

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
May 15, 2023 – 6:00 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 – 6:57 pm
Councillor Shanda Smith

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO

Mayor Steidel called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Motions

057-23 Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler motioned to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

058-23 Councillor Preston motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8.I library board appointments.

Carried Unanimously

059-23 Mayor Steidel motioned to accept 1st reading of Bylaw 506-23 -the Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

060-23 Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler motioned to accept 2nd reading of Bylaw 506-23 - the Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

061-23 Councillor Preston motioned to proceed to 3rd and final reading of Bylaw 506-23 -the Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

062-23 Councillor Smith motioned to accept 3rd and final reading of Bylaw 506-23 - the Utility Rate Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

063-23 Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler motioned to accept act as seconder for the City of Brooks Resolution – Maintaining Non-Partisanship Municipal Elections - which will be presented to AB Munis for consideration at the September Convention.

Carried Unanimously

064-23 Councillor Preston motioned to commit \$1500 from the Economic Development towards a proposal for signage promoting businesses within the Village of Duchess.

Carried Unanimously

065-23 Mayor Steidel motioned to go into a closed session of Council at 6:30 pm.

Carried Unanimously

066-23 Councillor Dortch motioned to come out of the closed session at 6:47 pm

Carried Unanimously

6:53 Sgt. David Searle RCMP Detachment Commander (acting) attended council and gave an update on activities in the area.

6:57 Councillor Dortch arrived

7:10 Sgt Searle left council

067-23 Councillor Preston motioned to appoint Donovan Kopp, Erin Olivier, Jenna Presley, Josh Fitzgerald, Callum Patton, Will Schaap, and Todd Green, under Section 7 of the Weed Control Act of Alberta, as Weed Inspectors within the Village of Duchess for the 2023 weed control season or until such a time that their employment with the County of Newell ceases.

Carried Unanimously

068-23 Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler motioned to support the Resolution – Retroactive Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions that FCM is championing.

Carried Unanimously

069-23 Councillor Preston motioned to support the FCM initiative in regards to Retroactive RCMP Costs.

Carried Unanimously

070-23 Councillor Dortch motioned to accept the following Library Board appointments.

Stephen Dortch – October 31, 2025

Lorraine Saamis – October 31, 2025

Yvonne Cosh - October 31, 2025

Charmaine Loewen - October 31, 2025

Brenda Owen - October 31, 2025

Carried Unanimously

071-23 Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler motioned to go into a closed session of Council at 7:45 pm.

Carried Unanimously

072-23 Councillor Preston motioned to come out of a closed session of Council at 8:06

Carried Unanimously

073-23 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented.

Carried Unanimously

074-23 Deputy Mayor Reid-Mickler motioned to accept the Recreation Parks Cultural Board recommendation for Duchess Agricultural requested Capital funding of \$194,000 for the 2023 year. This is a three way split between the Village of Duchess, County of Newell and the Duchess Agricultural Society.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh

Adjournment 8:27 pm

Important Dates

Strategic Planning Thom's Funeral Home All Councillors – CAO – Rec Centre Manager	May 16, 2023 8:30 – 3:30
Alley Cleanup	May 23 – 26 & 29th
Duchess Garage Sale	May 26 & 27
Duchess Farmer's Market	May 27, 2023 10am – 2pm
Celebrating EXPO Communities Cassils Community Hall Councillor Preston – representative	June 2, 2023 5:00 pm Councillor Smith & Mayor Steidel
Grasslands Annual supper meetings County of Newell office Mayor Steidel & DM Reid-Mickler & Councillors Preston and Smith	June 8, 2023 5-7 pm
Duchess Council Meeting	June 19, 2023 6:00 pm
Duchess Farmer's Market	June 24, 2023 10am – 2pm
Duchess Farmer's Market	July 29, 2023 10am – 2pm
Duchess Farmer's Market	August 26, 2023 10am – 2pm
Duchess Farmer's Market	September 30, 2023 10am – 2pm
AB Munis Conference - Edmonton Mayor Steidel, Councillors Dortch and Smith DM Reid-Mickler will attend on behalf of the AB Munis Economic Strategy Commission	September 26 – 29, 2023