

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF SEXSMITH**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012**

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Mayor Lagace called this regular Council meeting of Town Council to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT</b>	Rick Sakundiak Claude Lagace Jonathan Siggelkow Matthew Barnfield Nicole Cooke Isak Skjaveland	Councillor Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
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<b>COUNCIL ABSENT</b>	Don Jickling	Deputy Mayor
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<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Carolyn Gaunt Rachel Wueschner	Town Administrator Assistant Administrator
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<b>PUBLIC PRESENT</b>	Bernd Manz, Everett McDonald, Jeanne Lomenda
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<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<b>RESOLUTION NO. 334-12-12</b>  Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that the agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented.
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<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	Bernd Manz, CEO Aquatera Utilities	<b>CARRIED</b>
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The bank erosion on the Sexsmith sewage lagoon is in need of reparation. It was hoped this would be funded partially by grant monies but it has been considered not eligible. Aquatera has experienced steady growth. It has been found people are conserving more water. Water and sewage rates are to be increased and discretionary dividends paid for the next two years. Aquatera hopes to double dividends by the year 2020. Next dividend should be declared in January 2013. Councillor Sakundiak asked if Aquatera could make the water and sewage rate increases gradual. Councillor Siggelkow asked whether plastic bags were accepted in single stream recycling. Mr. Manz explained that they are not accepted but they can be brought in to the eco centre along with glass and styrofoam. Councillor Cooke inquired if single stream recycling in Grande Prairie had increased participation in the program. Mr. Manz agreed that with single stream recycling they have seen increased participation. CAO asked if single stream recycling is more expensive and if there are issues with contamination. Mr. Manz explained that there would be an increased cost to this type of collection and contamination is an issue. Mr. Manz noted that Aquatera would like to have shareholders meet to begin discussions on updating the Unanimous Shareholders Agreement in January 2013.

Bernd Manz left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Everett McDonald, MLA, Grande Prairie-Smoky

Mr. McDonald was interested in answering any questions Council might have. He explained ten bills were recently passed in the legislature, some pertaining to the Education Act and Energy Act. Recently there has been more focus on landowner rights. There is an orphan fund to clean up abandoned wells. Workers Compensation is going down province wide.

The Election Act has been approved. There will now be a four year cycle for municipal and provincial Councillors. This will take effect for the 2013 election. Councillor Skjaveland asked if there would be an election every two years then with the new rules. Mr. McDonald explained that the municipal and provincial election would be one year apart.

Councillor Siggelkow asked about full days for children in kindergarten. Mr. McDonald noted this is a long day for a small child. There is not a big push in this direction because of all the issues involved with such a change. Mr.

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McDonald pointed out schools in downtown Edmonton have matured and are having low enrollments. Children are attending more schools on the outskirts. There is conversation as to what to do with these schools. One suggestion has been to convert them into senior's centers.

Mr. McDonald is working to help get intermunicipal partnering bonus dollars available through MSI. Councillor Siggelkow said we as municipalities are at an economic disadvantage. We are not on a fair playing field. Please work hard to put us on a fair playing field. Mr. McDonald explained there is no easy answer to this problem. There is definitely inequity there. We need to work better together. This is a great small community, people want to be here. We just have to find how to make it better.

CAO, Carolyn Gaunt asked if there was any news on a new school for Robert W. Zahara. Mr. McDonald said he is very hopeful this will be announced. It is a number one priority. We are waiting on the Treasury Minister to make his announcement on the matter.

Councillor Cooke asked if anything is being done about wait times to get doctors into Canada. Mr. McDonald explained the College of Physicians makes these decisions. They work at an arm's length from us and they control this issue. Councillor Siggelkow commented new doctors don't seem to be interested in working the hours required. Mr. McDonald said they have a contract with AHS, a third party arm of the Provincial Government. They are to provide needed doctors. Mayor Lagace pointed out it is not our job to buy houses for doctors. These responsibilities have been downloaded to us.

Mr. McDonald said the Homebuyers Protection Act has been enhanced for new housing purchases. There is now better protection with a ten year home warranty. Councillor Sakundiak asked what was being done in our area regarding child care services. Mr. McDonald said that facilities are only licensed to have so many children at one time. I don't have the solution for this problem. You need people who want to provide this service. There is no easy answer. Some businesses have started providing this service to their employees. The Premier wants to start investing in communities. This is her commitment. Mayor Lagace pointed out there are more and more seniors. Mr. McDonald explained one thousand beds are being added. We are seeking to help development in small communities to keep seniors close to home. Mayor Lagace asked if schools are going to become P3's. Mr. McDonald said whatever is best for the community. There are many options. We are growing faster than we can keep up with. The lights in Clairmont are high on the budget list. Mayor Lagace asked, what about the lights at the airport. Mr. McDonald explained the province is partnering with the city on this project. This is a \$12 million intersection upgrade for the city. The city must finance most of the cost. The Province is on board but we have to wait until the city is ready.

Everett McDonald left at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Lagace declared a five-minute break at 7:51 p.m.

Jeanne Lomenda left at 7:55 p.m.

**PUBLIC  
SESSION**

No comments

**ADOPTION  
OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 335-12-12**

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of December 3, 2012.

**CARRIED**

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BUSINESS  
ARISING

BYLAW NO. 848 C  
AQUATERA  
UTILITIES

**RESOLUTION NO. 336-12-12**  
Moved by Councillor Barnfield to give first reading to Bylaw No. 848 C for water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. with changes to rates.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 337-12-12**  
Moved by Councillor Barfield to give second reading to Bylaw No. 848 C for water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. with changes to rates.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 338-12-12**  
Moved by Councillor Sakundiak to give permission for third and final reading to Bylaw No. 848 C for water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. with changes to rates.

**1 OPPOSED  
DEFEATED**

AQUATERA USA/  
BUSINESS PLAN

**RESOLUTION NO. 339-12-12**  
Moved by Councillor Barnfield to accept the Aquatera Business Plan as presented.

**CARRIED**

BYLAW NO. 865

**RESOLUTION NO. 340-12-12**  
Moved by Councillor Barnfield that first reading be given to revised Burning Bylaw No. 865.

**CARRIED**

Discussion on changes to revised Burning Bylaw No. 865. Suggested changes are to be made before second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

BORROW PIT

**RESOLUTION NO. 341-12-12**  
Moved by Councillor Barnfield to table this item to the next meeting for more information on what is approved fill material according to environment.

**CARRIED**

INFORMATION  
ITEMS

as presented

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

as presented

Budget Meeting January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Infrastructure Meeting December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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TABLE

Cooke	Where are we with the smoking and bullying Bylaws?	CAO is awaiting the Counties approval and comments.
Skjaveland	Are there any lots in town where a fourplex could be built?	CAO has given the interested party three names of land owners to contact for available land.
	PAZA can monitor the air at Gibson's.	For information only.

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	<p>A Council decision is needed to put in a request.</p> <p>Public Works staff needs to be more careful with equipment.</p>	For information only.
Siggelkow	The nets at the Tennis Court should be taken down.	For information only.
Sakundiak	Regarding the trailers we have in town if they burn down or are moved can a new trailer be put in its place?	CAO advised this would not be allowed.
Barnfield	Would like to see Public Works incident reports at the next infrastructure meeting.	Mayor Lagace would like these reports to begin to be provided to the infrastructure committee.
Lagace	HoHoHo and a Merry Christmas to everyone!	For information only.

**ADJOURNMENT                    RESOLUTION NO. 342-12-12**

Moved by Councillor Cooke that this Council meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Claude Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator