

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JULY 20, 2020

Mayor Potter called this Regular Council meeting of Town Council to order at
6:30 p.m. via Zoom Electronic Meeting.

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Kate Potter
Ken Hildebrand
Isak Skjaveland
Dennis Stredulinsky
Clint Froehlick
Bruce Black
Jonathan Siggelkow

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

STAFF PRESENT

Rachel Wueschner
Trena Huson

Chief Administrative Officer
Administrative Supervisor

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 351-07-20

Moved by Councillor Hildebrand that the agenda for this meeting be adopted as amended with the addition of AUMA Town of Spirit River as item # 1 under Business Arising.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

DELEGATION

Dan Verdun, Fire Chief, County of Grande Prairie
Dale Widsten, District Fire Chief, Town of Sexsmith

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 352-07-20

Moved by Councillor Froehlick that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated July 6, 2020 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

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**TOWN OF
SPIRIT RIVER –
EDUCATION
TAX**

RESOLUTION NO. 353-07-20

Moved by Councillor Black to rescind the motion in support of Education Rebate Tax Resolution from the Town of Spirit River for the AUMA 2020 convention Resolution No. 123-03-20

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 354-07-20

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland as follows:

AUMA Resolution 2020.XX

Town of Spirit River
Education Tax
Seconded by: The Town of Sexsmith

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has the right to requisition education taxes from municipalities.

WHEREAS there is no provision in place for municipalities to get credits back from the provincial government for education property taxes not paid by their residents.

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta continues to requisition school taxes on delinquent accounts from municipalities each year whether or not municipalities have collected any education property taxes on those accounts.

WHEREAS during an economic recession municipalities not only suffer losses from the inability to collect municipal property taxes but also from the education taxes that are not collected but must be paid to the provincial government. This results in other taxpayers covering the cost of the uncollected education taxes year after year.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT AUMA petition the Government of Alberta to provide tax rebates on uncollected education property taxes to affected municipalities.

BACKGROUND:

An example of a situation where a rebate would be beneficial is when a municipality has a property for which the taxes are in arrears. If taxes levied each year are \$5,000 combined for both municipal and education, the municipal portion would be \$4,000 and the education tax would be \$1,000 per year, equaling 20% of total taxes. Over a period of time, the municipality will get control of the property through tax foreclosure. However, the cumulative total of education property taxes paid to the province can be substantial during the period including the amount of time the property is in arrears, the foreclosure process, and the length of time the property is held by the municipality until it sells. Additionally, if the sale price of the property is not enough to fully recover all property taxes owing, this could result in a substantial loss to the taxpayers of the municipality.

If the provincial government does not reimburse municipalities for education taxes that they cannot collect from residents, the municipalities' taxpayers that are diligently paying their taxes bear the burden of covering the costs of those not paying education taxes.

CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Skjaveland left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**ELKS HALL
BOARD
REQUEST**

RESOLUTION NO. 355-07-20

Moved by Councillor Froehlick to pay \$2,400.00 to the Elks for use of the kitchen at the Civic Center in 2020 for the seniors kitchen from the Wellness Coalition budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Skjaveland returned to the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 356-07-20

Moved by Councillor Froehlick to give an operational grant to the Sexsmith Elks for \$10,000.00 for 2020 from Capital Reserves.

CARRIED

Councillor Skjaveland left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Councillor Skjaveland returned to the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Potter declared a 5-minute break 7:58 p.m.

**SET 5-10 YEAR
CAPITAL PLAN
AND RESERVES
MEETINGS**

RESOLUTION NO. 357-07-20

Moved by Councillor Hildebrand to set a 5-10 year capital plan reserve meeting on August 31, September 1, September 14 and September 15, 2020.

CARRIED

Councillor Skjaveland left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Councillor Skjaveland returned to the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**PROCURED
RESCUE TRUCK
FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 358-07-20

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow to approve the purchase of the rescue unit as presented by the fire department from Rocky Mountain Phoenix for \$233,178.00 with funds coming from the vehicle replacement reserve and the remainder from MSI.

CARRIED

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MDP QUOTE TO PREPARE DOCUMENT **RESOLUTION NO. 359-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Black to award the 2020 MDP project to ISL Engineering at a cost of \$12,000.00 with the funding coming from Capital Reserves.

CARRIED

SET START UP EDAC MEETING **RESOLUTION NO. 360-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Froehlick to set the EDAC meeting for August 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

CARRIED

FUNDING FOR RECREATION COORDINATOR POSITION **RESOLUTION NO. 361-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Froehlick to defer the funding for Recreation Coordinator position and have the author present the information.

CARRIED

TAX SALE PROPERTY **RESOLUTION NO. 362-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Skjaveland to proceed with the tax sale and set the date for September 25, 2020 for Lot 1 and Pt. 2, Block 10, Plan 2818EO.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 363-07-20
Moved by Councillor Skjaveland to rescind Resolution 362-07-20.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 364-07-20
Moved by Councillor Skjaveland to table the Tax Sale Property to August 4, 2020 for Lot 1 and Pt. 2, Block 10, Plan 2818EO.

CARRIED

REQUEST REGARDING WEED CONTROL **RESOLUTION NO. 365-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Froehlick that Public Works assist the landowner in Painted Sky with development of a weed management plan and put the owner in contact with relevant contractors.

CARRIED

TOWN MANAGER REPORT **RESOLUTION NO. 366-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Froehlick to accept the Town Manager Report for information only.

CARRIED

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INFORMATION ITEMS **RESOLUTION NO. 367-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Hildebrand to accept the Information items for information only.
CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS **RESOLUTION NO. 368-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Froehlick to accept Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED

POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA **RESOLUTION NO. 369-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Black to bring back popular trees and weed control to a future discussion.
CARRIED

ROUND TABLE

Rachel Wueschner & Trena Huson left the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION **RESOLUTION NO. 370-07-20**
Moved by Councillor Froehlick to move to a closed session at 10:07 p.m. to discuss CAO Evaluation as per FOIP Section 17.
CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 371-07-20
Moved by Councillor Hildebrand to return to an open meeting at 10:28 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 372-07-20
Moved by Councillor Hildebrand to approve the CAO evaluation as amended and have the Mayor present the evaluation to the CAO.

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ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION NO. 373-07-20

Moved by Councillor Hildebrand to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED



Kate Potter, Mayor



Rachel Wueschner, Town Administrator