

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
February 22, 2022 – 6:30 pm
Village of Duchess Council Chambers

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley – via ZOOM
Councillor Tina Preston
Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler
Councillor Stephen Dortch

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motions

008-22 Councillor Dortch motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Duchess held on January 24, 2022.

Carried Unanimously

009-22 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of a closed meeting item 18.b - FOIP Div 2 (17).

Carried Unanimously

Visitors – Each set of visitors left after their presentation

6:30 – 6:50 Rowena Lysons and Kathy Bruins – Outcome Employment Services Division attended Council and presented their current project that focusses on employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Kent Torkelson joined the Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

6:56 – 7:45 MP Martin Shields attended Council and updated on current happenings in the area and in Ottawa.

7:45 – 8:10 Officers Harris and Adeep attended Council and spoke of current happenings within the Village of Duchess.

010-22 Councillor Preston motioned to set a Budget Planning meeting on March 21st @ 5:30 pm prior to the Regular Council Meeting.
Carried Unanimously

011-22 Mayor Steidel motioned to set a Budget meeting on April 12, 2022 @ 6pm.
Carried Unanimously

012-22 Councillor Dortch motioned to accept the 2 year MSI Agreement extension.
Carried Unanimously

The audit will start on March 1st, 2022

013-22 Deputy Mayor Steinley motioned to pass 1st reading of Bylaw 500-22 a Bylaw to make updates to the Land Use Bylaw.
Carried Unanimously

The population of Duchess, according to Statistics Canada has dropped by 32 people from 1085 to 1053. A decrease of 2.9%

014-22 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the consent agenda items 9 -16.
Carried Unanimously

Some verbal information was shared in regards to committee boards.

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 Steinley

a. Newell Foundation & Housing ✓★

b. Ag Society ★

c. ORRSC ✓✓

d. NRTA ★

3. Councillor Stephen Dortch

a. Duchess Library

b. Fire

4. Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler

a. Shortgrass Library ★★

b. Newell Regional Service Corporation ★

c. Palliser Economic Partnership

d. AM Economic Strategy Committee ★

e. Community Economic Strategy Committee ★

f. ASCHA Housing ★

5. Councillor Tina Preston

a. FCSS / EXPO ★ there will be no EXPO dinner this year

b. 911

c. Recreation Parks Cultural

d. SPEC ★

10. CAO report ★

11. Public Works ★

12. Accountant ★

13. Recreation Centre ★

14. CPO ★

15. Cheques – 19732 – 19848 = \$88,863.06

Prepays 990489 - 990498 = \$20,411.54

Totaling \$ 109,274.60

