

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

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

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

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

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Carolyn Gaunt
Rachel Wueschner

Town Administrator
Assistant Administrator

**PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Bruce Black, Tanya Brown, Leanne Beaupre, Everett Cooke, Vaya Cooke,
Mary Ann Eckstrom, Dan Verdun, Stephen Stamm, Colton Renschler, Chris
Welsh

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 293-10-13

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

DELEGATIONS

1. Everett Cooke—County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Fire Chief
Leanne Beaupre – County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Reeve
Mary Ann Eckstrom – County of Grande Prairie No.1, Councillor

IN CAMERA

1. Staffing

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Everett Cooke – County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Fire Chief
Leanne Beaupre – County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Reeve
Mary Ann Eckstrom – County of Grande Prairie No.1, Councillor

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 294-10-13

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 16, 2013 & Special Council meeting minutes of September 23, 2013.

CARRIED

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**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**COUNCIL
REMUNERATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 295-10-13

Councillor Barnfield made a motion to revise Council Remuneration policy on lunch and evening meetings from \$50.00 to \$75.00 effective October 28, 2013.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

Tanya Brown - Sexsmith Physiotherapy Clinic

Loves living in Sexsmith. It's very clean and there is good snow removal. She has had some issues since becoming a landowner. She found the Town to be very accommodating when purchasing land and communicating with Council regarding setting up business. It's frustrating trying to get tenants. We were told we could only put a sign up for two weeks. Suggestions on where we could put signs would be great. Potential tenants felt frustrated trying to set up a business in Sexsmith. They find it is easier in Grande Prairie. The property tax incentive change with Bylaw No. 915 is just one more thing making it difficult for small business. CAO, Carolyn Gaunt will look into these issues. Tanya said she is looking at putting up an A frame signboard. Councillor Siggelkow asked if potential tenants would have to apply for a development permit as renters. Carolyn said that yes they may have to depending on the type of business. Tanya said they have not been frustrated in dealing with the Town but this has been the experience of her potential tenants. Carolyn said Sexsmith Physiotherapy Clinic would be grandfathered in if there is a bylaw change.

Tanya Brown left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

DELEGATIONS

Everett Cooke – County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Fire Chief

Leanne Beaupre – County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Reeve

Mary Ann Eckstrom – County of Grande Prairie No.1, Councillor

Presentation of a new fire truck to be stationed at the Sexsmith Fire Department was made.

Fire Chief, Everett Cooke thanked Council for the opportunity to address Council regarding work they have done over the past year. This equipment is more modern and the technology is up to date. Fire fighters will be better protected in this piece of equipment than if they would have gone with a different manufacturer. This unit is a four wheel drive vehicle. It is an excellent piece of equipment. Councillor, Mary Ann Eckstrom thanked the Town of Sexsmith for partnering with the County of Grande Prairie No. 1. We are a lot stronger when we work together than when we work apart. Reeve, Leanne Beaupre said they really value our partnership and believes we have a good working relationship. She hopes she will be back for another term so that this continues.

Congratulations to those running for Council and to those who have been acclaimed. Dan Verdun of the County Fire Department said he is looking forward to long prosperous future and he looks forward to working together.

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Delegation left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ARENA ROOF

RESOLUTION NO. 296-10-13

Councillor Sakundiak made a motion that the issue of falling snow at the Sexsmith Arena be addressed by signage and that the north exit be used for emergency use only.

CARRIED

**CASH FLOW
ESTIMATES**

RESOLUTION NO. 297-10-13

Councillor Cooke made a motion to accept this for information only.

CARRIED

**SINGLE STREAM
RECYCLING**

RESOLUTION NO. 298-10-13

Councillor Barnfield made a motion to accept this for information only.

CARRIED

**GIBSON ROAD
WIDENING**

RESOLUTION NO. 299-10-13

Councillor Skjaveland made a motion to enter into an agreement with Gibson Energy to reinvest tax incentive funds for the next three years into a project to widen the turning lane on 95 Avenue for greater turning capacity for truck traffic. The Town will match their contributions. To be constructed as needed, hopefully in the next two to three years.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

**PUBLIC WORKS/
FIRE DEPT.**

RESOLUTION NO. 300-10-13

Councillor Siggelkow made a motion to add a policy statement to the Public Works section of the policy manual item:

Public Works Employees / Volunteer Firefighter

8. Town Council endorses Public Works employees who are also volunteer fire fighters to attend emergency calls during regular business hours as needed to man response vehicles.

CARRIED

**FCSSAA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 301-10-13

Councillor Cooke made a motion to allow Nell Martell, FCSS Director to attend the Annual FCSSAA Conference in Edmonton November 28th-30th, 2013.

CARRIED

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**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 302-10-13

Councillor Barnfield made a motion that Council accept the bank reconciliation as at March 31, April 30 & May 31, 2013 and the cheque registers March 31, April 30 & May 31, 2013 (cheque # 038280-038741).

CARRIED

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

RESOLUTION NO. 303-10-13

Councillor Cooke made a motion to write a letter to Canada Post regarding the proposed reductions to weekday business hours at the Sexsmith Post office about how this would negatively impact residents.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

For information only.

ROUND TABLE

Siggelkow	<p>Has the next Council meeting been rescheduled?</p> <p>Does Sexsmith Physiotherapy want to put up a sign on Town land at the highway?</p> <p>When is the AUMA Conference?</p>	<p>Yes it has been rescheduled to October 28, 2013 due to the election.</p> <p>CAO will check into this.</p> <p>The conference is November 19th to 21st, 2013.</p>
Sakundiak	<p>I asked transportation about signs along the highway. This is illegal but not usually enforced.</p> <p>Did Tanya Brown find it frustrating with the Town?</p> <p>We should look at the policy for sandwich boards being used for advertising by businesses.</p> <p>Is it more difficult to get a business license in Sexsmith than it is in Grande Prairie?</p>	<p>For information only.</p> <p>CAO will address this.</p> <p>For information only.</p> <p>CAO is not aware that this is the case.</p>

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	I will be unable to attend the Corporate Services meeting Thursday October 11 th .	An alternate will be arranged.
Barnfield	<p>I have noticed the smell from Gibson Energy in the morning.</p> <p>I hope the people who get on Council and stay on Council keep the Town moving forward and growing. I hope the Town is never out of debt. This means the Town is growing.</p> <p>On facebook the current Town logo is shown twice. This is promoting the current Town logo over the others. The logo on the ad should be removed.</p>	<p>For information.</p> <p>For information.</p> <p>This will be done to help prevent bias.</p>
Jickling	<p>Casey Brown was wanting to attend the meeting to speak about an unsightly property.</p> <p>I would like to thank Craig, Nicole, Andrew, Chris, Marilyn and Junior Football Team Members Levi, Tye and Chad for stopping to help me September 30th when I was injured.</p>	<p>A letter was sent out to the landowner of this property.</p> <p>For information.</p>
Cooke	<p>There will be a Doctor's Appreciation event at the Community Centre Wednesday October 9th at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Will the gates where the new path is be left open so people can access it?</p> <p>Thank you Don and Matthew for serving on Council.</p>	<p>For information.</p> <p>Yes, as soon as the access is upgraded to keep out ATV traffic.</p> <p>For information.</p>
Skjaveland	I would like to report a number of unsightly premise issues.	Many letters have been sent out. Owners

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	<p>There is debris along the railway.</p> <p>We have to do something for businesses so they can advertise.</p> <p>The C.O.P.S. AGM will be at the Civic Centre at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>have until the 15th to comply. If they do not bylaw will be enforcing by issuing tickets.</p> <p>CN is supposed to clean this up when they are finished their work on the track.</p> <p>For information.</p> <p>For information.</p>
Lagace	<p>Thank you to Jen McLaughlin for organizing the run on Saturday.</p> <p>Wednesday there is a sustainability meeting.</p> <p>Good luck to everyone in the election.</p>	<p>For information.</p> <p>For information.</p> <p>For information.</p>

IN CAMERA

RESOLUTION NO. 304-10-13

Councillor Jickling made a motion to go 'in camera' at 8:59 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 305-10-13

Councillor Barnfield made a motion to go 'out of camera' at 9:23 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 306-10-13

Councillor Jickling made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

CARRIED

Claude Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator

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