

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
April 23, 2025– 7:10 pm
Village of Dutchess Council Chambers

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

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

Mayor Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Motions

48-25 Councillor Preston motioned to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

49-25 DM Reid -Mickler motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 19, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

50-25 Councillor Smith motioned to approve the agenda with addition of 5.a.iv Utility Rate Bylaw 525-25 and remove 8.b. Borrowing Bylaw 526-25.

Carried Unanimously

Sharon Zacharias presented the 2025 Operating and Capital budget, 2025 Mill Rate calculations, Financial Summary and the net surplus listing for Council's information

51-25 Councillor Dortch motioned to accept the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget as presented.

Carried Unanimously

52-25 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the first reading of the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw 527-25.

Carried Unanimously

- 53-25 Mayor Steidel motioned to accept the second reading of the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw 527-25.
- Carried Unanimously
- 54-25 Councillor Smith motioned to proceed to third reading of the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw 527-25.
- Carried Unanimously
- 55-25 DM Reid-Mickler motioned to accept the third and final reading of 2025 Bylaw 527-25, the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw.
- Carried Unanimously
- 56-25 Councillor Dortch motioned to approve the first reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw 528-25.
- Carried Unanimously
- 57-25 Councillor Preston motioned to approve second reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw 528-25.
- Carried Unanimously
- 58-25 DM Reid-Mickler motion to proceed to the third reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw 528-25.
- Carried Unanimously
- 59-25 Mayor Steidel motion to approve the third reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw 528-25.
- Carried Unanimously
- 60-25 Councillor Preston motioned to **not** allow for the variance of the walls on the garage at 240 -1st Street East.
- Carried Unanimously
- 61-25 Councillor Smith motioned that Austin Weibe, Jenna Presley, Rebecca Andrew, Remy Stach, Jersey Cluett, Will Schaap, and Todd Green be appointed under Section 7 of the Weed Control Act of Alberta, as Weed Inspectors within the Village of Duchess for the 2025 weed control season or until such a time their employment with the County of Newell ceases.
- Carried Unanimously

62-25 Councillor Preston motioned to set October 2nd, 2025 as the auction date for tax arrears properties.

Carried Unanimously

63-25 Mayor Steidel motioned to send a letter of support for Implementing Boat Dip Tank Technology and Invasive Species Prevention to the Premier of Alberta.

Carried Unanimously

64-25 Councillor Preston motioned to support the Alberta Municipalities resolution to reducing barriers to post-secondary education for all Alberta students.

Carried Unanimously

65-25 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh

Adjournment 8:33 pm

Important Dates

Connecting Communities Luncheon

May 28th ?? still working on date

May Council Meeting

May 29th, 2025 @ 7 pm

June Council Meeting

June 16 @ 7 pm

LGAA Conference Canmore
CAO Cosh and V Steidel

June 17-20th