

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF DUCHESS COUNCIL ROOM
NOVEMBER 17, 2014 – 7:00pm**

MOTIONS

Councillors present: Mayor Bruce Snape, Councillor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl, Councillor Darren Drader &
Councillor Shannyn Creary

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh, Kent Torkelson 7:05 & Sharon
Zacharias

Others present: Sandra Stanway – Brooks Bulletin

090/14

Councillor Dahl: Motioned to accept the minutes of the
Organizational meeting of Council held on October 21st, 2014.

Carried

091/14

Councillor Dahl: Motioned to accept the minutes of the
Regular Council meeting held on October 21st, 2014.

Carried

Committee Reports

* a copy of submitted meeting minutes will be retained at the
Village office.

1. Newell Foundation 2015 Budget was approved. The Officers remain the same. Discussions on lifelease condos and the possible expansion at the Newbrook Lodge.
2. Duchess Library
3. Shortgrass Library *
4. FCSS* Funding has been approved and sent out. Discussions surround equalizing seniors funding around the region.
5. Regional Landfill – Construction of the industrial waste cell is complete.
6. 911 *
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation* - The rate for water in 2015 will be .70/m3.
8. Fire *
9. Agricultural Society
10. Canadian Badlands – Are developing new terms of reference.
11. Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative
12. Recreation Parks Cultural – Discussion regarding an increase in The Recreation requisition centered around the Village of Duchess having the lowest requisition in the County of Newell. Discussions at the Rec Board meeting resulted in the County Rep, taking to his Council a proposal to raise the requisition 50% with a commitment from the Village of Duchess to do the same. Discussions also included revamping the Recreation agreement to give direction from both Village and County Councils to the Recreation Board. Requisitions changes would result in a mill

rate instead of a flat rate. The mill rate will be .1390 for the 2015 year. Councillor Dahl, Yvonne Cosh and County Councillor Brian DeJong will review the Recreation agreement.

092/14 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to commit to an increase of 50% to the Recreation requisition for the 2015 year. This increase will result in a mill rate of 0.139 %. Carried

13. EXPO *

14. Recreation Centre – Sharon presented a financial breakdown for the Rec Centre including grants and fundraising amounts. Councillor Drader redid the Sponsorship listing and will forward the final document to everyone. Councillor Creary presented a final draft of the fundraising document. Yvonne will proof it one last time. A Recreation Centre meeting will be on Thursday November 20th to discuss anything having to do with the Recreation Centre.

15. Mayor & Reeves – The Bassano project was discussed and is going good.

Old Business:

The Intermunicipal meeting is December 16th.

The Regional Transportation draft will be presented to all Councils at the Intermunicipal meeting by HDR.

New Business

093/14 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned for approval of cheques 12558 – 12616 totaling \$678,784.02. Carried

094/14 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to support an application to the Alberta Community Partnership Program to develop a Regional Wastewater Treatment System Study. This application includes the City of Brooks, Town of Bassano, Village of Rosemary, Village of Duchess and the County of Newell and is being submitted by the City of Brooks. Carried

095/14 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to support an application to the Alberta Community Partnership Program to produce a Regional Infrastructure Plan in partnership with the City of Brooks, Town of Bassano, Village of Rosemary, and the County of Newell and is being submitted by the City of Brooks. Carried

No advertising will be done in the Legion’s memorial book.

A Strategic Planning Session will be set up with Julie Friesen in mid-January – February 2015. This session may be able to include the Ag Society if they would like to be included.

Verbal or Written Reports:

Community Peace Officers: John Nesbitt report is filed

Public Works: Kent Torkelson

The lagoon grazing agreement was discussed.

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Councillor Drader: Motioned to extend the current lagoon grazing agreement for another three year term.

Carried

CAO: Yvonne Cosh

Financial: Sharon Zacharias

Time sheets were handed in

Councillor Creary mentioned that the Mennonite Church is redoing a Duchess history book and is looking for stories and pictures.

The building committee for the recreation centre recommended using Centaur Products Inc. as the supplier for products within the Centre as per their proposal.

097/14

Mayor Snape: Motioned to commit to using Centaur Products Inc. as the supplier for items in the Recreation Centre.

Carried

Adjourned 8:40 pm

Recreation Centre meeting November 20th @ 7pm.

Next Council meeting December 15th @ 7pm

Intermunicipal meeting December 16th @ 7pm

Mayor/Councillor

Administrator