Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 16, 2017 – 7:00pm Village of Duchess Council Chambers

Councillors present: Mayor Bruce Snape Councillor Tony Steidel Councillor Darren Drader Deputy Mayor Wayne Dahl Councillor Shannyn Rus

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW

Mayor Bruce Snape called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motions

001-17 <u>Councillor Dahl</u> motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Duchess Council held on December 19, 2016 as presented. Carried Unanimous

Village of Duchess

002-17 <u>Councillor Drader motioned to adopt the agenda</u>. Carried Unanimous

Visitor: Joe Bonnet

Joe addressed Council in regards to selling the "water treatment plant". Joe may have someone interested in purchasing the plant and would like a gentlemen's agreement as to a 10% sellers commission for his efforts. Council agreed that this is a reasonable commission and are pleased to have Joe working with Duchess to repurpose the plant. Joe indicated that the process may take a year to finalize but he was happy to continue working with Kent to sell the plant and components.

- 003-17 <u>Councillor Steidel motioned to go "in camera" at 7:05pm</u>
- 004-17 <u>Councillor Rus</u> motioned to come "out of camera" at 7:10pm

Board and Committee Reports *a copy of submitted reports will be retained in the office.

Newell Foundation & Housing – general update

<u>Duchess Library</u> – a listing of board members is included as there have been several changes to their membership. A letter was received by Council from the library board

requesting an increase in funding for the 2017 budget. Council will table this request until the Village of Duchess budget is prepared and address the request at that time.

005-17 <u>Mayor Snape</u> motioned to accept the listing of library board members as: Susan Jensen, Charmaine Loewen, Shannyn Rus, Yvonne Cosh, Karen Jones & Buffy Best.

Carried Unanimous

Shortgrass Library - GALE courses are available online and they are free.

<u>FCSS</u> – the youth night held December 2nd was successful and more will be held throughout the County.

Regional Landfill - Christmas meeting

<u>911</u> – Budget was discussed

Newell Regional Service Corporation – Budget was discussed

Fire – A letter to the Editor of the Brooks Bulletin will be submitted. Attached

Council will continue to work with the County of Newell Council as to a Regional Fire Agreement.

Aq Society – the New Year's Gala was very nice, but not well attended.

Canadian Badlands

Recreation Parks Cultural

<u>EXPO</u>

Mayor & Reeves

Joint Services – general update

006-17 <u>Councillor Rus</u> Motioned to appoint Councillor Darren Drader to the Newell Transportation Logistics Project.

Carried Unanimous

<u>Newell Transportation Logistics Project</u> – This committee will be working with PEP in regards to the possibility of building a transportation logistic Park within the City of Brooks.

Newell Regional Transportation Committee Palliser Economic Partnership

007-17 <u>Councillor Drader</u> Motioned to approve the training of Councillor Rus for the Regional Assessment Review Board.

Carried Unanimous

New Business

008-17Councillor Steidel motioned for approval of cheques as presented14655 - 14684 totaling \$40,741.71.

Carried Unanimous

Intermunicipal meeting was discussed.

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt - attached

Public Works – Kent Torkelson

Budget items were discussed. Margaret Avenue upgrade, watermain extension and a Railway Avenue rebuild. These items will continue to be discussed up to and including budget time.

CAO – Yvonne Cosh The financial update is well underway and will continue with training the week of January 23rd.

Meeting sheets were handed in Adjourn 8:32 pm

Next Council meeting Tuesday February 21, 2017 @7pm

Mayor Bruce Snape

CAO Yvonne Cosh