

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting  
January 18, 2021 – 7:00pm  
Village of Duchess – VIA ZOOM

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel  
Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley  
Councillor Tina Preston  
Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler  
Councillor Shaun James

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO, Kent Torkelson PW Foreman & Sharon Zacharias  
Accountant

Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### Motions

**001-21** Councillor Preston motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Duchess held on December 21, 2020 as presented.  
Carried Unanimously

**002-21** Councillor James motioned to adopt the agenda.  
Carried Unanimously

7:10 Visitors: Sgt. WB (Bruce) McDonald – RCMP – joined the Council meeting via Zoom.  
Sgt. McDonald introduced himself to Council and presented his quarterly report.

7:30 Sgt McDonald left the meeting

Sharon Zacharias present a draft financial summary

Old Business

**003-21** Mayor Steidel motioned to send a letter of support for Xplornet to submit a proposal for upgrades through the UBF.  
Carried Unanimously

Sharon Zacharias left the Council meeting at 8:36

New Business

004-21 Mayor Steidel motioned to go into a closed session of Council at 8:36pm.  
Carried Unanimously

005-21 Councillor Preston motioned to come out of a closed session of Council at 8:39pm.  
Carried Unanimously

006-21 Councillor Preston motioned for the appointment of Vienna Dahl as the FCSS Member at large.  
Carried Unanimously

The 2020 house sales map was reviewed.

007-21 Mayor Steidel motioned to have Administration explore the interest and the possibility of a community garden installation in the Village. A newsletter will be designed and sent out seeking to gauge the level of interest in this proposal.  
Carried Unanimously

Councillors discussed the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary options. These will be reviewed at a later date.

008-21 Councillor James motioned to accept the shredding list as presented.  
Carried Unanimously

009-21 Councillor James motioned to follow the land use bylaw in regards to the development request received. This application was involving Village owned property.  
Carried Unanimously

010-21 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to renew the FCM membership for 2021.  
Motioned defeated

111-21 Deputy Mayor Steinley motioned to accept the consent agenda items 9 - 15  
Carried Unanimously

9. Consent Agenda items 9 - 16

Committee reports

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

- reports attached are identified by ★

1. Mayor Steidel
  - a. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management
  - b. Fire
  - c. Mayors and Reeves
  - d. SAEWA
  - e. Recreation Parks Cultural
  
2. Deputy Mayor Steinley
  - a. Newell Foundation & Housing
  - b. Ag Society
  - c. ORRSC
  - d. NRTA
  
3. Councillor Shaun James
  - a. Duchess Library
  - b. Canadian Badlands
  - c. Fire
  
4. Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler
  - a. Shortgrass Library
  - b. Newell Regional Service Corporation
  - c. Joint Services ★
  - d. Palliser Economic Partnership
  
5. Councillor Tina Preston
  - a. FCSS / EXPO
  - b. 911
  - c. Recreation Parks Cultural

10. CAO report ★
11. Public Works ★
12. Accountant ★

- 13. Recreation Centre ★
- 14. CPO ★

15. Cheques 18651 – 18776 totaling \$277,460.00  
Prepays 990390– 990398 = \$ 17,057.71  
Totaling \$ 294,517.71

- 16. Information items
  - a. Joint Municipal meeting notes
  - b. Fortis Annual report

Kent Torkelson left the Council meeting at 9:55pm

**012-21**      Mayor Steidel motioned to go into a closed session of Council at 9:55pm.  
Carried Unanimously

**013-21**      Councillor Preston motioned to come out of a closed session of Council at  
10:03pm.  
Carried Unanimously

Public Hearing – MDP  
Next Council meeting

February 16, 2021 @ 6:00 pm  
February 16, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Adjourn 10:04 pm

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Mayor Tony Steidel

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CAO Yvonne Cosh