Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Village of Duchess

October 23, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Village of Duchess Council Chambers

Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel

Deputy Mayor Deborah Reid-Mickler

Councillor Stephen Dortch

 Councillor Tina Preston

 Councillor Shanda Smith

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO, Kent Torkelson PW

Mayor Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Motions

92-24 Deputy Mayor Reid Mickler motioned to approve the minutes of the

 September 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

 Carried Unanimously

93-24 Councilor Preston motioned to approve the agenda as presented.

 Carried Unanimously

94-24 Councillor Smith approved public works to proceed with the purchase of 2 replacement pumps for the Princess Places lift station as per the quote by Xylem for $36,473.14.

 Carried Unanimously

95-24 Councillor Preston approved the Recreation Agreement between the County

of Newell and the Village of Duchess.

 Carried Unanimously

96-24 Deputy Mayor Reid Mickler motioned to approve the Recreation Agreement between the County of Newell, Village of Duchess and the Duchess Agricultural Society.

 Carried Unanimously

97-24 Councillor Dortch appointed Yvonne Cosh as Returning Officer for the October 2025 Election

 Carried Unanimously

98-24 Mayor Steidel appointed Sharon Zacharias and Donna Billingsley as Deputy Returning Officer for the October 2025 Election.

 Carried Unanimously

99-24 Deputy Mayor Reid Mickler approved the progress review of the Housing Needs Assessment Documents from 2023 – no updates required.

 Carried Unanimously

100-24 Councillor Dortch motioned to support the grant application submitted by the Town of Bassano (*managing partner*) to the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program Regional Collaboration stream on behalf of the County of Newell, Town of Bassano and the Villages of Duchess and Rosemary for the purpose of continuing to develop our Regional Emergency Response Plan with a phase 2 which would include action-oriented deliverables, training, and continuity plans.

 Carried Unanimously

101-24 Councillor Preston motioned to approve the Councillor Compensation Policy.

 Carried Unanimously

102-24 Councillor Preston motion to pass the first reading of the Dog Bylaw 521-24.

 Carried Unanimously

103-24 Councilor Smith motion to approve the revised 2025 Fire Budget.

 Carried Unanimously

104-24 Councillor Dortch motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented.

 Carried Unanimously

105-24 Mayor Steidel motioned to go in camera at 8:12 pm.

 Carried Unanimously

106-24 Councillor Mickler-Reid motioned to come out of camera at 8:25 pm.

 Carried Unanimously

107-24 Councillor Preston motioned to move the November Council Meeting from Nov 18th to Nov 26th, 2024.

 Carried Unanimously

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 Mayor Tony Steidel

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 CAO Yvonne Cosh

Adjournment 8:38 pm

Important Dates

Duchess Christmas Market November 22 - 6 - 9 pm

 November 23 - 10 – 4

November Council Meeting November 26th @ 7 pm

Staff Christmas Party November 29 @ Rosebud

 6 pm Supper 8pm Show

Committee of the Whole December 9, 2024 7pm

Meeting with Premier Danielle Smith December 14, 2024 4:00pm

Administration Office

Intermunicipal Meeting December 14, 2024 6 – 10pm

Duchess Community Hall

December Council Meeting December 16, 2024 @ 7 pm