

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Village of Duchess
May 25, 2026 – 4:00 pm
Village of Duchess Council Chambers

Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Deborah Reid-Mickler
Councillor Tina Preston
Councillor Shanda Smith
Councillor Stephen Dortch via Zoom (left from 4:35 pm to 5:05 pm)

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO, Kent Torkeslon, Public Works

Mayor Steidel called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

Motions

- 62-26** Councillor Preston motioned to approve that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Duchess held on April 20, 2026.
Carried Unanimously
- 63-26** Councillor Smith motioned to approve the agenda of the May 25th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting with 2 additions
Carried Unanimously
- 64-26** DM Reid-Mickler motion to approve of being the seconder of the AB Munis Resolution-Budget Surplus and Municipal Infrastructure Investment as presented by the City of Airdrie.
Carried Unanimously
- 65-26** Mayor Steidel motioned to approve the Joint Use and Planning Agreement with Grasslands School Division.
Carried Unanimously
- 66-26** Mayor Steidel proclaims June 1– 7th, 2026 as Alberta's Senior Week in the Village of Duchess.
Carried Unanimously

67-26 Councillor Preston motioned to approve NREMP Agreement.

Carried Unanimously

68-26 Councillor Dortch motioned to approve the following individuals to the Village of Duchess Library Board for terms ending on October 20, 2026:

- Lorna Morishita, this being her first term
- Stephen Dortch, this being his second consecutive term
- Charmaine Loewen, this being her fourth consecutive term
- Yvonne Cosh, this being her fifth consecutive term
- Brenda Owen, this being her third consecutive term”
- Ben Holfer, this being his first term

Carried Unanimously

4:30 – 5:05 Councillor Dortch excused himself from the Council room

Rob Harms – Brooks RCMP arrived at 4:35 pm

Paula Dame arrived at 4:35 pm

Rob Harms presented the RCMP monthly report and discussed policing priorities for the upcoming period.

Rob Harms left at 5 pm

Paula Dame left at 5 pm

69-26 Councillor Preston motioned to go into closed meeting at 5pm

Carried Unanimously

70-26 DM Reid- Mickler motioned to come out of closed meeting at 6:25 pm.

Carried Unanimously

71-26 Councillor Smith motioned to approve the purchase of a mobile home, arrange for utility hookups, have the trailer skirted, install steps, and have ready for resale. The total amount approved for this entire project will be \$300,000 with funds coming from unrestricted reserves.

Carried Unanimously

- 72-26 Councillor Dortch motioned to go forward with servicing of the MR lot beside the water distribution plant for future development. This project will use available HAF funding monies for development of this area. PWs will arrange for the removal of the hill and the installation of services to this area.
Carried Unanimously
- 73-26 Councillor Preston motioned to approve the first reading of 539-26 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw.
Carried Unanimously
- 74-26 Councillor Dortch motioned to approve the second reading of 539-26 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw.
Carried Unanimously
- 75-26 Councillor Smith motioned to proceed to the third reading of the Regional Emergency Management Bylaw 539-26.
Carried Unanimously
- 76-26 DM Reid-Mickler motioned to approve the third and final reading of the Regional Emergency Management Bylaw 539-26.
Carried Unanimously
- 77-26 Councillor Preston motioned to approve to be the seconder of the Ab Munis Resolution – Modernization of Municipal Investment Authorities Under the Municipal Investment Regulations as presented by the City of Grande Prairie.
Carried Unanimously
- 78-26 DM Reid-Mickler motioned to set tax arrears auction October 28th, 2026 for a single property on the tax arrears listing.
Carried Unanimously
- 79-26 Mayor Steidel motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented.
Carried Unanimously

80-26

Council Smith motioned to change the regular June 15, 2026 time to 4:30 pm.
Carried Unanimously

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh

Adjournment 6:30 pm