

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

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO  
Others Present: Diane Horvath Senior Planner ORRSC

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

### Motions

**030-22**      Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to open the Public Hearing at 7:00pm  
Carried Unanimously

There was no one from the public in attendance

Diane Horvath presented Bylaw No. 500 – 22. The changes being a series of amendments to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw No. 482-19 with minor changes to definitions, accessory building standards, development standards for cryptocurrency mining and redesignate one multi-use parcel.

**031-22**      Councillor Preston motioned to close the public hearing at 7:10pm.  
Carried Unanimously

**032-22**      Councillor Dortch motioned to accept second reading of Bylaw 500-22 – a series of amendments to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw No. 482-19 with minor changes to definitions, accessory building standards, development standards for cryptocurrency mining and redesignate one multi-use parcel.

Carried Unanimously

**033-22**      Councillor Preston motioned to accept third and final reading of Bylaw 500-22 – a series of amendments to the existing municipal Land Use Bylaw No. 482-19 with minor

changes to definitions, accessory building standards, development standards for cryptocurrency mining and redesignate one multi-use parcel.

Carried Unanimously

Diane Horvath left the Council room at 7:15 pm

**034-22** Mayor Steidel motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8.s Economic Development Week for May 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> proclamation

Carried Unanimously

**035-22** Councillor Preston motioned to accept the budget package as presented by Sharon Zacharias.

Carried Unanimously

**036-22** Councillor Dortch motioned to accept first reading of Bylaw 502-22 – the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**037-22** Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to accept second reading of Bylaw 502-22 – the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**038-22** Mayor Steidel motioned to proceed to third and final reading of bylaw 502-22 – the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**039-22** Mayor Steidel motioned to accept third and final reading of Bylaw 502-22 – the 2022 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**040-22** Councillor Preston motioned to accept first reading of Bylaw 503-22, a Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**041-22** Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to accept second reading of Bylaw 503-22, a Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**042-22** Councillor Preston motioned to proceed to third and final reading of bylaw 503-22, a Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**043-22** Councillor Dortch motioned to accept third and final reading of Bylaw 503-22, a Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

**044-22** Mayor Steidel motioned to accept first reading of a new HR policy.

Carried Unanimously

Sharon Zacharias left the Council meeting at 7:35 pm.

Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley has resigned his position on Village of Duches Council effective March 28th, 2022.

**045-22** Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to appoint Yvonne Cosh as Returning Officer.

Carried Unanimously

**046-22** Councillor Preston motioned to appoint Donna Billingsley and Sharon Zacharias as Deputy Returning Officers.

Carried Unanimously

**047-22** Councillor Dortch motioned to set the date for a By Election for the position of Councillor in the Village of Duches to June 13, 2022. The time will be 10am – 8pm at the Village of Duches Administration Building, 103 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Duches, Alberta.

Carried Unanimously

**048-22** Councillor Preston motioned to appoint replacement committee positions as per listing.

Carried Unanimously

**049-22** Mayor Steidel motioned to appoint Deborah Reid-Mickler to the position of Deputy Mayor.

Carried Unanimously

**Mayor Steidel Proclaimed** May 12 -21, 2022 as Public Works Week “Ready and Resilient”

The Annual Fortis presentation was reviewed.

**050-22** Councillor Preston motioned to appoint Todd Green, Joseph Entz, William Schaap, Josh Fitzgerald, Callum Patton, Jenna Presley and Erin Olivier as Inspectors pursuant to Section 7 of the Weed Control Act until such a time that their employment with the County of Newell ceases.

Carried Unanimously

**051-22** Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to appoint Todd Green, Joseph Entz, William Schaap, Josh Fitzgerald, Callum Patton, Jenna Presley and Erin Olivier as Inspectors pursuant to Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act until such a time their employment with the County of Newell ceases.

Carried Unanimously

The Village Administration office will close on Friday afternoons from May – August.

The Annual Alley cleanup and recycle week will take place May 24 – 27 and finish on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor Steidel Proclaimed** April 24<sup>th</sup> – 30 as Volunteer Week in the Village of Duchess.

**052-22** Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned for Administration to make arrangements for the disposal of the property that was realized through the tax recovery auction process.

Carried Unanimously

**Mayor Steidel Proclaimed** May 9 -13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Economic Development Week within the Village of Duchess.

**053-22** 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 – May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Joint Services ✓

2. Deputy Mayor
  - 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 ★

5. Councillor Tina Preston
  - a. FCSS / EXPO ★
  - b. 911 ★
  - c. Recreation Parks Cultural – May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

15. Cheques – 19902 - 20000 = \$147,216.04  
Prepays 990509 - 990521 = \$86,865.13

Totaling \$ 234,081.17

Annual Grasslands School Division Supper meeting      May 19 – 5pm at the Tilley School

Council Meeting      May 16, 2022 @ 7 pm

Council Meeting      June 20, 2022 @ 6 pm – this time  
is tentatively booked to allow for MLA Frey to attend

Adjourn 8:38 pm

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Mayor Tony Steidel

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CAO Yvonne Cosh