

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 2017 – 6:00pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

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Councillors present: Mayor Bruce Snape
Councillor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl
Councillor Darren Drader
Councillors absent: Councillor Shannyn Rus

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW
Sharon Zacharias 6:15 – 9:30

Mayor Bruce Snape called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motions

020-17 Councillor Drader motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on March 20, 2017 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

021-17 Councillor Steidel motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried Unanimous

Visitors:
6:15 Jeff Benson of JMH & Co. presented the audited financial statements.

022-17 Councillor Drader motioned to accept the audited financial statements as presented by Jeff Benson of JMH & Co.
Carried Unanimously

7:00 – 7:50pm Martin Shield – MP Bow River, attended Council. He spoke of concerns with the Councillors ranging from budget to marijuana legislation. A very informal conversation took place.

Financial – Sharon Zacharias

Sharon gave a financial update for the first quarter.

Capital projects for 2017 were discussed and operating budget numbers were discussed.

PW and Admin will continue to gather more information and costs. A budget meeting is scheduled for May 1st @ 6:30.

023-17 Councillor Dahl motioned to set a tax arrears auction date of September 15th.
Carried Unanimous

Sharon left the meeting at 9:30

New Business

024-17 Councillor Steidel motioned for approval of cheques as presented
cheques 14917 - 14951 totaling \$31,014.40.
Carried Unanimous

Councillors discussed a letter submitting offering to maintain a facebook page in the Village of Duchess' name. Councillors were in agreement that they did not want to initiate a fb page for Duchess at this time and that should one in the future start, it would be maintained by staff employed with the Village. They felt that the webpage was being utilized for events, also the LED sign and Visit Newell calendar site are available at all times for posting. They were open to a "friends of Duchess" type page that is independently run. They were also happy to have the office staff work with someone who would gather events and forward them to the office.

The ACP Grant info was presented as information.

025-17 Councillor Drader motioned that Nicole Skanderup, Cianna Slenders, Chelsey Krause, Catherine Christensen, Will Schaap, Harold Forrest, Darcy Fleming and Todd Green be appointed, under Section 7 of the Weed Control Act of Alberta, as Weed Inspectors within the Village of Duchess for the 2017 weed control season.
Carried Unanimous

Mayor Snape proclaimed May 21 – 27, 2017 as National Public Works Week within the Village of Duchess.

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

1. Newell Foundation & Housing
2. Duchess Library
3. Shortgrass Library
4. FCSS
5. Regional Landfill
6. 911
7. Newell Regional Service Corporation
8. Fire
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

Kent gave an update on the drainage project. The project included a line from the South end of Princess Park to the drainage pond on the School corner. This component was completed successfully. The project expanded with another line being added in the alley behind Margaret Ave and 2nd Street W. Kent felt that it was worthwhile to add this while the boring equipment was on site.

A date will be set in May for the annual alley cleanup and notification will go in the May newsletter and on the LED sign as well as the website.

CAO – Yvonne Cosh

Yvonne gave a brief summary of the AEMA session held at the County of Newell.

Marijuana legislation was passed out for information. Duchess will look for bylaws that have been drafted to address this issue.

Broadband continues to be a discussion point.

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre

Sara's written report was handed out as information.

Meeting sheets were handed in

Adjourn 10:00pm

Budget workshop May 1, 2017 @ 6:30pm

Next Council meeting Tuesday May 15, 2017 @7pm

Mayor Bruce Snape

CAO Yvonne Cosh