

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF SEXSMITH**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010**

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This regular Council meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Lagace at 6:44 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith, following the Public Hearing.

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT</b>	Claude Lagace Jonathan Siggelkow Don Jickling Barb Sparks Isak Skjaveland Rick Sakundiak Matthew Barnfield	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Carolyn Gaunt Alan Gordey	CAO Public Works Superintendent
<b>PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	Dan Billingham, Tanya Billingham, Ken Paul, Vicki Paul,	
<b>DELEGATION</b>	Bernd Manz, CEO Aquatera	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NO. 003-01-10</b>  Moved by Councillor Jickling that the agenda for this meeting be adopted with the addition of:	

BUSINESS ARISING                      6. Update on Forest Grove drainage

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>DELEGATION</b>	<b>Bernd Manz, CEO Aquatera</b>  Mr. Manz brought the request of Aquatera that the Town of Sexsmith waive it’s special stock dividend for 2009. When there are asset transfers, there are new shares created and dividends paid out.  Councillor Skjaveland asked if the Town got dividend shares. Yes, the Town received \$185,801.80  Aquatera is asking that there be no new dividends because of new assets. This is a one time only request but could be incorporated into the Unanimous Shareholders Agreement. Amounts would be put back in as revenue for Aquatera. Under the current USA, the Town gets both preferred and voting shares on asset transfers.  Mayor Lagace asked about the Grande Prairie landfill?  Mr. Manz replied that the landfill is continuing to be operated by Aquatera. Aquatera is working with the City on a franchise fee and to add the cost to the City utility bills. Grande Prairie Council referred it back to the City administration. The City is not interested, at this time, to take the landfill back.  Councillor Siggelkow asked what Aquatera is doing to keep costs down?  Mr. Manz replied that Aquatera is responsible for their expenses. Salary costs are through union negotiations. The contract is up this year. Aquatera has cut back some positions.
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The Board has reviewed expenses. Aquatera is working to reduce expenses to be in keeping with reduced revenues. Their agreement saw a 3% salary increase over the last year.

Councillor Sakundiak asked why he sometimes can smell chlorine here but not in Grande Prairie.

Mr. Manz replied that re-chlorination is required at certain locations to make sure chlorination is kept at required levels.

Thanks, around.

**PUBLIC  
SESSION**

Mr. Billingham presented a letter regarding the position for fire chief and his interest in the position. He is interested in a full-time position, part-time fire chief/Public Works. He would also like to pursue doing a shift of ride-a-long with the Grande Prairie Fire Department. He thinks it would be beneficial to our members. Members would be there for a full shift.

**ADOPTION  
OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 004-01-10**

Councillor Barnfield moved that Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes, December 21, 2009.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Aquatera request  
for waiver of  
payment of stock  
dividends**

**RESOLUTION NO. 005-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council approve the waiver of payment of stock dividends, 2009 in the amount of \$12,350.00, as requested by Aquatera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Bylaw 883 Land  
Use Amendment**

**RESOLUTION NO. 006-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council give Bylaw No. 883, amending the Land Use Bylaw No. 755 by addition of definitions and uses of retail sales and offices services for Highway Commercial (C-2) district as discretionary uses be given second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 007-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council give Bylaw No. 883, amending the Land Use Bylaw No. 755 by addition of definitions and uses of retail sales and offices services for Highway Commercial (C-2) district be given third and final reading

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Grant Specialist  
Position**

**RESOLUTION NO. 008-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council table this item to Wednesday evening's budget meeting.

**4 FOR  
3 AGAINST  
MOTION CARRIED**

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**Seniors’ Snow  
Plowing Services  
Agreement**      **RESOLUTION NO. 009-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council add the application for snow plowing for seniors and the disabled into our policy manual. This relates mainly to the annexed lands.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Recycling Program  
& cardboard  
proposal**      **RESOLUTION NO. 010-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council approve a two-month trial for cardboard recycling.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Update on Forest  
Grove drainage  
proposal**      Councillor Siggelkow declared a conflict of interest and addressed Council as a private citizen.

Mr. Siggelkow has a house for sale and the perspective buyers are interested in purchasing more land. The adjacent landowner has not had anything resolved and says that the land with the drainage ditch is no longer farmable. Mr. Siggelkow left the room at 7:50 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 011-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council accept this for information only.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Lagace declared a 5-minute break at 8:05 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 012-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council pursue the idea of expropriation for lands for drainage for easement if necessary.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Siggelkow returned to Council Chambers.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**County agreement  
For Peace Officer  
& Animal Control  
Services**      **RESOLUTION NO. 013-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council renew agreements for Peace Officer and Animal Control services with the County of Grande Prairie.

**6 FOR  
1 AGAINST  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Reservation of  
Heritage Park  
Camping spots**      Councillor Skjaveland asked about lots available for camping. The Public Works Superintendent said that the Town does not take reservations. If a stall is needed, people should check with him about a week before.

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**Painting of  
Sexsmith Train  
Station**

**RESOLUTION NO. 014-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council purchase the painting of Sexsmith train station and elevators by Linda McAusland and perhaps make prints of it

**3 FOR  
4 AGAINST  
MOTION DEFEATED**

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

CAO went over the Town Manager’s report.

**ROUND  
TABLE**

Siggelkow	Please put snow policy for Town seniors and disabled residents.	CAO will do.
Sparks	Cannot attend the Community Futures meeting on January 6 <sup>th</sup> .	Information only.
Sakundiak	Would like the location of the cardboard bin at tomorrow’s infrastructure meeting.  Trash pick up dates during the holiday were mixed up with Aquatera’s dates.	CAO will do.  Information only.
Skjaveland	Please check on meeting payments for January.	Accounting Technician will do so.
Lagace	Praised Public works on a good job on clearing streets and schools.	Information only.

**CLOSED  
TO THE  
PUBLIC**

**RESOLUTION NO. 015-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council go ‘in camera’ at 8:40 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING  
OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLUTION NO. 016-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to the open meeting at 9:35 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Local Authorities  
Pension Plan**

**RESOLUTION NO. 017-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Sparks that Council table this item to the budget meeting on January 6, 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Fire Chief &  
Proposed Fire  
Agreement**

**RESOLUTION NO. 018-01-10**

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council offer Derian Rosario part-time fire chief position, 10 hours per week at \$40 per hour.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**ADJOURNMENT      RESOLUTION NO. 019-01-10**

Councillor Jickling moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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C. Lagace, Mayor

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Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator