

MINUTES  
TOWN OF SEXSMITH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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This regular Council meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Lagace at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT</b>	Claude Lagace	Mayor
	Rick Sakundiak	Deputy Mayor
	Don Jickling	Councillor
	Barb Sparks	Councillor
	Jonathan Siggelkow	Councillor
	Matthew Barnfield	Councillor
	Isak Skjaveland	Councillor

**COUNCIL  
ABSENT**

<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Deloris Metz	Admin. Ass't.
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<b>PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	Bernd Manz, General Manager, Aquatera Utilities Board; Jason Nesbitt, Sexsmith Volunteer Fireman
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<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NO. 039-02-09</b>  Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that the agenda for this meeting be adopted with the following additions and changes:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>BUSINESS ARISING</div><div><div>4. Christmas Lights Expenditures</div><div>5. C.O.P.S</div></div></div>
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>DELEGATION</b>	<p><b>Bernd Manz, Aquatera</b></p> <p>Bernd Manz, General Manager, Aquatera Utilities Board, went over the Aquatera Business Plan along with associated capital and operating budgets for 2009/10 as adopted by the Aquatera Board of Directors. He went over the handout that accompanied the agenda, giving an overview.</p> <p>Councillor Sakundiak asked whether the Clairmont landfill revenue went up.</p> <p>Mr. Manz replied that revenues had increased. He cited the road upgrades that the County has done on the road that goes past the landfill as one of the influences on why loads would go to the County rather than to Grande Prairie. The commercial growth at Clairmont has really expanded, so those companies are taking less to Grande Prairie landfill. The slow down in the oil field and the economy in general has contributed to the slackening of revenues at the Grande Prairie landfill.</p> <p>Mayor Lagace asked about a new landfill site in Grande Prairie.</p> <p>Mr. Manz said Aquatera is looking at what is the best way to deal with waste in the long-term.</p> <p>Councillor Sparks asked if Aquatera was going to get rid of recycling.</p>
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Mr. Manz replied that some commercial programs may have to go if there is not enough revenue generated. Residential recycling will continue. There are challenges globally due to costs. Aquatera needs to work with Recycle Plus.

Mayor Lagace said that first, you have to find out if residents want to pay for curbside recycling.

Mr. Manz agreed that they would have to look at that.

Councillor Sparks asked if Aquatera would look at curbside recycling regionally.

Mr. Manz replied that Recycle Plus is involved, so there are some factors to work through. They haven't looked into regional curbside recycling yet.

Mayor Lagace: Fort MacMurray is shipping their recycling to Edmonton. It is cheaper to do that, than do it themselves.

Councillor Sakundiak said there is a factory in Calgary or Edmonton that has automated bin storage that takes out the cans and bottles.

Mayor Lagace spoke about grants for water and sewer could be applied for and used for Aquatera but the other grants, the Town need for roads, etc. He also spoke about a water and sewer line in Town that needs to be replaced.

Mr. Manz said Aquatera will fund in rehabilitation and maintenance of lines in Sexsmith. For fire flows, there be will need to be a conversation around that.

Mayor Lagace said that \$6 million was spent for the north end to improve fire flows for Grande Prairie.

Mr. Manz replied that that also got water into zone three - so that project provides a benefit to Clairmont and Sexsmith, as well. However, the north end, the higher you go, the harder it is to get good fire flows.

Mayor Lagace asked if bid prices for projects were getting lower.

Mr. Manz replied that they haven't tendered for a while but it did not appear that bids were lower.

Councillor Sparks asked with the economy the way it is, will wages slow as well?

Mr. Manz said that Aquatera has 3% and 3% raise for union workers, that has just being negotiated.

Councillor Skjaveland asked if there is much difference in tipping fees.

Mr. Manz replied that the County has matched Aquatera's price. Paving of 116 Avenue, by Costco, will get more garbage to Clairmont because it is so convenient to just run down that road, straight out to the Clairmont landfill.

Thanks, around.

Mayor Lagace asked if any member of the public would like to address Council. No one stepped forward and Mayor Lagace closed public session and continued the

**PUBLIC  
SESSION**  
meeting.

**ADOPTION  
OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 040-02-09**

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Councillor Barnfield moved that Council accept the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 26, 2009 with one change - Rhonda Wald, not Wall.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Fire Agreement                      RESOLUTION NO. 041-02-09**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield to table the fire agreement to the regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 2, 2009. The clarification of the qualifications of the pump operator/driver and the qualifications for the rest of the crew manning the truck is to go to the Corporate Services Committee meeting on February 24 @ 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Corporate Services Committee is to work in conjunction with the fire department and the County to clarify the agreement before bringing it back to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Adoption of  
Aquaterra  
Business Plan                      RESOLUTION NO. 042-02-09**

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council accept the Aquatera Business Plan for 2009 – 2010 for information only.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**National  
Farmers’ Union                      RESOLUTION NO. 043-02-09**

Moved by Councillor Sparks that Council send a letter of support for farmers to the provincial and federal agriculture ministers, the premier and the prime minister endorsing a need for maintaining a fair playing field and not adding to the demise of family farm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Christmas Lights                      RESOLUTION NO. 044-02-09**

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council look into whether or not the Christmas light up downtown is drawing power from the Museum Society and, if the power for the light up is being paid by the Museum Society, the Town should reimburse the difference to the Museum Society.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COPS                                      RESOLUTION NO. 045-02-09**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council pay the COPS program the \$1,000 that was put in budget.

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**NEW  
BUSINESS**

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Sexsmith Minor  
Hockey Assoc.

RESOLUTION NO. 046-02-09

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council give \$500 to Sexsmith Minor Hockey Association for their Sexsmith Pee wee Vipers Provincial tournament.

RESOLUTION NO. 047-02-09

Moved by Skjaveland that it be tabled to February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for more information on how much money is remaining in the donation budget.

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4 FOR  
MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION NO. 048-02-09

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council accept the Reconciliation as at December 31, 2008 and accept the cheque register for December, 2008 (cheques # 031408-031547).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUND  
TABLE

Sparks	<p>Re: Vehicle 3/4-ton parked at T-intersection of 98 Street. Her sons' vehicle was totaled when an accident occurred at that intersection. The parked vehicle probably contributed to the accident. They called County to have that truck removed and they would not come out. RCMP never came out to the accident. They went in to talk to RCMP.</p> <p>Is the blue building taken care of?</p>	<p>CAO to find out why County/RCMP did not respond.</p> <p>CAO will look into this.</p>
Barnfield	<p>Re: Icy roads. Can Public Works send a grader to scarify the roads.</p> <p>Had a comment from a realtor: <i>Sentinel</i> tax write-up - why would you put in for only \$135 (cost more than that to drive back and forth to Grande Prairie)?</p>	<p>Request will be passed on to Public Works.</p> <p>Information only.</p>
Skjaveland	<p>Stopped in Blackfalds and looked at a beautiful doctors' clinic.</p>	<p>CAO will obtain more information on what rent is paid, how big the clinic is, etc.</p>
Jickling	<p>Why are we still paying doctor's rent? Wasn't there a motion last year to end rent payments as of the end of December, 2008?</p>	<p>CAO will bring to budget meeting on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.</p>
Lagace	<p>Send congratulations letter to Chris Warkentin, saying nice budget.</p>	<p>CAO will send a congratulatory letter.</p>

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	<p>Where’s our chunk?</p> <p>Please invite Chris Warkentin to a Council meeting.</p> <p>Manning and Valleyview are looking into swimming pool. The swimming pool in Falher is \$50,000 in the red. People have asked in past for swimming pool. We must be careful about building one. The upkeep is very high.</p> <p>Check with Mike Leathwood to see what happened to funding for a seniors’ centre.</p>	<p>CAO will do this.</p> <p>Information only.</p> <p>CAO will check on this.</p>
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**ADJOURNMENT     RESOLUTION NO. 049-02-09**

Councillor Siggelkow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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C. Lagace, Mayor

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Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator