

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
October 17, 2022 – 7:00 pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Deborah Reid-Mickler
Councillor Tina Preston
Councillor Stephen Dortch
Councillor Shanda Smith

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO, Kent Torkelson PW & Sharon Zacharias Accountant

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

Motions

108-22 DM Reid-Mickler motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Dutchess held on September 19, 2022.
Carried Unanimously

109-22 Councillor Dortch motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of agenda item 16b.
Carried Unanimously

Kent Torkelson joined at 7:05pm

Sharon Zacharias presented a balance sheet report, financial statement, 3 year Operating and a 5 year capital budget.

110-22 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the Projected 3 Year Operating budget and the 5 Year Capital Budget as presented.
Carried Unanimously

111-22 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the Proposed 2023 Dutchess Fire Department Budget as presented.
Carried Unanimously

A Utility Rate Review was presented for information and discussed.

112-22 Councillor Dortch motioned to not increase the Fortis Franchise fees for 2023.
Carried Unanimously

113-22 Councillor Smith motioned to not increase the franchise fees for ATCO Gas
for 2023.
Carried Unanimously

Interest rates for investments were discussed

Sharon Zacharias left the Council meeting at 8:00pm.
Gordon Yetman S/SGT RCMP joined the Council meeting at 8:00pm.

S/SGT presented a statistical comparison between 2021 and 2022. Staffing levels were
discussed as well as local concerns.

S/SGT Yetman left Council at 8:40pm

114-22 DM Reid-Mickler made the following Motion referencing the appeal that has
been filed with the LPRT. The final motion will be made upon recommendation by the
ORRSC planner after the public hearing on October 20th, 2022. This motion will be

Motion to remove the Village of Duchess appeal from the LPRT pending
2nd and 3rd reading approval by the County of Newell on Oct 20th.

Or Motion To ask for an extension from the LPRT so that additional
items may be discussed or negotiated with the County of Newell prior to
2nd and/or 3rd reading upon recommendation from D Horvath ORRSC.

Or To proceed with the appeal filed with the LPRT, following the updated
timeline as presented, if the County defeats the bylaw entirely.

Carried Unanimously

115-22 Councillor Preston motioned to have Administration write a letter of support in regards to a regional application for ACP Grant funding to complete and implement a Regional Emergency Management Plan with the Town of Bassano, County of Newell and the Village of Rosemary.

Carried Unanimously

116-22 Mayor Steidel motioned to have Administration initiate discussions with the County of Newell in regards to applying for an ACP Grant to update our Joint IDP.

Carried Unanimously

Proclamation Mayor Steidel proclaimed November 20, 2022 as National Day of the Child within the Village of Duchess.

117-22 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the consent agenda items 9 -16.

Carried Unanimously

9. Consent Agenda items 9 - 16
Committee reports - a copy of submitted meeting minutes will be retained at the office. ✓ - reports attached are identified by ★
 1. Mayor Steidel
 - a. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management ✓
 - b. Fire
 - c. Mayors and Reeves
 - d. SAEWA
 - e. Recreation Parks Cultural
 - f. Joint Services ✓
 2. Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler
 - a. Shortgrass Library ✓✓★
 - b. Newell Regional Service Corporation ✓★
 - c. Palliser Economic Partnership ★
 - d. AM Economic Strategy Committee
 - e. NRTA ★
 3. Councillor Tina Preston

- a. FCSS/EXPO ★
- b. 911
- c. Recreation Parks Cultural
- d. Newell Foundation & Housing ★✓

4. Councillor Stephen Dortch

- a. Duchess Library
- b. Fire
- c. ORRSC ✓
- d. Duchess Ag Society

5. Councillor Shanda Smith

- 10. CAO report ★
- 11. Public Works
- 12. Accountant ★
- 13. Recreation Centre ★
- 14. CPO ★

15. Cheques 20747 – 20789 equaling \$ 103,532.63
Prepays 990531 – 990551 equaling \$45,401.30 Totaling \$ 148,933.93

Danielle Smith
Regular Council Meeting

Saturday October 29th – 10:30am
November 21, 2022 @ 7pm

Duchess Christmas Market @ Recreation Centre

November 25 & 26

Joint Municipal Meeting

December 15, 2022 @ 6 – 9 pm

Heritage Inn – the City of Brooks and the County of Newell host an open house at 4 – 5:30

Regular Council Meeting

December 19, 2022 @ 7pm

Adjourn 9:58 pm

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh