

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Mayor Lagace called this regular Council meeting of Town Council to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

COUNCIL PRESENT	Rick Sakundiak Don Jickling Claude Lagace Jonathan Sigglekow Matthew Barnfield Nicole Cooke	Councillor Councillor Mayor Councillor Councillor Deputy Mayor
COUNCIL ABSENT	Isak Skjaveland	Councillor
STAFF PRESENT	Carolyn Gaunt Rachel Wueschner Alan Gordey	CAO Assistant Administrator Public Works Superintendent

**PUBLIC
PRESENT** Nellie Sterr

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA RESOLUTION NO. 205-09-12**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that the agenda for this meeting be adopted with the following additions:

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| BUSINESS ARISING | 3. FASD- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
Awareness Day |
| IN CAMERA | 2. Minutes procedures
3. Personnel |

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS Bernd Manz, Aquatera, Presenting Annual Report & Strategic Plan
Mr. Manz explained it's been a good year for Aquatera. There has been a lot of transition. Aquatera is now completely separate from the city. It has been a reasonable year financially. Last year was the first year a special dividend was declared. Future goals include growing the business to double by 2020 from 10 million to 20 million beyond the current customer base, increasing value to the shareholders, increasing dividends and making rates more comparable. There are two business development personnel working at drumming up new business September will be spent updating the business plan and budget hopefully finalizing this in November.

There is currently lots of capacity at the lagoon used for the town of Sexsmith however there has been some erosion of the banks occurring. To fix this problem comes at a \$1.4 million price tag. Aquatera will be working with the province to secure grant funds to deal with is project. Council should attempt to meet with the Transport Minister while on conference at AUMA to inform him of the need for funding of the lagoon project. Aquatera can provide the background information needed to present to the minister but the town will need to apply for the actual grant.

Councillor Barnfield wondered if it would be feasible to put up a sign at the highway to advertize the bulk water facility located in the town. This would be something that would need to be discussed with transportation. Mr. Manz commented water rates are fixed across the board causing low density areas to lose money.

Councillor Sakundiak requested the lights on Aquatera building be checked to see that they are working properly since this is a safety concern.

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Mr. Manz indicated that Aquatera will be seeking business further away. At home base, business could be expanded to treat waste water. Councillor Sigglekow commented expanding the business could cause some negative feedback. Mr. Manz, said they are conscious of being criticized of cornering the market and it is not their intention to compete with local business.

Mayor Lagace, thanked Aquatera for their contribution to the Sexsmith Community Foundation golf tournament.

Mayor Lagace wanted to know if a holding tank was installed at the spray park this would reduce sewer fees. Mr. Manz replied sewer charges could be eliminated if the water was not entering the sewer.

Alan, Public Works Superintendent wondered who owns a fire hydrant that was removed. Mr. Manz explained all water infrastructure belongs to Aquatera.

Mr. Manz made the closing comment that the goal for Aquatera is to get to a median cost as reflected in the industry for everyone. Mayor Lagace, thanked Mr. Manz for his presentation.

Bernd Manz left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

No Comments.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 206-09-12

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council approves the Regular Council meeting minutes of August 20, 2012.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**Electronic
Crosswalk**

RESOLUTION NO. 207-09-12

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that council add the Electronic Crosswalk proposed for 100 Avenue to the 2013 budget.

CARRIED

**Future Engineering
Contracts**

RESOLUTION NO. 208-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barfield that Council table this item until the next meeting for more information.

CARRIED

FASD Day

RESOLUTION NO. 209-09-12

Moved by Councillor Cooke that the Town of Sexsmith proclaim International FASD Day (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day) September 9, 2012 .

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

**Public Works
Conference**

RESOLUTION NO. 210-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council approve Public Works Superintendent, Alan Gordey and Lead hand, Craig Rees to attend the Public Works Partners in Excellence Conference & Tradeshow in Red Deer, Alberta October 1st to 3rd 2012.

CARRIED

Bylaw 904

RESOLUTION NO. 211-09-12

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Bylaw 904 Smoking Ban in playgrounds, sports fields & outdoor facilities be given first reading to be brought back with changes as well as presented to County Enforcement to ensure enforceability.

CARRIED

Diamond
Conference

RESOLUTION NO. 212-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield Trena Huson, Accounting Technician attends the 2012 Diamond Software Conference in Banff, Alberta October 22-24, 2012.

CARRIED

Bylaw 905

RESOLUTION NO. 213-09-12

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Bylaw 905 Harassment and Bullying Bylaw be given first reading to be brought back with changes as well as presented to County Enforcement to ensure enforceability.

CARRIED

INFORMATION
ITEMS

as presented

ROUND
TABLE

Barnfield	Why are there groves in the pavement at the arena. Public Works has done a good job on the crosswalks.	Per P.W. Superintendent this is caused by clawing the ice in the winter. For information only.
Sigglekow	The weeds in Painted Sky & Forrest Grove are unacceptable. Can Public Works go in and cut the weeds then bill back the owners?	Per CAO they have been cut once this year. Mayor Lagace pointed out this needs to go through the processes with the weed inspector. CAO will investigate.

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Cooke	<p>Can we put an article in the paper identifying noxious weeds so that people are aware of which ones are noxious?</p> <p>It was nice to see the Fire Department out the first day of school to make sure the children got to school safely.</p> <p>I have spoken to St. Mary’s School about doing a video to help with doctor recruitment. We just need to set a date to begin.</p> <p>Meet the Teacher Night at St. Mary’s School is September 12 at 5:00 p.m. & Robert W Zahara September 24th at 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>This will be passed on to the Sentinel editor.</p> <p>For information only</p> <p>For information only</p> <p>For information only.</p>
Sakundiak	<p>Advertising signs are still sitting out by the highway.</p> <p>The shed behind the Diamond Willow Restaurant should not be there.</p> <p>Fallen fence on bank owned property is still not cleaned up.</p> <p>The Community Foundation Golf Tournament was a success.</p>	<p>P.W. Superintendent picked them up today.</p> <p>CAO will investigate.</p> <p>Bank has been contacted. They are to send caretakers out to take it down.</p> <p>For information only.</p>
Jickling	<p>The Arena has been busy with Ball Hockey & Roller Derby. The north side door should be fixed by Odessa soon.</p> <p>Is \$50,000 tentatively set aside for the Arena in the 2013 budget?</p>	<p>For information only.</p> <p>CAO will investigate.</p>
Lagace	<p>Should there be a Subdivision & Development meeting before September 17, 2012.</p> <p>When will work begin on the swale in Forrest Grove.</p> <p>Has an agreement been received from Gibson’s?</p>	<p>CAO will set meeting</p> <p>September 15th is when the contractors are set to begin work. Letters are to go out to property owners this week.</p> <p>CAO is still waiting on this.</p>

Mayor Lagace declared a five-minute break at 8:48 p.m.

Nellie Sterr left the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Alan Gordey, Public Works Superintendent left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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**CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 214-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that council go ‘in camera’ at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 215-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to open meeting at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 216-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that an offer to purchase the borrow pit land located at SE ¼ 24-73-6-6 containing 6.082 hectares (15.03 Acres) be made to the Government of Alberta at a cost of \$43,500 assuming a clear title without land use restrictions.

CARRIED

**CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 217-09-12

Moved by Councillor Sigglekow that council go ‘in camera’ at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 218-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to open meeting at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 219-09-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that all town staff participate in an anonymous job satisfaction survey.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 220-09-12

Moved by Councillor Cooke that this Council meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED

C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator