation Operations” for \$59,965.

Carried

**Recreation Centre:** Sara Coderre – A written report was Presented and reviewed.

Brooks Asphalt should be coming soon to paint the parking lot lines.

Usage by the Duchess School gym classes was discussed. Council would like to make the Rec Centre as accessible as possible for the school, so Yvonne and Sara will continue to discuss the usage and fees with the school.

Adjourned 10:05 pm

Next Council meeting Tuesday October 20th, @ 7:00 pm

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Mayor/Councillor

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Administrator