

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF DUCHESS COUNCIL ROOM
December 15, 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

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Councillor Drader: Motioned to accept the minutes of the
Regular meeting of Council held on November 17th, 2014.

Carried

Committee Reports

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

1. Newell Foundation * Bassano project and the life leases were discussed.
2. Duchess Library – received \$1400 from Shortgrass Library and they used it for IT updates.
3. Shortgrass Library
4. FCSS* Quality of Life study was released.
5. Regional Landfill – the newest cell has been opened up for use.
6. 911 – The radios and AFFRAC continue to be discussed.
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation
8. Fire – the Christmas parade and visit with Santa will be Friday December 19th.
9. Agricultural Society – The AGM was held with barely enough members. They have a new golf course grounds manager. The AG Society is starting a new fundraising venture called Chase the Ace.
10. Canadian Badlands * AGM is in March
11. Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative * The kiosks are being unveiled.
12. Recreation Parks Cultural * A set of guidelines will be documented for the Recreation Board. Councillors Dahl and DeJong will continue to work on this.
13. EXPO -
14. Recreation Centre –The water and sewer are hooked up. Gas and power have been applied for. An expense and fundraising budget breakdown was looked at and discussed. The truck raffle sales are at approximately \$80,000.
15. Mayor & Reeves

Councillor Creary invited all the Councillors to an EC Coalition supper & presentation at the Legion on January 20th.

Old Business:

Councillor Creary would be interested in attending the Tourism Visioning meetings as the Village representative.

New Business:

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Councillor Steidel: Motioned for approval of cheques 12617 – 12695 totaling \$243,157.08.

Carried

The Strategic Planning Session will be held on February 13 & 14, 2015 for two part day sessions.

The ACFA borrowing timelines were presented as information.

Verbal or Written Reports:

Community Peace Officers: John Nesbitt - report is filed

Public Works: Kent Torkelson

PW is busy plowing snow. There was discussion regarding selling the pile of topsoil in Prairie Winds subdivision. Councillors instructed Kent to price it at a market rate and sell as much as he considers reasonable, keeping some for future use by the Village.

CAO: Yvonne Cosh

Administration is finalizing the year with final cleanup before the year can be turned over.

Time sheets were handed in

Adjourned 8:10 pm

Intermunicipal meeting December 16th @ 7pm supper @6pm

Next Council meeting January 19th, 2015 @ 7pm

Strategic Planning session February 13th & 14th, 2015

Mayor/Councillor

Administrator