

**Minutes of the regular Council Meeting
Held in the Village of Duchess Council room
March 16, 2015– 7:00pm**

MOTIONS

Councillors present: Mayor Bruce Snape, Councillor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl, Councillor Darren Drader &
Councillor Shannyn Creary – 7:35
Staff present: Yvonne Cosh, Kent Torkelson & Sharon Zacharias

018/15 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the
Regular meeting of Council held on February 17th, 2015.
Carried

019/15 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried

Committee Reports

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

1. Newell Foundation * General discussion
2. Duchess Library – a rent increase of \$200/month will be
effective July 1st. Shelving is installed in the children’s area. A
permanent casual position at the library will be advertised.
3. Shortgrass Library – update
4. FCSS – A planning workshop was held.
5. Regional Landfill – general discussion – A compost turner was
purchased and is working well.
6. 911 – cancelled
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation – The flushing to
Bassano may continue for up to two months.
8. Fire – No Patricia fire truck yet.
There will continue to be more discussion regarding the
Regional agreements.
9. Agricultural Society – Several fundraising events will be held
with profits going to the hockey arena.
10. Canadian Badlands – the AGM is coming up in Strathmore.
11. Recreation Parks Cultural - May
13. EXPO – an update on the Rolling Hills supper
14. Recreation Centre – General discussions. It is very muddy right
now around the Centre. GVN is still looking at being complete in
April.
15. Mayor & Reeves – Discussed the elk population, Highway 41
and MSI funding.

Councillor Creary arrived at 7:35pm.

Visitors: 7:35 – 8:35 pm

Russ McLean and David Haughton from Apple Fitness attended Council to discuss the options for fitness equipment for the Rec Centre.

Old Business:

A Federal census will be conducted in 2016.

The Rolling Hills supper is on April 17th

New Business:

020/15

Councillor Creary: Motioned for approval of cheques 12841 – 12876 totaling \$ 189,054.47.

Carried

Mayor Snape Proclaimed – May 17 – 23, 2015 as National Public Works Week in the Village of Duchess.

Verbal or Written Reports:

Community Peace Officers: John Nesbitt - report is filed

Public Works: Kent Torkelson

Kent attended a session on Aquatic Invasive Species that was presented by the EID. He also attended the AWWOA conference. Spring maintenance is ongoing.

CAO: Yvonne Cosh

A Regional Transportation update was given. A council representative is required for the finalization of the plan.

021/15

Mayor Snape: Motioned to appoint Darren Drader as the Council Representative on the Regional Transportation Initiative. The full support of the Duchess Council is given to the completion of this initiative.

Carried

Yvonne attended a Brownlee presentation in Calgary and the LGAA Conference in Red Deer.

Financial: Sharon Zacharias

Sharon gave a financial update for all functions including the Rec Centre. Year end is underway and the Auditors will be here in early March. A preliminary budget was handed out and the first budget meeting will be held on March 19th @ 7pm.

Kent and Sharon left the Council meeting at 9:45pm.

022/15 **Councillor Creary:** motioned to go “in camera” at 9:45pm.

Carried

023/15 **Councillor Steidel:** motioned to come “out of camera” at 10:08pm.

Carried

Adjourned 10:10 pm

Budget meeting Thursday - March 19th @ 7pm

Honoring Rolling Hills Dinner – April 17th @ 6pm

Next Council meeting Monday – April 20th, 2015 @ 7pm

- Jeff Benson – JMH will present Financial Statements

Mayor/Councillor

Administrator