Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 19, 2021 – 7:00 pm Village of Duchess Council Chambers

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

Councillors absent: Councillor Shaun James – work

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO & Kent Torkelson PW Foreman

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

## **Motions**

051-21 <u>Councillor</u> Preston motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Duchess held on March 15, 2021, as presented. Carried Unanimously

052-21 <u>Councillor Reid-Mickler</u> motioned to adopt the agenda. Carried Unanimously

Visitors: 7:15 Jeff Benson – JMH Auditor and Duchess Accountant, Sharon Zacharias joined the Council meeting virtually via a ZOOM connection. Jeff presented the 2020 Audited financial statements and answered any enquiries.

053-21 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the 2020 audited financial statements as presented by Jeff Benson – Auditor – Johnston Morrison Hunter & CO. Carried Unanimously

Jeff Benson and Sharon Zacharias left the Council meeting at 7:35pm.

The RCMP were unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be booked to attend asap.

Old Business

054-21 <u>Mayor Steidel</u> motioned to accept second reading of Bylaw 492-21 - A Bylaw to establish an alternate method for advertising statutory notices.

## **Carried Unanimously**

055-21 <u>Councillor Preston</u> motioned to accept third and final reading of Bylaw 492-21 - A Bylaw to establish an alternate method for advertising statutory notices. Carried Unanimously

New Business

056-21 <u>Deputy Mayor Steinley</u> motioned to appoint the following individuals for appointment to the Regional ARB Clerk pool: Shannon Biette – County of Newell, Cathy Slaney and Amy Rommens - City of Brooks.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Tony Steidel Declared April 18-24 will be National Volunteer Week in the Village of Duchess.

Mayor Tony Steidel Declared May 16 – 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week in the Village of Duchess.

Mayor Tony Steidel Declared June 7 – 13, 2021 to be Senior's Week in the Village of Duchess.

Discussion in regards to a mural project was tabled until Budget time.

No concerns with the County of Newell development application as submitted.

057-21 <u>Councillor Preston</u> motioned to give approval to a discretionary development application received from the Outback Country Kitchen with stipulations as discussed

Carried Unanimously

058-21 <u>Councillor Reid Mickler</u> motioned to support Daryl Kimura as the animator for the Community of Duchess with the Duchess library as a backbone organization, with Daryl Kimura as the lead . Should the Village of Duchess Council receive another applicant for this position, the Council would be open to support another person as a plus one for the Duchess Community,

**Carried Unanimously** 

Council requested a copy of the Village of Duchess Strategic Plan.

Councillors discussed the Policing costs and alternate ways to collect. This discussion was tabled .

059-21 Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley motioned to accept the consent agenda items 9 - 16

**Carried Unanimously** 

9. Consent Agenda items 9 - 16

Committee reports

- a copy of submitted meeting minutes will be retained at the office.  $\checkmark$  reports attached are identified by  $\bigstar$
- 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  $\checkmark \rightleftharpoons$
- b. Ag Society 🔶
- c. ORRSC 🗸
- d. NRTA 🗸 🔶

- 3. Councillor Shaun James  $\checkmark \dot{\succ}$
- 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
- e. AUMA Small Communities 🔶
- f. AUMA Municipal Leaders Caucus 🔶
- 5. Councillor Tina Preston
- a. FCSS / EXPO 🔶
- b. 911 🗸 🔶
- c. Recreation Parks Cultural May 12th next meeting
- d. Community Response Committee
- 10. CAO report 🔶
- 11. Public Works
- 12. Accountant
- 13. Recreation Centre 🔶
- 14. CPO 🔶
- 15. Cheques 18891-18968 equaling \$67,102.23 Prepaids – 990417-990434 equaling \$ 35,148.63 Totaling \$ 102,250.86
- 16. Information items
  - a. Municipal Affairs letter regarding changes to the Disaster Recovery Program \*
  - b. Key Municipal Dates fyi
  - c. Town of Morinville letter fyi
  - d. Borrowing guidelines fyi

No closed items of Council

**Budget Meeting** 

Next Council meeting

May 3rd, 2021 @ 6:30 pm May 6<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 pm if required

May 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Adjourn 9:28 pm

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh