

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE VILLAGE OF NEILBURG,**

held in the Municipal Office at 39 L.E. Gibbons Centre Street, Neilburg
on Tuesday November 14th 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Wiens called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Brent Wiens
Deputy Mayor Nicole Martin
Alderman Ernie Ducherer
Alderman Jim Lamb - Absent
Alderman Darwin Urlacher - Absent
Chief Administrative Officer Joline Houk

Minutes177/17 *Martin*

That the minutes of the October 10th, 2017 regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Financial Activities178/17 *Ducherer*

That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of October 2017 and the Bank Reconciliation for October 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Accounts179/17 *Ducherer*

That the accounts to November 14th, 2017 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 2613 to 2648 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Receiver General Remittances totaling \$100,828.93 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence

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| • SUMA | February convention open registration |
| • SAMA | Certificate of Confirmation |
| • Gov of Sask | School remits to province starting 2018 |
| • Hall board | Request for liquor license |
| • Neilburg Sr Monarchs | Request for liquor license |
| • SUMA | Call for province legislative strategy |
| • Jaquie Goodall | Letter re empty lot |
| • WCGC | Minutes from September 28, 2017 meeting |
| • Tax Service | Property tax recovery management |
| • Con-tech | Contractors construction |
| • ACME Enviromental | Sewage services |
| • Staples | AED sale |
| • Northwest Municipalites | Meeting November 24/17 Edam |

Delegations – 7:15 PM Keri Bratkowski

Delegations – 7:30 PM Arin Ostensoe

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JH*

Snow Removal Tender

180/17 *Ducherer*

That the Snow shoveling tender put forth by Robert Cayford for the 7 properties as listed below;

- Seniors Apartments
- Village office – front and side
- Empty lot south of town - office front and side
- 2 properties north of Rutherford Agencies
- #8 LE Gibbons Centre Street
- Lot between Credit union and seniors centre

In the amount of \$84.00 for each time shoveling per day; if shoveling needs to be done multiple times the extra times in a day will be at \$42.00 per shovel.

Motion Carried.

Retirement Gift

181/17 *Ducherer*

That the Village of Neilburg authorize CAO, Joline Houk to purchase Lois Johnston a retirement gift in the amount of \$500.00 to show there appreciation.

Motion Carried.

182/17 *Ducherer*

That CAO, Joline Houk obtain 3 cost estimates from asphalt companies for 3 speed bumps in front of the school to replace the current ones.

Motion Carried.

Unpaid Utility Accounts

183/17 *Martin*

That all water and sewer accounts two months in arrears be transferred to municipal taxes, effective December 31st, 2017.

Motion Carried.

Christmas Decorating

184/17 *Ducherer*

That the Village of Neilburg sponsor an Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest with judging to take place the week of December 11-15, 2017 and prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st prize-\$351.00 toward the water and sewer account
- 2nd prize-\$234.00 toward the water and sewer account
- 3rd prize-\$117.00 toward the water and sewer account

Motion Carried.

2018 Convention Resolution

185/17 *Ducherer*

That the Village of Neilburg put forth the following resolution to the 2018 February Convention:

WHEREAS the assessment MAF's (market adjustment factors) for many Municipalities, on all commercial properties, in accordance with Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) in the 2017 re-valuation year changed to multiple factors, causing a variance in taxes from 0% increase to 118% increase, which poses a problem.

WHEREAS legislation states that urban municipalities do not have the authority to create a tax sub class for taxing the property classes differently, as they are assessed differently now, urban municipalities have no way of establishing a fair reflection of taxing the property classes.

WHEREAS all Municipalities have the legislation authorizing Council to abate any portion of municipal taxes, but this does not create a fair way of taxation amongst the property classes, and furthermore Council needs to be careful as not the be bias in their decision making in creating a tax abatement policy

WHEREAS cities have the legislation in *the Cities Act* sections 254(1) and 255(3) authorizing them to utilize the option of creating and establishing property sub classes within the agricultural, residential and commercial tax classes for taxation demonstrating the flexibility provided to cities to take into consideration the different situations where urban municipalities do not have this ability offered to them.

BE IT RESOLVED that SUMA lobby the Provincial Government to have legislation changed to authorize all types of Municipalities the ability to create tax subclasses amongst all property classes in order to create a fair way of taxation amongst all property classes, as part of the government's role of ensuring fairness and equality in the property taxation system.

Motion Carried.

2018 Convention

186/17 *Wiens*

That the Village of Neilburg authorize the registration of CAO, Joline Houk, Councillor Ernie Ducherer, and Deputy Mayor, Nicole Martin for the February 4-7, 2018 convention in Regina, SK.

Motion Carried.

Liquor permit

187/17 *Martin*

That the Village of Neilburg Council issue permission to the Neilburg Community Hall for the requested liquor permit for the Family New year's Eve Dance being held on December 31, 2017

Motion Carried.

Liquor permit

188/17 *Ducherer*

That the Village of Neilburg Council issue permission to the Neilburg Senior Monarchs for a liquor permit throughout the hockey season that will be held in the Curling Rink on multiply dates.

Motion Carried.

Cannabis Strategy

189/17 *Ducherer*

That Council for the Village of Neilburg send the call to the Provincial Government for a strategy in the legalization of Cannabis as follows, as prescribed by SUMA.

Adjourn

190/17 *Wiens*

That this meeting does now adjourn.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer