

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
August 19, 2019 – 7:00pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

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

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW Foreman
Visitors: Debbie McCann & Jeff Nixon – Municipal Accountability Advisors from
Municipal Affairs

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motions

059-19 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on July 30, 2019 as presented.
Carried Unanimous

060-19 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried Unanimous

Debbie McCann & Jeff Nixon – Municipal Accountability Advisors from Municipal Affairs. Debbie and Jeff introduced themselves and informed Council as to the reasoning for the MAP reviews and the process for the review.

Financial

The financial summary and statement of financial position were reviewed.

061-19 Councillor Preston motioned to adopt the financial documents as presented.
Carried Unanimous

Old Business

Councillors reviewed the latest Regional Working Group news release #10 and the Brooks Bulletin articles – information.

New Business

062-19 Councillor Steinley motioned for approval of the cheque listing 17357 - 17391 for a total of \$ 286,112.70.

Carried Unanimous

The letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs, Kaycee Madu was reviewed. This letter addressed the MSI and FGT allocations for 2019.

The letter from the County of Newell was reviewed. This letter introduced Stewart Luchies as the Rural Fire and Emergency services Coordinator.

A letter requesting support and possible financial support for HALO was reviewed.

This request for financial support will be tabled until budget time.

063-19 Councillor Kiedrowski By motion: the Village of Duchess urges the Alberta government to provide the bridge funding of \$750,000 to carry HALO through to the next contract, and further calls on the government to commission an independent review of the Helicopter EMS system in Alberta. This review should engage the public and stakeholders such as industry and municipalities in all parts of the province. Obviously, AHS and current service providers are stakeholders too and need to be part of the review but should not drive it so that a fresh look at the situation can be achieved.

Carried Unanimous

064-19 Councillor Preston motioned for the appointment of Anne Marie Philipsen as the Chair of the Regional Assessment Review Board. This appointment will have a three year term from September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2022.

Carried Unanimous

Board and Committee Reports *a copy of submitted Minutes will be retained in the office.
✓ written report has been submitted

1. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management - Mayor Steidel gave a general report on operations at the landfill.

2. Fire - no mtg.
3. Mayor & Reeves – August 20th
4. Newell Foundation & Housing ✓ Councillor Steinley gave a report on all the operations for the Newell Foundation
5. Ag Society – general report
6. ORRSC ✓ - September 6th
7. Duchess Library – no mtg
8. Canadian Badlands – Councillor Kiedrowski updated Council on his job as a Tourism Ambassador with Canadian Badlands.
9. Recreation Parks Cultural
10. NRTA
11. FCSS - no mtg
12. 911 – Councillor Preston started a discussion regarding the battery life of the new radios
13. Shortgrass Library – no mtg
14. Newell Regional Service Corporation – An item regarding the NRSC sick leave policy was discussed. Council Mickler would like it to remain the same.
15. Joint Services ✓
16. Palliser Economic Partnership ✓no mtg
17. Broadband - Mayor Steidel and Councillor Steinley will meet with the Minister of Service Alberta on August 20th in regards to broadband internet service. There is also a mtg on August 23rd for the 9 key players in the broadband discussion.

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt – written report attached
-questions on last months clean up order. This item is completed
Councillor Mickler asked if there had been a decline in speeding since the Peace Officers had been focusing on Railway Avenue. – Admin will find out

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre – no report this month

Public Works – Kent Torkelson

Summer students are gone back to school. Paul will be done at the end of the week. There will be a going away barq on Friday.

Volker Stevin will be contacted in regards to the missing white lines on Railway Avenue.

Admin will look into pricing for crosswalks at Railway Avenue for budget discussions.

Possible repairs (10,000) will be required on the old garbage truck as it is not reliable any longer. The new truck should be complete early in the new year.

Water/sewer functions are fine.

There are a few projects left to complete. Valve repair / manhole repair

Thuro is booked for annual maintenance late September/ early October

CAO - Yvonne Cosh

The server installation is booked for Wednesday August 21 and the office will be closed.

Third housing start of the year started this month.

The tax arrears auction is canceled as the owner has paid all arrears.

Meeting sheets were handed in

Adjourn 8:26 pm

Next Council meeting September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

AUMA Convention – September 25 – 27 – Councillors Steinley & Kiedrowski and CAO Cosh

Elder Abuse Workshop – October 3rd – Admin staff – Office will close for the afternoon

Municipal Elected Officials training - Emergency Management October 23 8:30 – 12:00
Mayor Steidel & Councillors Preston & Mickler

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh