

TOWN OF SEXSMITH

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014

This regular meeting Town Council was called to order by Mayor Lagace at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in Town of Sexsmith.

COUNCIL PRESENT	Claude Lagace Isak Skjaveland Bruce Black Jonathan Siggelkow Nicole Cooke Jordan Hack	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Deputy Mayor Councillor
COUNCIL ABSENT	Rick Sakundiak	Councillor
STAFF PRESENT	Carolyn Gaunt Rachel Wueschner	Town Manager Asst. Town Manager
DELEGATION	Dan Verdun	Deputy Fire Chief
PUBLIC AT LARGE	Claire Craipley	Resident
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	RESOLUTION NO. 204-07-13 Moved by Councillor Black that the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented with the additions of: BUSINESS ARISING: 3. Culverts 4. Back alleys	
		CARRIED
PUBLIC AT LARGE	Resident Claire Craipley came forward with a concern about the taxes on her residence. Last year, the taxes were \$571.00 and this year are \$1203.60. While she did some renovations and improvements to her home, she feels that it is evaluated too high, especially as she has been speaking to a couple of realtors who would not have evaluated it at this amount. She also stated that the sidewalks in front of her property are in disrepair and are a tripping hazard. The elevations, she feels are not correct on the street as she is getting water in her basement because of it. Further, she questioned when the pink color was going to be repainted. The CAO stated that the painting would be done in August when everything will be redone, prior to the start of school. The sidewalk issue, recognized by Councillors Black and Hack, will see them ground down this year and then replaced as soon as budget allows. Ms. Craipley thanked Town Council for their attention and Ms. Craipley was thanked for her attendance at the meeting. It was suggested that she contact the County Assessors to discuss the assessment on her property.	

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DELEGATION	<p>County Deputy Fire Chief was in attendance to present the second quarterly report for the Sexsmith Fire Department. They currently have a roster of 23 members and have just attended call out number 93. A fire audit was just conducted by the Provincial inspector and all went well. Councillor Cooke would like the members recognized as to who is EMR qualified. Councillor Skjaveland was pleased with the fire inspection done on the Sexsmith Civic Centre. Mayor Lagace said that he would assist with the construction of the lockers in the fire hall when he can meet with the Fire Department. Councillor Cooke questioned why there are so many hydrants out of service and is Aquatera notifying the fire department? Thanks were extended and Dan left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.</p>
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<p>RESOLUTION NO. 205-07-14</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Hack that the minutes of the regular council meeting of June 16, 2014 be accepted as presented with the addition of “details of transition of CAO” being added as description following “In Camera” session.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
BUSINESS ARISING	
Playground in Forest Grove	<p>RESOLUTION NO. 206-07-14</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that the Town approach IntraFidem Inc. that the Town will up front 50% of the costs of \$50,000 for playground in Forest Grove and that the \$25,000 is to be paid back before the next phase of development in Forest Grove is approved.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>The Town would like to see the playground put in this year. Funds are to come out of the Sports and Recreation reserve. Room should be left so that adult exercise could be added in at a later date.</p>
Request for Paving	<p>RESOLUTION NO. 207 -07-14</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Black that the request for paving in front of Mr. and Mrs. Scheck be accepted for information as Assistant CAO found that paving in front of residences does not affect their taxation. We will keep this small amount of paving on the list for when further development takes place in that area (end of 101 avenue and 93th street).</p> <p>CARRIED</p>

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Culverts & Alleys RESOLUTION NO. 208-07 -14

Moved by Councillor Cooke that the concerns of Councillor Skjaveland be accepted for information only.

CARRIED

CAO will bring to Public Works Superintendent’s attention that culverts around Town need to be cleaned out prior to winter and that alleys need maintenance as there are some that need to be mowed and levelled. We will make a list of unsightly premises and put an article in the Sentinel.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax arrears sale RESOLUTION NO. 209-07-14

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that an upstart bid of \$222,000 (as per appraisal) be set for up-coming tax arrears sale of Lot 37, Block 17, Plan 6107NY on October 30, 2014 and that conditions of the sale shall be cash or certified cheque for 10% of the bid price to accompany bid and that the balance be paid to the Town within 14 days of sale.

CARRIED

**Enabling
Accessibility Grant RESOLUTION NO. 210-07-14**

Moved by Councillor Hack that Town Council are in support of application for Enabling Accessibility Grant, up to \$50,000 cost for installation of automatic push-button doors at the Sexsmith Shannon Library.

CARRIED

Town Wage Grid RESOLUTION NO. 211-07-14

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that the Council request staff to revise the wage grid and add position for Clerk for presentation to the Corporate Services Committee.

CARRIED

Retirement Policy RESOLUTION NO. 212-07-14

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Administration do more research on legal ramifications of mandatory retirement age and present to Corporate Services.

CARRIED

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Medical Clinic Lease Moved by Councillor Cooke that this item be tabled to August 31, 2014 for more information.

CARRIED

Diamond Summit **RESOLUTION NO. 213-07-14**

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Trena Huson be approved to attend the Diamond Client Summit on October 6 – 8th in Banff, Alberta

CARRIED

Funding for Libraries **RESOLUTION NO. 214-07-14**

Moved by Councillor Hack that Council send a letter of support to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to increase provincial funding for libraries.

CARRIED

COGP Subd Applic **RESOLUTION NO. 215-07-14**

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that the Town of Sexsmith has no objections to the subdivision application of Franklin Moller for 5.81 hectares off of SW 20 – 73-5-w of 6.

CARRIED

ESRD Grant Applic **RESOLUTION NO. 216-07-14**

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council support Town grant application to ESRD Alberta Community Resiliency Program for recommendations to mitigate flooding possibility as referenced in Sexsmith Storm Drainage Study as completed by Beairsto Lehnerns Ketchum for 90% funding from the province.

CARRIED

**United Steel
Workers Request** **RESOLUTION NO. 217-07-14**

Moved by Councillor Cooke that the request for support be accepted for Information Only as it is not really relevant to the Town of Sexsmith.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION
ITEMS** From information on the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Conference and Energize Workshop, it was suggested that it might be a good conference for Jennifer McLaughlin, Wellness Coordinator, to attend if it would be within her budget. Councillor Cooke will approach Jenifer regarding this possibility.

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**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Assistant CAO, Rachel Wueschner presented the Town Manager’s Report.

Town Manager reported on things that she had addressed being-

- Rycroft Ridge construction start-up meeting was held this morning and Wapiti Gravel had hand delivered letters to each residence this morning.
- Robin Augur who was the initial contractor on Painted Sky was in to inquire about location for modular homes
- Troy Hagley has cleaned up his property and I understand has it listed for sale. He has not proceeded with land use amendment for the land he is interested in purchasing
- We have signed an amending agreement for the MSI funding as Alberta Municipal Affairs has now taken over authority for previous Alberta Transportation grants
- I did have a call from Troy Bidewell regarding the changes at the Community Centre for increased dressing room space but they are holding off on that for time being. They are still interested in dressing rooms under bleachers but are also trying to transfer some players to start up a team in Clairmont
- The Nykolaychuk property – 10246 -97 Street – has now been all cleared and is ready for re-sale
- Ron Simmons of Viterra has called and they have hired a firm to do a hazardous assessment on the elevator that they are taking down. I have also received a copy of agreement from him regarding the elevator being given to the Town
- There have been more letters stolen from the Painted Sky sign

ROUND TABLE

Siggelkow	<p>Gate at spray park is bent</p> <p>Signs need to be re-done</p> <p>For sale items of E Warkentin need to be moved</p> <p>Westview sign – will it be put on posts?</p> <p>Are motor cycles allowed on the street in front of hotel?</p>	<p>Will report to P.W.</p> <p>Will report to P.W.</p> <p>CAO will speak to Ed</p> <p>Developer will put it on posts. The Painted Sky sign will be moved</p> <p>Discussion indicated that there was no issue with this</p>
Hack	<p>Is Alan going to be doing an inventory on sidewalks for future replacement?</p> <p>Is there something that can be done with the duckweed in the pond?</p>	<p>Alan does have a list of priority for sidewalks</p> <p>Public Works have a board that they pull the duckweed in with. They will be doing this after tarring</p>

Hack	He would like the Town to have a site for grass clippings	Councillor Skjaveland stated that the best is to mulch the clippings
Skjaveland	<p>Thank you to Council and Administration for providing lunch to the Tourism board</p> <p>Will be away for next Tourism board meeting on July 10</p> <p>Could Councillors donate time to paint renos on outside of Civic Centre?</p>	<p>You are welcome</p> <p>Mayor Lagace will attend for Councillor Skjaveland</p> <p>P.W. will get all of the supplies. Some Councillors indicated that they could help. Isak will notify them.</p>
Cooke	<p>The road at the west end of 100 street is very rough</p> <p>Could the Town do an advertising blitz for new business, maybe work with the Chamber?</p> <p>There has been a lot of thefts in Willow Estates – could we talk to the RCMP?</p>	<p>CAO will inform PW</p> <p>We will approach the Chamber</p> <p>Administration will follow-up</p>
Black	<p>Fedex truck was stolen last night and found in his alley</p> <p>Properties downtown are not keeping up with appearances</p> <p>When will the curbs be repainted?</p>	<p>For information only</p> <p>We will speak to the property owners</p> <p>Curbs and signs will be repainted in August in readiness for school</p>
Lagace	<p>Who will be able to attend the Dyno Ball on August 9th?</p> <p>Silver Tech is looking to put in 25,000 litre fuel storage for 50 cards and 24 hour access</p> <p>The cost for work associated with CN will be \$50,000 est.</p> <p>Estimate for repairs on 95 avenue for the alligator cracking will be \$5,000</p>	<p>Councillor Black stated he could attend</p> <p>We will follow-up</p> <p>We will wait to see if they are going to do this work this year</p> <p>We will proceed with this project and wait until next year for the dip repair, also est. \$5,000</p>
Gaunt	<p>Previously stop signs were requested for 98 Street</p> <p>Councillor Siggelkow asked</p>	<p>We have ordered signs to make it a three-way stop on 101 avenue and 98 street</p>

	about the fire pit by Warkentin townhouses	We will investigate
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**MEETING CLOSED
TO THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 218-07-14

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that this meeting be “Closed to the Public” at 9:55 p.m.

CARRIED

**MEETING OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 219-07-14

Moved by Councillor Cooke that this meeting be “Open to the Public” at 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Closed discussion was attributed to conversation regarding oil lease arbitration.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 220-07-15

Moved by Councillor Cooke that this meeting be adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

<hr/> Claude Lagace, Mayor	<hr/> Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator
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