

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
April 23, 2018 – 7:00pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Councillor Ryan Kiedrowski
Councillor Tina Preston
Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley

Councillor Absent: Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Motions

026-18 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on March 19, 2018 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

027-18 Councillor Preston motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried Unanimous

At 7:07pm Jeff Benson – JMH Auditor and Sharon Zacharias joined the Council meeting. Jeff Benson presented a draft of the Audited financial statements.

028-18 Mayor Steidel motioned to accept the draft Audited financial statement as it was presented by Jeff Benson – Auditor JMH.
Carried Unanimous

Kole Steinley joined the Council meeting at 7:24
Jeff Benson left the Council meeting at 7:26

Sharon Zacharias gave a financial update and answered questions from Council. A brief discussion in regards to budget was had with the suggestion that a few scenarios be brought to council for the next budget meeting.

Sharon left the Council meeting at 7:48

Old Business

The Administration building plans have been cancelled through the APC website. Administration is looking for costing for a complete set of engineered plans to send to tender. This will be sent to Councillors for a final decision on how to proceed with this project.

New Business

029-18 Councillor Preston motioned for approval for the cheque listing 15966 – 16022 equaling \$ 85,773.34 & prepaids 990102 - 990129 equaling \$33,308.92 for a total of \$119,082.26.

Carried Unanimous

The ICF agreement as proposed by the County of Newell was given to Councillors for information.

030-18 Councillor Steinley motioned for the appointment of Nicole Skanderup, Emma Van Steekelenburg, Chelsea Krause and Scott Stimson as Inspectors for the Village of Duchess pursuant to Section 7 of the Weed Control Act until such a time that their employment with the County of Newell ceases.

Carried Unanimous

Mayor Steidel Proclaimed May 20 – 26, 2018 as Public Works Week in the Village of Duchess.

The Municipal Excellence Award submission was discussed.

STEP finding was received for 2 summer students.

The Duchess Recreation Centre will donate \$100 worth of passes to the Denim and Boots fundraiser.

ACP Grant notification regarding ICF's, IDP's and MDP's.

ACP Grant notification for creating a Municipal Development Plan

MSI – 2017 additional Capital funding

The Municipal Accountability Program was discussed. Currently we have not been notified.

EID notice of decision was discussed.

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

1. Newell Foundation & Housing - Window leaks continue to be a problem. STEP program was denied. Financials were reviewed. General update
2. Duchess Library – CAO of Shortgrass attended with lots of information. Gale courses. Hoopla funding. Libby. Fundraising initiatives.
3. Shortgrass Library
4. FCSS - submitted
5. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management
6. 911 – AFFRAC radios are still not ready to be rolled out. Motorola may have a solution. The meetings will be rotated so all the fire halls can be visited. June 7 in Bassano
7. Newell Regional Service Corporation
8. Fire – now that the fire agreement has been signed, a budget meeting will be set and then a Fire Committee after that.
9. Ag Society – Lots going on with the Ag Society.. Raffle tickets are not completely sold, but a small profit should be realized. Lobster feed is cancelled and replaced with a steak and corn night in September. Councillor Steinley attended the Golf Course AGM also.
10. Canadian Badlands
11. Recreation Parks Cultural - a meeting date of May 29th was set. 7pm
12. EXPO
13. Mayor & Reeves
14. Joint Services – Mayor Steidel will attend the next couple Joint Services meetings as the discussion will probably involve ICF talks.
15. Palliser Economic Partnership
16. Dark Fiber/Broadband –May 11th

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt – attached

Public Works update – Kent Torkelson

Alley cleanup is scheduled for May 22 – 28. We are including an e-waste and paint drop off. We received funding through ARMA for advertising for this event.

Summer students will need to be hired soon.

The water reservoir has been cleaned and inspected with a good report on condition.

There has been lots of snow melt with no reported flooding. The ponds are now empty and are drying up.

Street cleaning is underway. Most roads have had one pass so far. Volker Stevin will be cleaning Railway Wednesday.

Brooks Asphalt has done a walk through to assess repairs that may be done while they are here paving Railway.

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre – report attached

CAO - Yvonne Cosh

Meeting sheets were handed in

Adjourn 9:56pm

Budget meeting May 1st @ 7pm

EXPO Supper May 4th - Brooks is honoring Gem Tina and Tony will attend

Joint Services May 8th, 2018 noon

Next Council meeting May 14th, 2018 @ 7pm

Intermunicipal Meeting in Duchess December 19th, 2018 @ 6:00

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh