

**Minutes of the regular Council Meeting
Held in the Village of Duchess Council room
February 17, 2015– 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: Rob Brown-Brooks Bulletin

007/15 **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to accept the minutes of the
Regular meeting of Council held on January 19th, 2014.
Carried

008/15 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned to adopt the agenda.
Carried

7:00 pm - Allison Beaudry, the Stakeholder Relations Manager
from Fortis Alberta attended Council and presented the renewal
of the Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement.

009/15 **Councillor Drader:** Motioned to accept first reading of Bylaw
460-15: a Bylaw granting Fortis Alberta Inc. the right to provide
distribution access service within the Village of Duchess.
Carried

The application letter to the Alberta Utilities Commission was
signed and will be sent.
The franchise fee will remain at 12%.
Allison left the meeting at 7:20pm.

Committee Reports

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

1. Newell Foundation * General discussion
2. Duchess Library – March 9th
3. Shortgrass Library – February 18th
4. FCSS – February 25th – planning meeting
5. Regional Landfill – general discussion
6. 911 – February 19th
7. Newell Regional Services Corporation – February 25th
8. Fire – the Patricia truck should be arriving in the couple weeks.
9. Agricultural Society – fundraising lobster feed May 23rd.
10. Canadian Badlands – the long lunch has gone to Special Areas
this year.

- 11. Recreation Parks Cultural
- 13. EXPO – general discussion – Honoring Rolling Hills start up meeting March 2nd.

Kent Torkelson joined the Council meeting at 7:25pm.

- 14. Recreation Centre – General discussions
- 15. Mayor & Reeves – MSI funding was approved for this year but no guarantees for following years.
- 16. Grasslands Soccer Association AGM – Councillor Drader attended the AGM to answer any questions about the Recreation Centre. A tentative hourly rental fee of \$70 was given to Grasslands.

Old Business:

010/15 **Councillor Steidel:** Motioned to shred the items on the attached “to be destroyed listing”.

Carried

No update on NREDI – the news article was reviewed.

New Business:

011/15 **Councillor Creary:** Motioned for approval of cheques 12478 – 12830 totaling \$ 695,352.19.

Carried

012/15 **Councillor Dahl:** Motioned to adopt a policy regarding recording of Council and committee meetings. These recordings will be kept in the safe in the office and destroyed after 3 months. Persons wishing to “view” the recordings will be allowed to do so in the Village office during office hours

Carried

Mayor Snape Proclaimed – April 12 – 18th as National Volunteer Month.

A development application was reviewed from Duchess School. The placement of an additional c-can in the school yard was discussed, the Regional Fire Chief’s comments were considered. Administration brought forward a resident’s concern in regards to Possible unsightliness and safety concerns. Public works had no further concerns.

013/15 **Mayor Snape:** Motioned to allow the placement of an additional c-can at the Duchess school with the conditions as stated by the Regional Fire Chief and stipulations on unsightliness clearly stated for reference. The five year time line shall also be reinforced with the School Division.

Carried

Sharon Zacharias joined the Council meeting at 7:45pm.

Verbal or Written Reports:

Community Peace Officers: John Nesbitt - report is filed

Public Works: Kent Torkelson

A year-end waterworks report was submitted.

A year-end wastewater report was submitted.

CAO: Yvonne Cosh

Regional Transportation update

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 budget meeting is set for March 19th @ 7pm.

Rob Brown left the Council meeting at 8:20pm.

014/15 Mayor Snape motioned to go “in camera” at 8:20pm.

Carried

015/15 Councillor Drader motioned to come “out of camera” at 8:40pm.

Carried

8:40 pm - Ray Juska from Newell Regional Solid Waste presented information to Council regarding the Regional landfill. Ray also explained the SAEWA initiative and asked Council to consider the possibilities of an energy from waste facility. There were also discussions around the veto option that is currently part of NRSW’s bylaws. Ray feels that this veto power could hold the entire

organization up, should there ever be a disagreement.
Ray Juska left at 9:30pm

016/15 **Mayor Snape:** motioned to go “in camera” at 9:30pm.
Carried

017/15 **Councillor Creary:** motioned to come “out of camera” at 9:55pm.
Carried

Adjourned 9:55 pm

Next Council meeting Monday - March 16, 2015 @ 7pm

Budget meeting Thursday - March 19th @ 7pm.

Mayor/Councillor

Administrator