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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**

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Mayor Potter called this Regular Meeting of Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Sexsmith Council Chambers

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| **COUNCIL PRESENT** | Kate Potter  Ken Hildebrand  Dennis Stredulinsky  Daycie Bohning  Jonathan Siggelkow  Clint Froehlick  Bruce Black | Mayor  Deputy Mayor  Councillor  Councillor arrived 6:51 p.m.  Councillor arrived 6:36 p.m.  Councillor  Councillor |
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| **COUNCIL ABSENT** |  |  |
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| **STAFF PRESENT** | Rachel Wueschner  Hasan Akhtar  Denise Galway | Chief Administrative Officer  Assistant CAO  Administrative Assistant |
| **DELEGATION** | 1. **Request to Move Anglican Church- Sharon Ophus, Museum Board Member** | |
| **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** | **RESOLUTION NO. 241-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Hildebrand that the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented.  **CARRIED** | |
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| **ADOPTION**  **OF MINUTES** | **RESOLUTION NO. 242-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Froehlick that the June 5, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.  **CARRIED**  **RESOLUTION NO. 243-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Hildebrand that the June 12, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes be accepted as amended.  **CARRIED** | |
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| **BUSINESS ARISING** |  | |
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| **REQUEST FROM THE MUSEUM SOCIETY TO MOVE THE ANGLICAN CHURCH** | **RESOLUTION NO. 244-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Hildebrand that,  **WHEREAS,** heritage helps societies to bequeath their values and beliefs to future generations solidifying the intergenerational connection;  **AND WHEREAS,** old buildings are witnesses to the aesthetic and cultural history of Sexsmith, helping to give residents a sense of place and connection to the past;  **AND WHEREAS,** rehabilitating old buildings to their original appearance not only adds character to the Town but can also help attract investment, as well as tourists if the structures are historically significant.  **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Sexsmith purchase the Emanuel Anglican Church and lot located at 9806-101 Avenue, Sexsmith for its appraised value up to $75,000 with funds from General Capital Reserve, to facilitate the moving of the church to the main museum property.  **CARRIED**    **Councillor Bruce Black left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.**  **Councillor Bruce Black returned to the meeting at 7:27 p.m.** | |
| **TRAFFIC BYLAW DISCUSSION** | **RESOLUTION NO. 245-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Black to have administration work with enforcement services on stricter enforcement of OHV sections of the Traffic Bylaw and to document associated written warnings.  **CARRIED** | |
| **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ATTRATION TASK FORCE**  **CAO REVIEW RECOMMENDATION** | **RESOLUTION NO. 246-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Froehlick that,  WHEREAS a properly staffed medical facility is crucial for the long-term sustainability of the Town of Sexsmith.  BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Sexsmith appoint Denise Galway and Darwin Eckstrom as members of the Medical Professionals Attraction Task Force.  **CARRIED**    **RESOLUTION NO. 247-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Froehlick to approve a 2.25% increase (COLA) to the CAO salary with the increase coming into effect January 1,2024.  **CARRIED** | |
|  | **Mayor Kate Potter declares a break at 7:55 p.m.**  **Mayor Kate Potter called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.** | |
| **RFP FOR THE SEXSMITH REBRANDING PROJECT** | **RESOLUTION NO. 248-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Black that,  **WHEREAS,** the Town of Sexsmith seeks to undertake the rebranding process to evolve and shift towards its current reality and ensure sustainability.  **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Sexsmith approve the RFP document for soliciting bids for implementation of the Sexsmith Rebranding Project provided further implementation  will only be done if appropriate funding assistance is received from the Tourism Growth Innovation Fund Program.  **CARRIED** | |
| **NEW BUSINESS**  **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS AT ABMUNIS CONVENTION**  **REQUEST TO REDUCE TAX PENALITIES**  **POLICY REGARDING RETURNED TAX NOTICES** | **RESOLUTION NO. 249-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Hildebrand that,  WHEREAS, all resolutions for Alberta Municipalities Convention must receive official endorsement from a seconding municipality before they are submitted;  AND WHEREAS, the purpose of seeking a seconder is to confirm whether the resolution is of significant interest to other municipalities;  AND WHEREAS, municipalities in rural Alberta, due to unbudgeted rising costs, contemplating reducing Medical First Response Service levels to no longer respond to medical assist calls, even though it places its own residents in further jeopardy.  BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Sexsmith second the motion of the City of Grande Prairie for the province to compensate municipalities for providing MFR service for submission to the 2023 Alberta Municipalities Convention.  .  **CARRIED**  **RESOLUTION NO. 250-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Bohning that,  WHEREAS, the property owner was willing to pay their property taxes but faced severe difficulties in their personal life;  AND WHEREAS, it may be considered equitable to abate a portion of the penalties when the levy amount is fully paid.  BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Sexsmith approve abatement and subsequent refund of 50% of the penalties charged to the roll number 200001674.  **CARRIED**  **Recorded Vote**  **Votes in favour Councillors Hildebrand, Bohning, Stredulinsky, and Mayor Potter**  **Votes opposed Councillors Black, Froehlick, and Siggelkow**  **RESOLUTION NO. 251-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Black to bring Tax Penalty review to Corporate Services for further discussion.  **CARRIED**    **RESOULUTION NO. 252-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Hildebrand that,  WHEREAS, the onus is on property owners to inform the Town of their correct addresses;  AND WHEREAS, the Town exercises due diligence by putting out advertising to remind property owners to update their addresses.  THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Sexsmith accept the agenda item for information only.  **CARRIED** | |
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| **CLOSE SESSION** |  | |
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| **TOWN MANAGER REPORT** | **RESOLUTION NO, 253-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Stredulinsky to accept the Town Manager’s Report for information only.  **CARRIED** | |
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| **INFORMATION ITEMS** | **RESOLUTION NO. 254-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Hildebrand to accept the information items for information only.    **CARRIED** | |
| **COMMITTEE REPORTS** | **RESOLUTION NO. 255-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Froehlick to accept the committee reports for information.  **CARRIED** | |
| **ROUND TABLE** |  | |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | **RESOLUTION NO. 256-06-23**  Moved by Councillor Froehlick to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.  **CARRIED** | |

Kate Potter, Mayor Rachel Wueschner Chief Administrative Officer