Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 24, 2022 – 5:30 pm Village of Duchess Council Chambers

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

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO

Village of Duchess Council were to meet with MLA Frey for a supper meeting. MLA Frey cancelled but Council carried on with their Regular meeting.

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Motions

001-22 <u>Councillor Reid-Mickler</u> motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Village of Duchess held on December 20, 2021. Carried Unanimously

002-22 <u>Councillor Dortch</u> motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8.e, discussion on cost recovery for utility expenses.

Carried Unanimously

003-22 <u>Deputy Mayor Steinley</u> motioned to allow for Administration to investigate costs for an HR Policy and to go ahead with booking a consultant for this project as long as it stays under the value of \$3000.

Administration will also investigate costs associated with preparing a strategic plan for the Village of Duchess.

Carried Unanimously

004-22 <u>Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to destroyed the documents as per the</u> listing presented to Council.

Carried Unanimously

Councillors discussed the housing sales for the year 2021. Administration will work on a cost recovery policy for unusual events.

Kent Torkelson joined the Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

Kent verbally went through his report with Council.

Sharon Zacharias joined the Council meeting at 7:30 pm.

She presented the 2021 Draft balance sheet report and the Draft financial statements to Council. Sharon discussed the Audit timeline and answered questions.

Sharon left at 8:00 pm

005-22 <u>Councillor Preston</u> motioned to accept the consent agenda items 9 -16. Carried Unanimously

Some verbal information was shared in regards to committee boards.

- 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
 - f. Joint Services $\checkmark \checkmark$
 - 2. Deputy Mayor Steinley
 - a. Newell Foundation & Housing ✓
 - b. Ag Society
 - c. ORRSC ✓

- d. NRTA
- 3. Councillor Stephen Dortch
- a. Duchess Library
- b. Fire
- 4. Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler
- a. Shortgrass Library 🗸 🔶
- b. Newell Regional Service Corporation
- c. Palliser Economic Partnership
- d. AM Economic Strategy Committee 🗸
- 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 19675 19732 = \$63,263.20 Prepaids 990470 - 990477 = \$16,150.16 Prepaids 990479 – 990488 = \$94,529.88 Totaling \$ 173,943.24

006-22 <u>Deputy Mayor Steinley motioned to go into a closed session of Council at</u> 8:37 pm

Carried Unanimously

007-22 <u>Councillor Preston motioned to come out of a closed session of Council at</u> 8:53 pm

Carried Unanimously

Next Council meeting

February 22, 2022 @ 7pm March 21, 2022 @ 7pm

Adjourn 9:05 pm

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh