Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

April 8, 2019 – 7:00pm

Village of Duchess Council Chambers

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel

Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley Councillor Ryan Kiedrowski Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler

Councillor Tina Preston

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW Foreman

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

Motions

O21-19 <u>Councillor Preston</u> motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Duchess Council held on March 18, 2019 as presented.

Carried Unanimous

O22-19 <u>Councillor</u> motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of 7.3 a proclamation for National Public Works Week May 19 – 25.

Carried Unanimous

Sharon Zacharias Accountant joined the Council meeting at 7:07pm

<u>Visitors</u> – 7:07 Jeff Benson of JMH presented the audited financial statements and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Steidel motioned to accept the 2018 Audited Financial Statement as presented by Jeff Benson of JMH.

Carried Unanimous

Jeff Benson left the Council meeting at 7:28 pm.

Sharon presented a quarterly financial update, answered questions and left the meeting at 7:45pm.

Old Business

There have been no negative remarks received by anyone in regards to Duchess leaving the amalgamation discussions. Council discussed the support that has been received from residents and neighbours.

Council has decided against a request to offer free memberships at the Rec Centre to special groups.

Administration will ask the Chamber of Commerce to come to a regular meeting this summer to discuss the benefits of membership.

New Business

O24-19 <u>Councillor Preston motioned for approval of the cheque listing 16988</u> - 17041 equaling \$57,787.98 and prepaids 990201 – 990217 equaling \$35,741.17 for a total of \$93,529.15.

Carried Unanimous

O25-19 <u>Councillor Preston</u> moved that we appoint Nicole Skanderup, Emma Van Steekelenburg, Stratton Picket, Donovan Kopp, Todd Green, Will Schaap, Catherine Christensen and Harold Forrest as Inspectors for the Village of Duchess pursuant to Section 7 of the Weed Control Act until such a time that their employment with the County of Newell ceases.

Carried Unanimous

Mayor Steidel Proclaimed May 19th - 25 as National Public Works Week within the Village of Duchess.

Board and Committee Reports *a copy of submitted Minutes will be retained in the office. ✓ written report has been submitted

- Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Discussion on SAEWA possible placement
- 2. Fire
- 3. Mayor & Reeves
- 4. Newell Foundation & Housing
- 5. Ag Society
- 6. Dark Fiber/Broadband Walter Valentini and Craig Dobson will meet with Duchess Council on April 10th to discuss the options open to the Village of Duchess.
- 7. Duchess Library ✓

- 8. Canadian Badlands ✓ ATIS program
- 9. Recreation Parks Cultural May 13 or 14 will be suggested to the Board
- 10. NRTA ✓ The NRTA will be changing their name to Tourism Brooks.
- 11. FCSS ✓ The Citizen of the Year event went very good with Duchess student, Madison Gilborn being named Junior Citizen of the Year.
- 12. 911
- 13. Shortgrass Library had a strategic planning session.
- 14. Newell Regional Service
- 15. Joint Services Councillor Reid-Mickler is doing a web series Community Building Training. AHS is looking for applications for a Community Animator.
- 16. Palliser Economic Partnership
- 17. ORRSC

Councillor Reid-Mickler updated on the Local to Global conference. She reported that it was probably one of the best conferences she has ever attended.

Reports

Community Peace Officers – John Nesbitt – written report attached

Recreation Centre – Sara Coderre – written report attached

Public Works – Kent Torkelson

Alley cleanup and Toxic roundup $\,$ - May 21 - 24 & 27

Streets are cleaned. Starting on park cleanup

PW has moved the grass and yard waste site to the dump trailer until the yard is sorted out.

CAO - Yvonne Cosh

Community garage sale May 24 & 25

May 22 – Randy Tiller will be coming to work on our emergency plan.

Building update and discussion

Strategic planning – working on

026-19 Mayor Steidel motioned for a closed meeting item FOIP Division 2 17(4)g(ii) at 9:10pm

Carried Unanimous

O27-19 <u>Councillor Kiedrowski</u> motioned to come out of a closed session at 9:50pm.

Councillor Preston left the Council meeting @ 9:50pm.

Mayor Steidel motioned to move the next Council meeting to Tuesday May 21st to accommodate the Victoria Day holiday Monday.

Carried Unanimous

O29-19 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to schedule a Special meeting for budget purposes on April 18th, 2019.

Carried Unanimous

Meeting sheets were handed in

Adjourn 10:00 pm

Next Council meeting May 21, 2019 @ 7pm

April 10th @ 1 – 5:30 - Craig Dobson& Walter Valentini - Broadband

April 18th @ 6:00 pm - Budget May 6th @ 7:00 pm - Budget May 21st @ 7:00 pm - Council

Mayor Tony Steidel		
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CAO Yvonne Cosh		