

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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

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

STAFF PRESENT	Carolyn Gaunt Deloris Metz Alan Gordey	CAO Admin. Ass't. PW Superintendent
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**PUBLIC
PRESENT** Arlen Brown & Les Derksen, Sexsmith Physiotherapy; Glenda Farnden, Greg Schmidt; Grant Berg, Jean Rycroft, Vella & Larry Anderson, James Obniawka, Sexsmith & District Museum Society; Jeanne Lomenda, Nell Martel, Craig Rees

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA** **RESOLUTION NO. 368-11-11**

Moved by Councillor Jicking that Council approve the agenda for this meeting, with the following addition:

BUSINESS ARISING 7. Aquatera Board of Directors re:
Appointment & Terms Deferred to a
later date

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION **Greg Schmidt, RN. BscN, Base Director and Glenda Farnden**

Ms. Farnden introduced Mr. Schmidt. He has been doing training on behalf of STARS. 5-year anniversary to be celebrated on Thursday, December 1, 2011. They are looking at sustainability and need support to continue with their financial commitment.

See attached for gist of presentation.

Councilor Skjaveland asked if a helipad is being built at new proposed hospital?

Mr. Schmidt replied that it is going to be built as the hospital is built.

Mayor Lagace asked what is the time line from when they receive a call to when they are on scene?

Mr. Schmidt replied that it is about 8 minutes until they are in the air.

CAO asked if bereavement donations go to the Grande Prairie STARS?

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Ms. Farnden said that a bereavement donation goes into a provincial pot unless the donation is specified to go to the Grande Prairie STARS program.
Can designate that the funds go to the Grande Prairie.

Councillor Siggelkow pointed out that GPREP's next meeting is on the same date as Grande Prairie STARS anniversary celebration.

Thanks around and this delegation left 6:55 p.m.

DELEGATION

Grant Berg and James Obniawaka of the Sexsmith & District Museum Society

Grant Berg's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Councillor Siggelkow said that Council asked for a business plan quite a while ago and wanted to know if they had figures to present to Council?

Mr. Berg replied that would put the cart before the horse. He said that the society needs to secure the elevator and the Town's commitment to partner in restoring the elevator, and then the society can start applying for provincial money.

Councillor Siggelkow reiterated that he would like to see the costs and timeline so Council would know this a realistic proposal. He said he agrees the elevators are important to the Town but he wants hard numbers so Council knows what they are committing to.

Mr. Obniawaka said they haven't had a plan for any of their restorations. When the Society started working on the blacksmith shop they had no hard figures and had no idea the cost would be a million dollars. They just set out doing things in increments and got it finished.

Mr. Berg said provincial government mandates that the society is in a partnership with the Town for grants. Mr. Berg said the society has gone through proposals with representative of the province and came away with some pretty strong indications that the province would be granting them money.

Mrs. Rycroft backed Mr. Berg saying this elevator will receive provincial grants that are available when the Town partners with them.

Mr. Berg said it is process and you have to approach it in stages.

Councillor Sakundiak asked if the Society has had an engineer come in and check the elevators out?

Mr. Obniawaka said the society had a carpenter look it over and Viterra went though it as well.

Councillor Barnfield said that the project could be done.

Councillor Jickling asked about the Heritage Board what is their role?

CAO replied that the Town set up that Heritage Board so the society could apply for a grant and that another grant is coming available in March.

Councillor Jickling asked if the board would be disbanded at that time?

The CAO replied that board was pretty much made up of museum members. The government is making the grants difficult to comply with and the board would be retained as long as the grant requirements depended on the board.

Mayor Lagace asked how much it would cost to tear down the old elevators? Give us a ballpark figure.

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Councillor Skjaveland wanted to know if the society asked the CN if we would be able to put a fence around the elevators?

The CAO said they talked to a gentleman from the CN who was at the Town Office and he indicated that wouldn't be a problem. We asked if we could purchase the land and were turned down.

Mr. Berg noted that they would only need to fence off access points.

Mayor Lagace asked if the Town of Sexsmith would continue to pay a \$20,000 a year for the elevators? The answer was affirmative and the Mayor said that tonight only a general plan was being presented and the Museum Society wanted to get some direction on whether the Town would partner.

Councillor Siggelkow wanted to know, if we didn't take it, would Viterra tear it down? Answer was affirmative. Council Siggelkow wondered if Viterra would tear down the elevator that the Town and the society own. Answer was that Viterra might be amiable to doing that. Councillor Siggelkow asked if the society was going to go to the County to request funding?

Mr. Berg replied that the society will try that but it will be after the society gets the elevator designated as historical.

Mayor Lagace said the society and the Town is going to ask CN for the big elevator behind the railway station and ask what it will cost to tear down the other elevator.

The CAO said that at one time, a farmer allowed a demolished elevator to be burned and buried on their land.

Councillor Cooke said she was totally behind the society on this endeavor.

Councillor Skjaveland said he was in favour of the enterprise now that the society is limiting themselves to restoring one elevator.

Public Works Superintendent said he was here when they took down the other elevator. He said the society needs someone local so the trucking and landfill costs are not so high.

Thanks around and the delegation left Council table at 7:25 p.m.

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

Ms. Lomenda stepped up to Council table to speak about the lack of funding available for her. She said it is looking as though it will be the end of December before any funding will be given.

See attached backup.

Councillor Jickling said there is no flood insurance on your property?

Ms. Lomenda replied that they have had so many claims that now she can't get insurance and they have to be claim free for 5 years before they can get water and sewer coverage again.

Councillor Siggelkow asked if Aquatera gave her any information.

Ms. Lomenda replied that they said that the lines were ok. They said that the Town of Sexsmith's lines cannot handle storm water.

The CAO said she talked to Bernd and said she would like to see the report that Aquatera has.

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Ms. Lomenda said she needs an engineering study done.

Councillor Skjaveland asked if when she got flooded it came up from the sewer?

Ms. Lomenda said yes.

Councillor Skjaveland said that the Town of Sexsmith doesn't own the sewer lines. They are recommending more than one backflow valve.

Ms. Lomenda said they are researching where to put the two backflow valves. Bernd said the Town of Sexsmith has to hire an engineer to do a study.

Public Works Superintendent said the Town of Sexsmith does have some storm lines and they are connected to the creek. The CAO asked the Public Works Foreman to have a look at the properties that are flooding. He said the eavestoves come straight down to the base of your house.

Ms. Lomenda said she is asking for a definitive answer and how this can be remedied.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 369-11-11

Councillor Barnfield moved that Council accept the Public Hearing, Organizational, and Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 17, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Arlen Brown & Les Derkson came to the Council table to support their purchase proposal and to answer questions from Council.

**Proposal for
Purchase of Land**

RESOLUTION NO. 370-11-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council accept, in principal, the proposal put forward by Arlen Brown,

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arlen & Les left Council Chamber @ 8:05 p.m.

**County
Assessment
Contract**

RESOLUTION NO. 371-11-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council table this to the next meeting for more information.

**5 FOR
2 AGAINST
MOTION CARRIED**

**Request of FCSS
Director for
Conference
Attendance**

RESOLUTION NO. 372-11-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council approve the request of the FCSS Director to attend both the provincial FCSS conference and the Alberta Volunteer Conference, both in Edmonton, from November 14 – 18th, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor declared a 5-minute break at 8:09 p.m. Vella & Larry Anderson left Council Chambers.

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**FCSS
Resolutions**

RESOLUTION NO. 373-11-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council supports the three FCSSAA Resolutions as presented:

1. FCSS Principle of Local Autonomy
2. Funding for Community-Embedded Seniors
3. Elder Abuse Prevention / Intervention Services

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Chamber of
Commerce
Questionnaire**

RESOLUTION NO. 374-11-11

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW
BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION NO. 375-11-11

**STARS
Follow Up**

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council approve \$2 per capita for STARS for the next three years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Elevators

RESOLUTION NO. 376-11-11 Cultural

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council enter into an agreement with CN for #2 elevator and annex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 377-11-11 Cultural

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council remove the heritage designation on the other two elevators.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

James Obniawka and Grant Berg left the meeting @ 8:50 p.m.

Backflow Valves

RESOLUTION NO. 378-11-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council support upgrades done on homes to reduce the amount of water going into the sewer line or weeping tile systems and with proof of purchase of upgrades. (\$200 for backwater valve and \$500 for sump pumps to a maximum of \$5,000 in any one year, effective in 2011.)

**5 FOR
2 AGAINST
MOTION CARRIED**

**Contract for
Rental of Lilly
Shop**

RESOLUTION NO. 379-11-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council approve renting the Lilly property for a six month term but with one month's notice.

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**Upstart Bid for
Tax Sale by
Auction**

RESOLUTION NO. 380-11-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council set the upstart bids for:

9803 – 95 Avenue - \$135,000 (appraised value)
10019 – 100 Street - \$52,000 (appraised value)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grant Specialist
– Community
Futures**

RESOLUTION NO. 381-11-11 Governance

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council support the change in the model for the Grant Specialist Initiative in 2012 and that Community Futures be apprised of this decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Declaring
Restorative
Justice Week,
November 13 -
20, 2011
Declaring
November
Seniors’ fall
Prevention
Month**

RESOLUTION NO. 382-11-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council declare Restorative Justice Week, from November 13 – 20th and declare November as Seniors’ Fall Prevention Month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Design Approval
for Subdivision**

RESOLUTION NO. 383-11-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council renegotiate land sale to sell 1-acre parcel with an easement through that property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Works
Shop Update**

RESOLUTION NO. 384-11-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council approve the request to have the wall put in the public works to close off the lean-to so that it can be maintained as heated storage area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 385-11-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council approve having On Side remove the asbestos.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Jean Lomenda
Requests

RESOLUTION NO. 386-11-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council directs the CAO to:

1. Give Jeanne Lomenda the Storm Report to look at.
2. CAO will lobby contact the Minister of Municipal Affairs Office
3. CAO will contact the County if no satisfaction from the Minister
4. Outline how grants including the Municipal Infrastructure Grant and Municipal Sustainability initiative are being utilized when it comes to the Storm Sewer system upgrades / repairs
5. Have CAO to provide copies to her of all Permit Requests, Inspections, or documentation that may directly relate to her property by November 30, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUND
TABLE

Skjaveland	Heard rumors that we are not supporting Wilson Hardware. Lights out around Town? ½ Dogs in town don't have dog licenses.	Town is patronizing it. PW Superintendent said they were taken care of already. Information only.
Siggelkow	What time is Remembrance Day Services? Front-end staff for office. Next meeting on 21st, should we have a Council Meeting on the PW shop meeting on November14 @ 6:30 p.m.	November 11 @ 10 a.m. Meghan Dohm is covering. Yes.
Sakundiak	Some lights are out in locations around town. Almost got T-boned when taking 100 Street out of town to the LaGlace Highway. Should the town put a stop sign at that point? Complaint on road condition from the plant east.	PW will deal with this. PW will deal with this. PW will deal with this.

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ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION NO. 387-11-11

Councillor Barnfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator