

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 17, 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**

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

**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Carolyn Gaunt	Town Administrator
Rachel Wueschner	Assistant Administrator

**PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Jeanne Lomenda, Timothy Kuzemchuk, Jason Schembri, Bernd Manz

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 180-06-13
Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that the agenda for this meeting be adopted with the following additions:

NEW BUSINESS 7. New Horizons for Seniors Program

CARRIED

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

No comments

DELEGATIONS

Bernd Manz & Jason Schembri – Aquatera Utilities Ltd.

Bernd said it has been a good year financially for Aquatera. They were able to give out higher dividends than the minimum to shareholders. Aquatera is working on growing the company. The Town of Sexsmith lagoon has eroding banks that will need to be addressed. This project is not currently eligible for funding by government grants. It is not an immediate issue but will need to be worked on sooner or later. Building Canada Funding may have funds for the project in the future. Aquatera did get Building Canada Funding for upgrades to the Heritage Park lift station.

Bernd said Aquatera is looking at ways of diverting upstream sewage from 96 street. Councillor Sakundiak said he heard there was a large grease blockage on 96 street. He asked if they found where that came from. Bernd said they are not able to determine where it may have originated from.

In regards to Forest Grove sewer line upgrades, Mayor Lagace asked if the sewer would be diverted to where the new asphalt trail is going in. Bernd said they will get back to the Town as soon as possible on where the divergence will go. Councillor Cooke asked how long it will be until the plan is in motion. Bernd said there needs to be detailed design work and tendering done. Mayor Lagace replied that it did not look like this work would be completed this year. CAO Carolyn Gaunt said the line has been cleaned out so it should not plug up again in the near future.

Bernd reported the wastewater treatment plant upgrade has started this year. The project is on track and on budget. Aquatera is offering services to other clients. They are currently working with Rycroft. They are doing a rate study for

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Claresholm. Aquatera is making sure communities in the region are aware they are here and available. Municipal Affairs has a grant available for collaboration. Wembley may be looking at this funding for tying into the waterline.

Financial statement presentation has changed this year to the international standards making it a much larger report.

Councillor Barnfield asked how many low flow lines Aquatera is looking at putting in. Bernd is not aware of any low pressure lines going in. Councillor Barnfield asked if we are making money on these lines. Bernd said not at this time. Not much money is made from water and sewer charges. CAO Carolyn Gaunt asked how Aquatera rates compare with other communities for rates? Bernd said we are at the median. We strive to be below the median so we can provide good value for our service.

CAO Carolyn Gaunt thanked Aquatera for cutting out the sewer fees at the spray park due to the installation of a holding tank. The tank will hold water rather than letting it drain into the sewer lines. This water can then be recycled and used for things like watering trees.

Timothy Kuzemchuk said that Town water is coming into the church. It is leaking in the garage and church basement deteriorating the footing. He feels the water is coming from the main line area. He would like someone from Aquatera to deal with this problem. Bernd said he will follow up on this.

Councillor Barnfield asked if Aquatera was looking to expand their garbage collection further. Bernd said they do not have the franchise rights to do this currently. Councillor Barnfield pointed out if all the communities came on board maybe the costs would come down. Bernd said they could look at this in the future. Councillor Sakundiak asked if Aquatera will look at expanding the recycling. Bernd said they are not looking at changing the recycling at this time. CAO Carolyn Gaunt asked if recycling quantities were going up. Bernd said yes they are seeing this increasing.

Mayor Lagace thanked Aquatera for the \$2500.00 donation to the Sexsmith and District Community Foundation Golf Tournament. He also thanked Bernd Manz and Jason Schembri for coming to the meeting to present on behalf of Aquatera.

Mayor Lagace declared a five minute break at 7:00 p.m.

Bernd Manz, Jason Schembri, Timothy Kuzemchuk and Jeanne Lomenda left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 181-06-13
Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of June 3, 2013.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**ADDITION TO
NEW SCHOOL**

RESOLUTION NO. 182-06-13
Councillor Cooke made a motion to accept this for information only.

CARRIED

**CHILDCARE
EXPANSION**

RESOLUTION NO. 183-06-13
Councillor Jickling made a motion to accept this for information only.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

**FIRE MUTUAL
AID AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 184-06-13
Councillor Skjaveland made a motion to accept the updated Mutual Aid Fire Agreement.

CARRIED

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

RESOLUTION NO. 185-06-13

Councillor Sakundiak made a motion to donate \$800.00 to the Sexsmith 2nd annual Community Foundation Golf Tournament fundraiser.

CARRIED

COLLABORATION GRANT DINO MUSEUM

RESOLUTION NO. 186-06-13

Councillor Barnfield made a motion to send a letter of support to the County of Grande Prairie for their application to the Provincial Regional Collaboration Grant.

CARRIED

SUBD. & ZONING APPLICATION COGP

RESOLUTION NO. 187-06-13

Councillor Cooke made a motion that the Town has no objection to the subdivision and rezoning application for Pt. SE-15-73-6W6 in the County of Grande Prairie.

CARRIED

NAEL LETTER

RESOLUTION NO. 188-06-13

Councillor Sakundiak made a motion to support the letter to the Minster of Transportation from Northern Alberta Elected Leaders about concern for Northern Alberta highways.

CARRIED

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

RESOLUTION NO. 189-06-13

Councillor Cooke made a motion to accept the letters received from St. Mary's School regarding the need for more space for information only.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

For information only.

COMMITTEE REPORT

For information only.

ROUND TABLE

Barnfield	Can the Town invite PRBI in to update us on their plans for the new gym? Will Alan continue to paint the curbs and ribbons pink?	CAO will inquire if there is anything new to report. Yes, these will be repainted before the riders come.
Sakundiak	Have any of the Councillors or staff gone to see the new lighting at the library? I think we should change the lights in the office to the new type. There are sharp edges on a broken piece of equipment at the Clearwater playground that needs to be repaired.	This may be brought forward for the 2014 budget. CAO will inform Public Works.
Siggelkow	Did we get the flower baskets from the same place this year as last year? The trees along the highway are looking unhealthy. Is something being done about the birch trees?	Yes. Greenblade has been called to come and look at them.

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	On 95 Avenue people are parallel parking at the duplex. Can the Town do something about this?	CAO will follow up on this.
Jickling	There have been some kids making trouble at the Blacksmith Shop and Paszkowski House. Has law enforcement been involved? Mayor Lagace, Councillor Jickling and Judy Jickling attended the Legion Supper.	Yes, county enforcement has been notified and asked to stop at the Blacksmith Shop on a regular basis. For information only.
Cooke	Would like Public Works Superintendent and CAO to drive by 97 st. a few times to see how congested it is there. People are parking on both sides of the street. The mini golf course needs to be cleaned up before Wild Pink Yonder. The fountain at Heritage Park looks great!	CAO will investigate. CAO will ask Public Works to do this. For information only.
Skjaveland	Can administration keep track of the costs associated with the Town logo change? Is the Sexsmith Civic Centre insured for replacement value? Is the stripping south of Painted Sky subdivision because of a new spur line?	Costs will be estimated and Council will determine whether to proceed with the change. CAO will confirm that this is the case. This is the intent of the work taking place.

IN CAMERA

RESOLUTION NO. 190-06-13
Councillor Barnfield made a motion to go ‘in camera’ at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 191-06-13
Councillor Barnfield made a motion to go ‘out of camera’ at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 192-06-13
Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that the annual CAO review will proceed July 8th, 2013.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 193-06-13
Councillor Jickling made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Claude Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator

