

MINUTES

TOWN OF SEXSMITH

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JULY 3, 2012

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Matthew Barnfield
Don Jickling
Claude Lagace
Nicole Cooke

Councillor
Councillor
Mayor
Deputy Mayor

**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

Isak Skjaveland
Jonathan Sigglekow
Richard Sakundiak

Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Carolyn Gaunt
Rachel Wueschner

CAO
Accounting Technician

**PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Jeanne Lomenda, Barbara Buck

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 158-07-12

Moved by Councillor Jickling that the agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

Jeanne Lomenda, Sexsmith Minor Ball

Jeanne Lomenda wanted to thank everyone involved for a successful minor ball season. There were more players this year than last because of the cancellation of soccer. Minor ball put a float in the Chautauqua Day Parade. The yearend barbeque was a success. The future goal of the organization is to secure more land for a ball park. They currently have four ball diamonds for use and would like to see that increased to ten ball diamonds. They are willing to make use of school lands for this purpose if need be. They would like to use the canteen for next year. About half of the games were cancelled for the year due to weather conditions. The organization would like to secure more donors so they can purchase permanent bleachers. They would like to form one competitive team for next year. They are interested in having a batting cage however the costs for this are quite high. The organization would like to have a council representative on the board for next year. Most sponsors have already been secured for next year. The organization is looking forward to getting grants from the Provincial Government, City of Grande Prairie & County of Grande Prairie.

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

Mrs. Buck wanted to know if the town had pulled a building permit and development permit for the public works shop being built. Carolyn Gaunt, CAO commented that a building permit had been pulled and that a development permit was not required in this case since the building is being built on the same site of the previous building and this site has therefore been previously approved for the current use. Mrs. Buck was concerned that the new shop may be using more than 75% of the lot space. Carolyn Gaunt, CAO commented that the shop will be approximately 10,000 square feet in size and will not use more than 75% of the lot. Mrs. Buck wanted to know how many summer students were hired this summer. She also wanted to know how many were students prior to their commencement of work. She was informed there were six summer students at public works and that two of them were shared positions with the Sexsmith Fire Department. The number of students in school could not be determined at this time without consulting the Public Works Superintendent. Mrs. Buck suggested that the town begin doing random drug testing on town employees, particularly in the public works department where equipment is being operated. Mrs. Buck also suggested a garbage bin be provided at the cardboard recycling site to encourage a tidier area. Mayor Lagace informed her this would probably not work well since town residents as well as residents of the county would treat this as a dumping site making it very difficult to keep up with the volume of garbage collected. Mrs. Buck wanted to know if anyone had attended the Supreme Diesel

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Demo. The town was not made aware the demo was to take place. Mrs. Buck would like to see stories in the Sentinel regarding new development in town. Carolyn, CAO informed her there had been articles in the Sentinel and the town will continue to include new development items in the Sentinel to keep the public informed.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 159-07-12

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of June 22, 2012 as presented.

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**Prices for
Concrete Swale**

Beairsto Lehnrs Ketchum has asked the town to use Focus to obtain pricing on the swale.

RESOLUTION NO. 160-07-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield to rescind motion to hire Beairsto Lehnrs Ketchum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Barnfield suggested the town go with the concrete swale. The drainage problem should have been dealt with at time of development by the developer. The town now must deal with this issue. Mayor Lagace suggested going with a one meter wide swale but is concerned about the cost of a swale of this width. Fences are to be taken down by July 31, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 161-07-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield to contact Focus and ask them to make a design for a one meter wide swale to deal with the drainage problem.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consideration will be given to the cost of the swale being funded by a local improvement tax. Residents have not complied with the proper grades required in this development and this has caused the drainage problem.

Town Land for Sale

RESOLUTION NO. 162-07-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that this matter be tabled until more information is available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaw No. 901

RESOLUTION NO. 163-07-12

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council give first reading to Bylaw 901 for Land Use Bylaw 755 for re-zoning.

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**Camping Fees
Comparisons**

RESOLUTION NO. 164-07-12

Moved by Councillor Cooke that campers staying at Heritage Park Campground for a month must prepay. Monthly fees will be \$500.00 per month and weekly fees \$150.00 per week. There should be no refunds on prepaid camping fees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

-Council would like to see deficiencies at Painted Sky completed as soon as possible.

-Item of doctors providing helmets will be further investigated.

**ROUND
TABLE**

Barnfield	<p>Museum Society has the Dr. McCrum sign. They want to put it in the Medical Clinic.</p> <p>Unightly premises issue has been going on for a year and a half. Something needs to be done.</p> <p>Have signs been ordered to guide residents to the spray park?</p> <p>Would like to see the pictures on the walls at the Medical Clinic showcasing doctors who have served the town for a period of 5 years or more.</p>	<p>Information only</p> <p>CAO will check on this.</p> <p>CAO will check on this.</p> <p>Information only</p>
Cooke	<p>Is making signs for the grand opening of the Spray park.</p> <p>Community Centre Casino went well. Museum and Library Casino are coming up.</p> <p>Minutes on the website have not been updated recently.</p> <p>Wants to see the Doctors Committee revived to appreciate doctors and their wives. We should find out their interests and present them to them to attract them to the area. Send memory sticks with this type of information out of country to possible recruits.</p>	<p>Information only</p> <p>Information only</p> <p>CAO will check on this.</p> <p>Roses or a Spa day could be purchased for the wives. Something should be done right away to appreciate the wives. Kyla at the clinic should be contacted to arrange this.</p>
Jickling	<p>What was the fire truck doing out on Sunday.</p>	<p>This was a County truck requested to go to staging for the County.</p>
Lagace	<p>Sale price on land that could be used has come down to \$325,000.00. The Town may consider making an offer.</p>	<p>Information only</p>

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	Send Everett McDonald a letter regarding notes from environment to know if we can do our own creek study.	CAO will do this.
	Attended opening of new building in Greenvew.	Information only
	Museum society needs to attend to chimney.	Matthew will pass the information on to Museum Society.
	Removing post in back alley near Seniors Centre is a safety issue.	CAO will check with Public Works on this.
	Newspaper to cover Grand Opening of the Spray park. There will be representatives from the City of Grande Prairie attending.	Information only

Mayor Lagace declared a 10 minute break at 8:35 p.m.

**Meeting Closed
to Public**

RESOLUTION NO. 165-07-12

Moved by Councillor Cooke that this meeting be “closed to the public” at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Meeting Open
To Public**

RESOLUTION NO. 166-07-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that this meeting be “open to the public” at 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 167-07-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that this meeting be adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator