Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Village of Duchess
July 20th, 2026 – 4:30 pm
Village of Duchess Council Chambers

Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Councillor Tina Preston
Councillor Shanda Smith
Councillor Dortch via Zoom
Deputy Mayor Deborah Reid-Mickler absent with notice

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO, Kent Torkeslon, Public Works, Paula Dame, Admin

Mayor Steidel called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

Motions

92-26 Councillor Smith motioned to approve that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Duchess that was held on June 15, 2026.
Carried Unanimously

93-26 Councillor Preston motioned to approve the agenda of the July 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.
Carried Unanimously

Diane Horvath joined the meeting by zoom at 4:44 pm to 5:20 pm

94-26 Mayor Steidel motioned to approve and send out Temporary Encroachment Removal Lease Agreement with increasing the lease agreement cost by for 2027 to $200 and 2028 to $300 per year.
Carried Unanimously

95-26 Councillor Preston motioned that the PUL that runs North and south beside 436 Margaret Ave should no longer be used as a road and Public Works will work towards blocking access to the PUL.
Carried Unanimously

96-26 Councillor Preston motioned from this day forward, agreements, cheques and other negotiable instruments must be signed by either a designated officer and the chief elected official or by another member of council and a designated officer.

Carried Unanimously

97-26 Councillor Smith motioned to review the Public Participation Policy 193/2017 every four years.

Caried Unanimously

98-26 Councillor Dortch motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented.

Carried Unanimously

99-26 Mayor Steidel motioned to change the start time of the regular Council Meeting on August 17th, 2026 to 4:30 pm.

Carried Unanimously

100-26 Councillor Smith motioned to change the regular Council Meeting on September 21st, 2026 time to 4:30 pm.

Carried Unanimously

101-26 Councillor Preston motioned to change the Organizational Meeting on October 19th, 2026 time to 4:30 pm followed by the Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

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Mayor Tony Steidel

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CAO Yvonne Cosh

Adjournment 5:55 pm