

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF DUCHESS COUNCIL ROOM
JANUARY 20, 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 & Sharon Zacharias

Others present: Sandra Stanway – Brooks Bulletin

001/14 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on December 16, 2013.

Carried

002/14 **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to accept and use the 2013 Budget as an interim budget for the 2014 year.

Carried

Committee Reports

Committee minutes will be filed in the Village office for all to access.

Councillor Darren Drader arrived at 7:05pm

Sharon Zacharias arrived at 7:08pm

1. Newell Foundation/Housing - A general update was given. The windows continue to be a problem.
2. Library – Councillor Creary will attend conferences for the Shortgrass Library Board on February 8th & March 7th.
3. FCSS – January 22nd
4. Regional Landfill – January 24th
5. 911 – cancelled
6. Newell Regional Services Corporation – January 23
7. Fire – Budget is complete. A meeting is being held January 21st to discuss ordering Patricia’s new truck.
8. Community Peace Officers - filed
9. Agricultural Society –
10. Canadian Badlands – AGM and conference in March
11. Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative – January 22nd.
12. Intermunicipal Development Plan -

003/14 **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to accept 2nd reading of Bylaw 455/13, the County of Newell and Village of Duchess Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Carried

004/14 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to accept 3rd and final reading of Bylaw 455/13, the County of Newell and Village of Duchess Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Carried

13. Soccer Center – The newest plans were looked at. Discussions regarding parking were looked at and Councillor Drader will talk with the Architect about making the spots longer to accommodate bigger vehicles. The pre-qualification documents are almost ready to go and will be made available asap. Lots of discussion on tenders, minor changes to the building, drainage, paving, fencing, etc.

Old Business

Fencing will be completed at the Valard work camp site in the spring.

Administration will work on draft documents of a Procedural and a CAO bylaw.

New Business

005/14 **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned for approval of cheques 11860 – 11921 Totaling \$91,685.11.

Carried

Time sheets were handed in.

The Joint Municipal Meeting minutes were distributed for information.

006/14 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned for approval of the FCSS agreement.

Carried

007/14 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned for approval of the NREDI agreement.

Carried

Councillors would like to see more information on the Village Of Duchess website: minutes, agendas, updates on projects, etc. Administration will arrange more updates and info. Councillor Creary will arrange to update the visitnewell website with William Slenders.

House sales numbers were presented for 2013 for information.

Mayor Snape informed everyone that AUMA has proposed a 1% Provincial tax rate to be paid back to municipalities.

Carried

Public Works:

Kent Torkelson gave a general update for Public Works.

Financial:

A financial update was presented.

008/14

Councillor Drader: Motioned for to payout the last remaining debenture held by the Village in the amount of \$154,427.84.

Carried

Kent Torkelson, Sharon Zacharias and Sandra Stanway left the Council meeting at 8:45.

009/14

Councillor Steidel: Motioned for to go “in camera” at 8:50pm.

Carried

010/14

Mayor Snape: Motioned to come out of “in camera” at 9:17pm.

Carried

Adjourned 9:23 pm

Planning Meeting January 21 @ 7pm

Planning Meeting February 10 @ 7pm

Next Council meeting February 21 @ 7pm

Mayor/Councillor

Administrator