

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

This regular Council meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Lagace at 6:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

COUNCIL PRESENT	Claude Lagace Don Jickling Nicole Cooke Isak Skjaveland Rick Sakundiak Jonathan Siggelkow Matthew Barnfield	Mayor Councillor @ 6:35 p.m. Councillor Councillor Councillor Deputy Mayor Councillor @ 6:47 p.m.
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**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

STAFF PRESENT	Carolyn Gaunt Deloris Metz Alan Gordey	CAO Admin. Ass't. Public Works Superintendent
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**PUBLIC
PRESENT** Nellie Sterr (left @ 8:45 p.m.), Nelle Martel (stepped out @ 7:10 p.m. & returned at @7:15 p.m. Left @ 8:42 p. m.), Jeanne Lomenda (Left @ 8:42 p. m.), Craig Rees (left @ 8:45 p.m.)

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA** **RESOLUTION NO. 282-09-11**

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council approve the agenda for this meeting, with the following additions:

NEW BUSINESS 5. Public Works Attendance @ Conference

IN CAMERA 1. County Fire Agreement update

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC
SESSION** Jeanne Lomenda wondered if the Forest Grove storm water fix would affect her. Mayor Lagace said that it would not affect her. Ms. Lomenda said she has been in email contact Bernd Manz, Aquatera. He said that she needs the backflow valve that costs about \$10,000. She has contacted legal advice. Aquatera will not deal with her and would only deal with her insurance company. The insurance company will not cover her, due to flooding so often. Her only step is to sue. Councillor Sakundiak said he had to sue Aquatera. Ms. Lomenda said her lawyer told her that she should sue the Town and Aquatera. Mayor Lagace said that the Town has to be able to deal with normal storms, not the once in a hundred years storm. This is what Council are doing tonight is to try to rectify a problem in Forest Grove. Town may have to hire an engineer to examine Ms. Lomenda’s problem. Councillor Jickling asked how old the house is. It is 16 years old. Councillor Siggelkow said it is not up to the Town to hire an engineer. It is up to Aquatera. Aquatera own the lines. It is up to the Town to pressure Aquatera for Ms. Lomenda. Mayor Lagace asked Ms. Lomenda to come into the office at 9:00 a.m. and meet with the Town Manager. She is to bring the letter from the insurance agency. Councillor Siggelkow said Ms. Lomenda should bring her claims and dates of floods, so that the Town Manager can pursue the problem with Aquatera. Councillor Barnfield said storm studies started being necessary about 5 years ago.

Nelle Martel said when the rain comes down it goes into the sewer and floods though her toilet. Public Works Superintendent said the older core block is tied into the

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sewer. She is on the outskirts of that block. Sumps have to run their water over land. Nothing in Forest Grove goes into the sewer. All of Shannon and Centennial go into the weeping tile and then into the sewer. Infiltration can go into manholes. Ms. Martel is at the end of line and dead end. The dead end doesn't matter it's the elevations that matter. Her basement is 8' into the ground. Ms. Martel asked how were permits given for our houses? You have to get Aquatera to deal with the problem. Ms. Martel said she was with Jean and their lawyer and talking to the MLA. If the storm drain belongs to the Town and they run overland, draining into the creek. The sewer lines are operated and owned by Aquatera. Mayor Lagace said that Aquatera will tell the Town to fix the problem if storm water is going into the sewer. About 10 years ago, rules changed so that the storm water couldn't go into the sewer. Ms. Martel said that her sewer is connected to the rainfall somehow because when it rains, sewer backs up into her basement. She called her plumber and he said there is nothing wrong with her backflow valve. It is a rainwater problem. Mayor Lagace said we would have to go and dig up all the houses built before sump pumps were mandated. The older homes were built according to building codes at the time. The Town can't go back and make them change their weeping tile. Ms. Lomenda said they couldn't sue their building inspector. Councillor Siggelkow is going to research backflow preventer valves, as well. Ms. Lomenda said she has done everything she can. Councillor Siggelkow said that the Town will take the problem to Aquatera for them. Asked about the possibility of another apartment complex being built on the empty lot and the Mayor said that nothing has been approved. Public Works Superintendent said there are a lot of houses that don't have downspouts that drain water away from the house. He went on to say that maybe the Town could do some advertising in the newspaper. Mayor said we should wait and see what Aquatera suggests and go from there. Ms Sterr said there should be information in the paper about can be done. The Town Manager said that has already been done, in the past.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 283-09-11

Councillor Jickling moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 15, 2011 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**Fire Dept.
request for
\$6,616.16 of
hose (from
July 4
Meeting)**

RESOLUTION NO. 284-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council send the purchase of fire hose back to budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Research on
other towns &
their elevators**

RESOLUTION NO. 285-09-11

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Repairs to
Public Works
Shop**

RESOLUTION NO. 286-09-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council get information from the insurance on what expenses they will cover and go from there. If it is a safety issue, Council may have to call a special meeting to deal with the problem promptly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Councillor Barnfield left Council Chambers due to a conflict of interest, as he works for Beirsto Lehnrs Ketchum.

**Request to
proceed with
surveying on
Town Land**

RESOLUTION NO. 287-09-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council hire Beirsto Lehnrs Ketchum to do survey work on the Town owned parcel of land, Lot 2 Plan 1003 MC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Barnfield returned to Council Chambers.

**Approval of
revised plan for
Storm Drainage
– Forest Grove
Phase 3**

RESOLUTION NO. 288-09-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council accept storm drainage remediation of Focus for Phase III in Forest Grove and request the design meet the conditions of the Town. Beirsto Lehnrs Ketchum are to continue as consultant to the Town.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Lagace declared a 5-minute break @ 7:55 p.m.

**Community
Futures Grant
Specialist**

RESOLUTION NO. 289-09-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council table this decision to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**5 OPPOSED
2 FOR
MOTION DENIED**

RESOLUTION NO. 290-09-11

Moved by Jickling that Council table this to the October 17th regular Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Barnfield left Council Chambers due to a conflict of interest, as he works for Beirsto Lehnrs Ketchum.

**Town Road
Engineer**

RESOLUTION NO. 291-09-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council approve the Town contracting with ISL Engineering at a 7% fee for the 2012 Street Improvement Program with other services to be negotiated as they occur and the contract re-evaluated on an annual basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Barnfield returned to Council Chambers.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

**Land Use
Amendment
comment from
County**

RESOLUTION NO. 292-09-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council has no objection to the County re-zoning of Elmer and Doris Dueck land from residential to rural medium industrial.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Approval for
date for Tax
Recovery Sale**

RESOLUTION NO. 293-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council approve the sale date for tax recovery sale as Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. The term for the sale by auction, sealed bid, would be 10% of bid price to accompany bid and the balance to be paid within 14 days of the sale.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Invitation to meet
with Alberta
Transportation
at conference**

RESOLUTION NO. 294-09-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council make an appointment to meet with Alberta Transportation at the upcoming AUMA Convention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Hythe Pioneer
Home addition to
Grande Spirit**

RESOLUTION NO. 295-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council approve the Hythe Pioneer Home being added to the Grande Spirit Foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Works
attendance @
conference**

RESOLUTION NO. 296-09-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council approve two Public Works employees to attend the Conference in Red Deer, October 3 – 5th, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Rachel Wueschner is to be asked to attend the next Council meeting to address the Financial Report.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**ROUND
TABLE**

Siggelkow	Would like Waldy Neufeld invited to the September 19 th Council meeting to discuss the possibility of joint recreation ventures.	CAO will invite him to the September 19 meeting.
	106 Street – 101 Avenue there will be an accident if there is not a ‘yield ahead’ sign. Last three times I was there cars are traveling very fast and the yield sign is hidden behind brush.	CAO will look into the problem about whether to square off the road or just make the yield sign more noticeable.
	Was approached by one of the city aldermen, Dan Wong, about a joint tree nursery. Just passing along info.	CAO will check into this.
	Councillor Siggelkow said he was disappointed that Public Works did not	Public Works Superintendent said that he followed Council direction.

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	rotovate the area before planting.	
Sakundiak	<p>Government is doing census – so we will be able to get our population from them.</p> <p>Traffic light at Isak's corner and lights downtown. Those are new bulbs and should have a guarantee. We should document when we change bulbs.</p> <p>Is compost recycling something that we can do?</p> <p>What is happening with the old burned church?</p> <p>What did we do to the ditch at St. Mary’s School?</p> <p>What’s happening with the old school?</p> <p>Sidewalk on the east side of St. Mary’s was painted as a crosswalk.</p> <p>Usually when we have a new employee, we meet them.</p>	<p>It’s good for the street improvement grant.</p> <p>PW will look after this.</p> <p>Aquatera contracted and they have an area set aside for composting. If we take to the County, we have to pay. If we take it to the Regional, it is a long way.</p> <p>It will be torn down to the cement foundation.</p> <p>It is signed and there are reflectors. Speed limit is 30 km/hr.</p> <p>CAO says demolition will begin by the end of the year.</p> <p>Public Works Superintendent said that kids walk down that alley, so it is a crosswalk to get on the sidewalk but he will have a second look at it.</p> <p>When you are in the office, introduce yourself.</p>
Barnfield	<p>ATCO Gas dug a big hole in the walking trail by my house.</p> <p>The trail by the arena should be able to hold a fire truck, as it is a fire lane.</p>	<p>ATCO Gas will be fixing the spot.</p> <p>Public Works will look after fixing that. A lot of the future walking trails will be on road base and will be more expensive to build. PW will put up a sign specifying no trucks over 1 ton on the trails. Public Works will be remediating the trail by the arena so that a fire truck can go on it.</p>
Siggelkow	Are we sending Prairie Disposal a bill for repairing the walking trail?	Prairie Disposal is paying for it.

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Cooke	<p>Grande Prairie is doing recycling and everything can be put in one bag (single stream).</p> <p>Green space down past the railway station can we put some doggie bags and a garbage can.</p> <p>SPCA reports don't specify if it bit a person or another dog – more detail on the calls.</p>	<p>We can look at that when we tender the contract (in two more years).</p> <p>Public Works will do this.</p> <p>CAO will inquire.</p>
Skjaveland	<p>Re: 100 Year storm Can we make a bylaw about everyone have a proper eavestroughing?</p> <p>PW Superintendent when you graded snow at the Civic Centre did you scrape off the overlay on the water holes?</p>	<p>CAO will check into this.</p> <p>Public Works Superintendent will have a look at the problem.</p>
Jickling	<p>Did you ever look at the stamping at the Community Centre? It is a terrible mess and you'll never shovel that path.</p>	<p>Public Works Superintendent will look at it.</p>
PW	<p>Sidewalk in front of Anglican Church will start tomorrow.</p>	<p>Will be specific with contractor about the stamping.</p>
Lagace	<p>Talked to all the principals. Any issue of smoking by the seniors complex– just call the principal @ Sexsmith Secondary School.</p> <p>Went to 29 million dollar sod turning of the County's 42 acre recplex.</p> <p>FASD are coming on the 10th at 3:00 p.m. Are some Councillors going to be there?</p>	<p>Information only.</p> <p>Information only.</p> <p>They will be at TAGS.</p>

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 297-09-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council go ‘in camera’ at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 298-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to the open meeting at 10:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cooke left Council Chambers due to a conflict of interest. Her husband works for the County of Grande Prairie.

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 299-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council go ‘in camera’ at 10:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 300-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to the open meeting at 10:11 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 301-09-11

Councillor Barnfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator