

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013

Mayor Lagace called this regular Council meeting of Town Council to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Rick Sakundiak	Councillor
Claude Lagace	Mayor
Jonathan Siggelkow	Councillor
Matthew Barnfield	Councillor
Nicole Cooke	Councillor
Isak Skjaveland	Councillor
Don Jickling	Deputy Mayor

**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Carolyn Gaunt	Town Administrator
Rachel Wueschner	Assistant Administrator

**PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Melissa Atkins

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 001-01-13

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

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Melissa Atkins - Citizen

Melissa read notes she had prepared regarding the bylaws on restricted breeds in the Town of Sexsmith and her views on it. She has suggested that Council put the "Canine Good Neighbors Test" in the dog bylaw to relax the restricted breed requirements. Councillor Siggelkow inquired if Melissa thought all dogs should be removed from the restricted dog list if they passed the Canine Good Neighbors Test. Melissa said yes they should be.

Councillor Barnfield commented he had been attacked by a Staffordshire Terrier in the past. Melissa replied this is why there should be a case by case study. There is a stigma around these breeds but this does not mean that they will bite. I have never had an issue with my dog. Councillor Barnfield commented that this breed of dog is more apt to bite. Melissa explained this is due to bad owners.

Councillor Siggelkow pointed out that due to the strength of the bite of this breed of dog the Town has imposed this bylaw.

Melissa explained the SPCA offers a course on how to act around animals. The course informs children on how to act and behave around dogs. Mayor Lagace asked if Melissa is wanting Council to be responsible for educating all children. Councillor Cooke asked administration how many of these types of dogs were

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currently in our town. This would have to be looked at. A running total is not currently being monitored. Councillor Cooke also mentioned children in Sexsmith are being taught in the classroom about appropriate behavior around dogs. She questioned if it would be feasible to have the Canine Good Neighbors Testing done at the dog owner's expense. CAO, Carolyn Gaunt read out the extent of a Canine Good Neighbors Test.

Councillor Skjaveland mentioned that he believed if a dog was looked after right from a pup they will turn out to be good dogs. Melissa responded that she has raised her dogs from pups. They were fixed at a young age to reduce possibility of aggression. She does not want to muzzle her dogs. She feels this stigmatizes them. She does not want to be labeled. She also wondered how they could comply with the bylaw on a rental property.

Councillor Siggelkow questioned if the County does the Canine Good Neighbors Testing. This will be investigated. Councillor Sakundiak pointed out you only hear about restricted dogs that bite. Any dog will snap if you get in their face. Councillor Cooke suggested taking out the muzzling requirement but leaving in the leash requirement. She asked Melissa if she would help in starting a dog park. Melissa said yes she would. Mayor Lagace commented dog parks need to be controlled by owners. We would need responsible dog owners to take care of the park. Melissa said she would like to volunteer to do something like this.

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

No comments

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 002-01-13

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of December 17th, 2012.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**RESTRICTED DOG
BREEDS**

RESOLUTION NO. 003-01-13

Moved by Councillor Jickling that this item be brought back to Council for more information.

CARRIED

Melissa Atkins left Council Chambers at 7:20 p.m.

BORROW PIT

RESOLUTION NO. 004-01-13

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that the Town begin filling the borrow pit with inert material approved by environment. Filling to be monitored and approved by the Town. Pit is to be filled to the half full point.

CARRIED

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**BYLAW NO. 848 C
AQUATERA
UTILITIES**

RESOLUTION NO. 005-01-13

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Bylaw No. 848 C the Aquatera Utilities Inc. be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

**LAND USE
FRAMEWORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 006-01-13

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that the draft copy of the Land Use Framework Position Paper be approved.

CARRIED

**COUNTY OF GP
SUBDIVISION
APPLICATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 007-01-13

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council has no objection to the subdivision request in the County of Grande Prairie NW-17-73-5-W6.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 008-01-13

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council accept the bank reconciliation as at July 31, 2012 and the cheque register July 31, 2012 (cheque# 025080-025081 & 037134-037269) and that Council accept the bank reconciliation as at August 31, 2012 and the cheque register August 31, 2012 (cheque# 025082 & 037283-037524)

CARRIED

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

RESOLUTION NO. 009-01-13

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that the Alberta Recycle matching grant be added to the 2013 budget and that the matching funds be funded by the Town.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 010-01-13

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that the Town of Sexsmith make a \$250.00 donation to the Friends of Saskatoon Island in support of the Swan Festival

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

as presented

**ROUND
TABLE**

Cooke	Would like to see a budget makeover. There should be a set date when all departments need to have their budget in.	CAO will consider revamping the budget process for 2013.
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Skjaveland	<p>Showcases were acquired from Warrington's Jewelers for the new Museum Society building.</p> <p>Is it necessary for first responders to start their siren in the middle of the night when out on a call?</p> <p>Can Public Works help out with repairs in the bathroom at the Civic Centre?</p> <p>Has the Community Centre floor been waxed yet?</p>	<p>For information only.</p> <p>Yes this is mandatory for an emergency vehicle.</p> <p>CAO will advise Public Works to help with the issue.</p> <p>Yes this has been done.</p>
Siggelkow	<p>Will get more information on a cheaper LED sign.</p> <p>Would like Waldie Nuefeld to come share with Council PRBI's ideas regarding a gym on their premises.</p> <p>Have there been complaints with dogs of restricted breeds running at large?</p> <p>Would like all town related emails to be sent to the Council mail boxes.</p>	<p>For information only.</p> <p>Administration will extend an invitation.</p> <p>Yes there have been.</p> <p>Staff will be advised.</p>
Sakundiak	<p>Is the staff Christmas party on Friday.</p> <p>Committee meeting changes have been figured out.</p> <p>The County of Grande Prairie Sportsplex has had their grand opening.</p>	<p>Yes it is.</p> <p>For information only.</p> <p>For information only</p>
Barnfield	<p>Snow at the Arena needs to be moved before it turns to ice.</p> <p>People are leaving their garbage cans out all week long.</p>	<p>CAO will inform Public Works.</p> <p>CAO commented there is a bylaw that requires they be kept off the street. Public Works will check on this.</p>

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Lagace	Let's look at changing the budget process for next year to have presentations closer together.	For information only.
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ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 011-01-13

Moved by Councillor Jickling that this Council meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Claude Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator