Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

October 28, 2019 – 7:00pm

Village of Duchess Council Chambers

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: Sharon Zacharias - Accountant

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

Motions

O83-19 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Duchess Council held on September 16, 2019 as presented.

Carried Unanimous

Village of Duchess

O84-19 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to adopt the as presented.

Carried Unanimous

No Visitors

Financial

Sharon Zacharias presented a full financial summary and statement of financial position for the year to date. Budget highlights were discussed. STEP funding has been discontinued and MSI will continue for 2019, 2020 & 2021 and then transition into a fund called LGFF.

Councillor Steinley left the Council room at 7:19

085-19 <u>Councillor Reid-Mickler</u> motioned:

Pursuant to seciton 347 of the Municipal Government Act, for all properties identified in the "Summary of Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative", attached to and forming part of the council minutes, Council authorizes the:

- Cancellation and/or refund of the 2019 property taxes paid or owing so as to reduce by 3 5 percent property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the Municipal Government Act, whi ch includes municipal property taxes, requisitions detailed in section 326(1)(a) and 359(1)(2), as well as special taxes levid under section 382(1) where the tax rate is based on the a ssessment.
- Cancellation and/or refund of tax penalties associated with the 2019 property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the Municipal Government Act.

Carried Unanimously

A 5 minute recess was called for at 7:33 All present returned to the Council room

O86-19 Councillor Preston motioned to close the meeting as per FOIP Section 21(1)(b) at 7:33pm.

Carried Unanimous

087-19 <u>Mayor Steidel</u> motioned to come out of the closed meeting 7:50pm.

Carried Unanimous

Sharon left the Council meeting at 7:56pm.

New Business

O88-19 <u>Councillor Steiney</u> motioned for approval of the cheque listing 17515 - 17558 equaling \$58,009.70 and prepaids 990293 – 990300 equaling \$14,800.62 for a total of \$72,810.32.

Carried Unanimous

O89-19 Councillor Preston motioned for acceptance of first reading of Bylaw 478 - 19, a Bylaw that allows for the use of Green Flashing Lights by the Duchess Fire Department members within the Village of Duchess when responding to an emergency call.

Carried Unanimously

O90-19 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned for acceptance of second reading of Bylaw 478 –19, a Bylaw that allows for the use of Green Flashing Lights by the Duchess Fire Department members within the Village of Duchess when responding to an emergency call.

Carried Unanimously

O91-19 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 478 – 19, a Bylaw that allows for the use of Green Flashing Lights by the Duchess Fire Department members within the Village of Duchess when responding to an emergency call.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Steidel motioned for acceptance of third and final reading of Bylaw 478
 19, a Bylaw that allows for the use of Green Flashing Lights by the Duchess Fire
 Department members within the Village of Duchess when responding to an emergency call.
 Carried Unanimously

Mayor Steidel motioned to increase the contracted rate for Garbage pickup services to Rosemary and Bassano by \$10.00 per hour, effective January 1st, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

O94-19 <u>Councillor Reid Mickler</u> motioned for acceptance of first reading of Bylaw 479 - 19, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

O95-19 Councillor Preston motioned for acceptance of second reading of Bylaw 479 - 19, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

O96-19 Councillor Steinley motioned to proceed to third reading of Bylaw 479 - 19, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

097-19 <u>Mayor Kiedrowski</u> motioned for acceptance of third and final reading of Bylaw 479 - 19, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

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

- Newell Regional Solid Waste Management * ✓
- Fire ✓
- 3. Mayor & Reeves
- 4. Newell Foundation & Housing

- 5. Ag Society
- 6. ORRSC *
- 7. Duchess Library ✓*
- Canadian Badlands ✓*
- Recreation Parks Cultural ✓*
- 10. NRTA ✓ *
- 11. FCSS *
- 12. 911
- 13. Shortgrass Library *
- 14. Newell Regional Service Corporation *
- 15. Joint Services *
- 16. Palliser Economic Partnership ✓*

Councillor Preston attended the Chamber of Commerce AGM on September 17th. Councillors Preston & Reid Mickler & Mayor Steidel attended the Municipal Elected Officials training on October 23rd.

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt – written report presented

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre – Written report attached

Public Works - Kent Torkelson

All flushing is finished.

Lift station maintenance is also complete.

The fire hydrants and irrigation lines have been blown out.

O98-19 Councillor Preston motioned to reclassify budget item Manhole rehab to Public Works Shop Roof rehab.

Carried Unanimously

CAO - Yvonne Cosh

Speed zone initiative

Elections Commission presentation presented as information.

Elder Abuse workshop

Municipal Indicator Report was presented as information MAP review report
General update
RCMP introduction letter
Time extension agreement ACP grant
2019 Education property tax = 257,507 in 2018 = 261,919.

O99-19 Councillor Reid- Mickler motioned to close the meeting as per FOIP Section 27(1)(a) at 9:33pm.

Carried Unanimous

100-19 <u>Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to come out of the closed meeting at 9:35pm.</u>
Carried Unanimous

Meeting sheets were handed in

Adjourn 9:43 pm

Next Council meeting November 18, 2019 @ 7:00 pm Christmas Party for Staff & Council November 30th, 2019 Intermunicipal meeting December 18, 2019 in Bassano

Mayor Tony Steidel	
CAO Yvonne Cosh	