

Highlights, October 16, 2024 - Council Meeting

(Full minutes will be approved at the November 26th, 2024, Council Meeting)

Administration

- Sewer project is a priority. Have been communicating with SMB regarding the project. Will meet with the Engineer to get an update on the site surveys.
- Will be setting up a time for Council Orientation Session which will include Mayor and all Councillors. The session will include reviewing the session that was recorded by George Cuff. George Cuff has a Canada-wide reputation amongst municipalities, crown agencies and other public sector bodies as an advisor, consultant and author on the art and principles of governance and the elements of effective organizations.

Operations

- Operations has been working determining sewer line depth and to fill in the shallow parts of the ditch. Install a cement collar over the valve pipe.
- Seasonal Meters are being removed for the winter.
- Fence has been put up around the North storage lots.
- Have been doing some stump grinding within the village.
- Irrigation water will be shut off next week.
- Irrigation blowouts
- Winterizing the HUB
- Flushing out the culverts and repair damaged ones.

Offer to Purchase

- Another lot has sold on South Mawson. Council agreed that we sell #42 Mawson Drive for \$88,000.00 plus GST

Development Permits

The following Development permits were approved:

- 33 McCrimmon Crescent– Permit to complete a retaining wall.
- 31 McCrimmon Crescent –Permit to demolish existing structure.
- 31 McCrimmon Crescent - Foundation permit new primary residence,

Financial/Payment of Accounts:

- The of account payments for \$124,685.74 which includes payroll was approved.
- The Village provided the Dundurn Rink with \$1500.00 which allows all residents of Shields to skate for free during public skating times.

Council Reports:

The following reports were presented to Council:

Dundurn Rural Water Utility (DRWU)

- The DRWU Board approved a rate increase in 2025. How this increase effects Shields rates will be reported once we determine the budget for Shields.

Dundurn and Area Wastewater Utility (DAWWU)

- The DAWWU Board approved for a rate increase in 2025. How this increase effects Shields rates will be reported once we determine the budget for the village.

Project Committee

Low Pressure Sewer System Project

- The project team for the low-pressure sewer system project will meet this week. The village is still waiting on completion of the site surveys followed by the preliminary cost estimates before holding another community meeting.

Lift Station Shutoff Valve

- The shut off valve that was installed when the South lift station was built, has failed, a new valve was required to stay within the Regulations set out by Water Security. This project is now completed.

Dundurn & District Fire Commission

- Currently looking at alternate insurance providers. Goal is to find best solution for Ratepayers and Commission. There will be a meeting to discuss in approximately 30-45 days to discuss options and make decision.
- Spray Foam proposal; wall/beam, roof and other areas of Fire Hall are rotting, and spray foam will preserve. Council supports the Commissions roof repair endeavors that will be covered by their current approved operating budget.
- Purchasing Used Truck is still top priority; significant risk for our community if they don't have a truck carrying enough water; Dire need as current truck is very dated and members of fire hall will eventually not run it due to safety risk. searching for new truck
- Opportunity to tour Fire Hall for the whole council so we can understand the needs they have
- New fire hall – maybe 10 years away? Need to start planning now; but also need to protect the existing fire hall.

Docks & Storage Lots

Storage Lots

- New fence at north end is now up and looks great, really cleans up this area
- I removed some trees near the gate area, so lot owners have easier access to drive in and access their property.
- By removing trees, it has also opened up another area for an additional storage lot which provided someone on the waiting list with a lot.

Docks

- The four people who have been working at Outlaws Ravine have purchased a dock together and will be putting it in next spring. Nice to have 4 people off the waiting list.
- All dock spaces have been named & numbered and should now make it easier to track everything. Fred & Kelly have a copy of the spreadsheet.
- Getting people to mark their docks & lifts is a struggle but will keep reminding everyone to save us time if we need to make contact.

Library

- The Library in Dundurn has moved to the Community Centre Basement. Mayor Larson attended the opening and found the library to be very well setup with many improvements

from the previous location, including a little reading area for story time and also, a coffee area for socializing. Else from the movie Frozen was also visiting the library that day.

Bylaw Review Committee

- The Committee will be reviewing the Traffic Bylaw.

Parks, Culture and Recreation Board Reports:

Social Programming Committee Report

- Oct 5 - Harvest Potluck – was well attended – 40 people – excellent food and great conversation. Received many items for the local food pantry.

Upcoming events



Oct 26 - Casino Night – Registration is still open – Posted to residents and on Facebook.

Registration through survey monkey and pay by etransfer recommended.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shieldscasinonight>

Dec 14 - Children's Christmas Party. We look forward to seeing the Balloon Man and Santa once again this year. The Committee is also looking into a horse wagon/sled ride for the children. The village applied for a grant from Dakota Dunes to cover the cost.

- Council agreed that the Parks, Culture and Recreation apply for a raffle license for a 50/50 raffle to be held as part of the Casino Night Oct 26 that is to be hosted by the Social Programming Committee

Council welcomes Drena Currie, June Soroka and Cathy Knihniski as the newest members of the social Programming Committee, we thank exiting member Linda Klassen for her years of service and dedication.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on November 26, 2024.