

Highlights, September 17 , 2025 - Council Meeting

(Full minutes will be approved at the October 15, 2025, Council Meeting)

Administration

- Update on Sask Lottery Funding requirements. Council to consider eligible expenses for the grant. The cutoff is March 31, 2026.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day – September 30th. is different for different businesses. Truth and reconciliation is a Federal Holiday, and the village follows all Provincial Stat Holidays.
- Concerns brought forward from residents on Tent Caterpillars, dock space and the gopher traps that were destroyed on Memorial. Council agrees that the residents should not interfere with the trapping of gophers.
- A motion was made but defeated as per Dundurn's request for a donation of \$1,000 for the Halloween Haunted house. While this offer was not accepted by Council, they do support asking the residents who want to participate for donations.

Maintenance/Operations

- The amount of lift station call outs have been rather ridiculous this month. This has been both North and South lift stations. The south lift station has had many float alarms, power out, and a pump down due to a rock in the impeller. This pump needed to be pulled out by a contractor. They were able to repair on site.
- The project has gone very well so far. There have been a few lines hit. Helping with the project locating lines and depth, planning with Engineer for any emergencies.
- We continue with project meetings, meetings with Associated Eng. and contractors.
- Operations have helped out on the golf course with some machine maint. and tournament course prep. I still have at minimum weekly meetings with golf staff.
- We have had some trees cut by JAT tree service in the village. We will use the rest of the budget in September. We had many tree branches and a few trees down in the windstorm. Operations spent the day cleaning up the village.

Financial

Council approved the list of account payments for \$740,489.33 which includes payroll.

Development Permit Application

Council agreed on the following development permits, , subject to the notice declared

- 16 Sunterra Drive – Permit to construct a home - Approval is subject to building permit approval from the building inspector.

- That the following Development Permit with less than 10% variance from the zoning bylaw is approved, subject to the notice declared: 9 Willow view Court – Permit to construct a garage extension. Approval is subject to building permit approval from the building inspector, and to approval of the Sunterra Architectural Controls.
- 7 Willow view Court– Permit to run a home-based business.

Council Reports:

Regional Planning Committee

- Elected officials and administrators from the Rural Municipality of Dundurn, the Town of Dundurn, the Resort Village of Shields, and the Resort Village of Thode gathered for a collaborative workshop aimed at enhancing intermunicipal cooperation and fostering a unified vision for the Dundurn region. The workshop was led by Tim Duhamel, President of the Bloom Centre for Municipal Education, the workshop encouraged open discussions on shared goals, collective strategies, and the importance of collaboration in creating resilient communities.
- To build on the momentum generated during the workshop, the municipalities have agreed to forming an intermunicipal committee to guide ongoing collaboration and ensure that all voices are heard, Shields council agreed that the Shields Mayor and one member of Shields Council would represent Shields on this committee.

Dundurn and Area Wastewater

- The Resort Village of Shields accept DAWWU Board decision to increase 2026 Water rates by up to 5%.

Project Report

- Discussed using in-pipe heat trace. Committee will further investigate this product.
- AE proposed writing a letter to residents who will require heat tape, in order to let them know other solution options.
- Jordan and Zach completed all the Tank Assessments for Mawson Drive and part of McMillan and had meetings with those residents who indicated they wanted to be present.
- Pumps and Controllers – These have been delivered. Administration will have two pick up days where residents can pick up their controller.
- The plumbing contract is currently being worked on and will be completed for the October Council meeting.

Social Programming Report

- Social Programming will start a silent auction for the old street signs from the village. Minimum bid will be \$50.00. The silent auction will last until December 31st and highest bidder at that time will get the sign. This will be online by the middle of October. We will have the list available at all events and online.
- Oktoberfest – October 18th – homemade - perogies, cabbage rolls and sausage. Get out your Oktoberfest attire and join in on the fun. Register on Survey monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oktoberfestshields>

- *Council agreed to* allows a liquor permit to be purchased for the Oktoberfest) from 5:00pm – 12:30am
- 2025 Children's Christmas Party – December 13th
Programming
- Investigating putting together a sewing group and a paint night so stay tuned.
- Exercise group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on October 15, 2025.