

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF DUCHESS COUNCIL ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 – 7:00pm**

**MOTIONS**

070/14

**Councillors present:** Mayor Bruce Snape, Councillor Shannyn Creary, & Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl

**Councillors absent:** Councillor Tony Steidel & Councillor Darren Drader – 8:00pm

**Staff present:** Yvonne Cosh & Kent Torkelson

**Others present:** Sandra Stanway – Brooks Bulletin

**Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on August 18, 2014.

Carried

**Committee Reports**

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

1. Newell Foundation\* general update
2. Duchess Library\* The library installed new carpeting and hosted several summer programs.
3. Shortgrass Library
4. FCSS\*
5. Regional Landfill
6. 911
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation\*
8. Fire
9. Agricultural Society
10. Canadian Badlands
11. Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative
12. Recreation Parks Cultural - The next meeting is set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm.
13. EXPO – EXPO received an AUMA Sustainability Award and this will be awarded at AUMA convention in Edmonton. Taste of Nations will be on Sept 27. The supper to honor Rolling Hills will be held on April 10, 2015.
14. Recreation Centre – The Rec Centre dressing rooms are now being framed. Construction continues. Flooring and climbing wall costing is still being looked at.
15. Mayor & Reeves – Discussion included the 50 year Transportation Plan, New Home Warranty and increases to FCSS funding.

**Delegation:** Michelle Gietz – NREDI

Michelle came to Council to present the Opportunity Newell website which will showcase business opportunities and

businesses for sale within the County. The Navigate Newell site will be coming shortly which will link all of the Newell sites.

Michelle also went through the project listing for NREDI for information. Any concerns will be directed to Councillor Steidel.

Councillor Darren Drader arrived at 8:00pm.

**Old Business:**

The Noise Bylaw will be brought back in October for first reading with a minor change to hours.

Administration will continue working on the special events application and bylaw and bring back to Council when complete.

**New Business**

071/14 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned for approval of cheques 12435 – 12463 totaling \$ 18,760.57.

Carried

The Valard work camp is beginning the move out of Duchess.

072/14 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to have the Fortis Franchise Fee remain as is at 12 %.

Carried

073/14 **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned for approval for Councillor Creary to attend this year's AUMA Convention in Edmonton from September 23-26.

Carried

Karen Blewett will be contacted regarding a business plan for the Recreation Centre.

074/14 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to accept the Federal Gas Tax Agreement.

Carried

075/14 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to write a support letter for Canada Post.

Carried

**Verbal or Written Reports:**

**Community Peace Officers:** report is filed

**Public Works: Kent Torkelson**

Discussions focused on:

Firehall parking lot fixes

Sandshed construction

Kent Torkelson brought a development application that was asking for a relaxation to the setbacks. After much discussion, Council's decision, is to enforce the land use bylaw setbacks as stated, with no adjustments.

076/14      **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to go in camera at 9:00pm.  
Carried

077/14      **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to come out of camera at  
9:30pm.  
Carried

Time sheets were collected

Adjourned 9:40 pm  
Next Council meeting October 21st @ 7pm

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Mayor/Councillor

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Administrator