Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

February 15, 2018 - 7:00pm

Village of Duchess Council Chambers

Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel

Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley Councillor Ryan Kiedrowski

Councillor Absent: Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson

Others present: Tina Preston

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **Motions**

O13-18 <u>Councillor Kiedrowski</u> motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Duchess Council held on January 15, 2018 as presented.

**Carried Unanimous** 

Village of Duchess

O14-18 <u>Councillor Kiedrowski</u> motioned to adopt the agenda.

Carried Unanimous

Tina Preston signed her Oath of Office and was sworn in and welcomed as a Councillor for the Village of Duchess.

O15-18 <u>Councillor Steinley</u> motioned to appoint Councillor Preston to FCSS, 911, EXPO and to the Intermunicipal Subdivision Appeal Board and Councillor Kiedrowski to the Fire Board.

Carried Unanimous

# Old Business

Communities in Bloom will not be joined at this time...Council will revisit this in a year or 2. Councillors discussed the plans for a new Administration Building. They looked at the final floor plans and specs.

<u>Mayor Steidel</u> motioned to send the new Administration building documents to tender as they are presented.

#### Carried Unanimous

Public Works update – Kent Torkelson

Water sewer and garbage update – everything is running smooth. There has been plenty of snowplowing and sidewalk clearing. Maintenance is ongoing and equipment is being readied for spring. Gerry Fortier has submitted all yearend reports to Alberta Environment.

### **New Business**

O17-18 <u>Councillor Steinley</u> motioned for approval for the cheque listing 15791-15814 & 15833-15857 equaling \$ 74,868.15 and automatic payments 990094 - 990102 equaling \$16,213.19 for a total of \$91,081.34.

Carried Unanimous

The Police Funding letter was tabled.

Policy changes resulting from the new employment standards are implemented. The policy will reflect these changes.

Councillors discussed the addition of - recognition of traditional territories need to be incorporated into the Council meetings and events. Council's decision is that this is not appropriate at this time.

There were no objections to the 2 development applications submitted by the County. Work must be done on our land use bylaw to address the Cannabis legislation. There were no comments in regards to the County's LUB changes as submitted.

Mayor Steidel motioned to sign and accept the ACP grant application as follows.

That whereas the Village of Rosemary has make application under the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Program MCP Component for ICF Negotiations in the amount of \$50,000. This funding will assist partnering municipalities negotiate and/or mediate required agreements and the legislated ICF document in an effective and timely manner.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Duchess supports this Village of Rosemary Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application MCP Component for \$50,000 to negotiate

and/or mediate the necessary agreements and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework required to meet the new changes in Provincial legislation.

Carried Unanimous

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

- 1. Newell Foundation & Housing \* Updates on Bassano project and AHS's involvement, Newbrook and Playfair Lodges. Some staff discussions.
- 2. Duchess Library ask for an increase in their requisition
- 3. Shortgrass Library
- 4. FCSS Special project funding
- 5. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Councillors discussed the significance of the Veto at the landfill.
- 6. 911
- 7. Newell Regional Service Corporation
- 8. Fire \*
- 9. Ag Society
- 10. Canadian Badlands \* Councillor Kiedrowski will attend the conference in March.
- 11. Recreation Parks Cultural
- 12. EXPO
- 13. Mayor & Reeves Cannabis. All government grant funding will decrease & Recreation funding discussions.
- 14. Joint Services \* submitted
- 15. Newell Transportation Logistics Project
- 16. Palliser Economic Partnership

Kent Torkelson left the Council meeting at 9:13pm

Dark Fiber/Broadband – An afternoon meeting was held that Councillors Steinley & Kiedrowski attended with CAO Cosh. The opportunity to access a portion of fiber is available and the committee/group was looking for an expression of interest in being part of the discussion. Duchess Council would like to continue to be part of these discussions. A huge deciding factor will be the costs involved with the fiber purchase and utilization afterwards.

## Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt – attached

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre – report attached

CAO - Yvonne Cosh The Brownlee conference was discussed. MGA change schedule was submitted for information

Mayor Steidel motioned to set an auction date at the end of March. The property will be appraised and the reserve bid set at the appraised value. The same payment rules will be used as in prior auctions. The auction will take place at the Duchess office.

**Carried Unanimous** 

O20-18 <u>Councillor Kiedrowski</u> motioned for approval for Mayor Steidel to attend a meeting in Taber and an RCMP meeting.

**Carried Unanimous** 

Meeting sheets Adjourn 10:15pm

Next Council meeting March 19, 2018 @ 7pm

2018 Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year – Friday April 13 – 4:30photos 5:30 doors open & 8:30 end of Gala

Strategic Planning Session April 17 & 18, 2018 – All day Brooks

Intermunicipal Meeting in Duchess December 19th, 2018 @ 6:00	
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