

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011

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

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

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

Mayor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Deputy Mayor
Councillor

**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Carolyn Gaunt
Deloris Metz

CAO
Admin. Ass't.

**PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Harley Jantz, Craig Rees, Mrs. Siggelkow @ 7:50 p.m. left @ 7:57 p.m.

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 129-04-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council approve the agenda for this meeting with the following changes and additions: (Governance)

NEW BUSINESS 4. Change of Grande Spirit Representative

IN CAMERA 3. Painted Sky
 4. Fire Agreement

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

Mr. Jantz spoke about Plan B and passed out a newspaper clipping about the Mayor of Saskatoon and their Property Tax Fairness, a handout he gave to Council. There was discussion at Chamber of Commerce. Plan A was that the Chamber of Commerce would present the Saskatoon proposal. He will also bring it to the Sustainability Committee for discussion. Taxes on commercial property in Sexsmith went up significantly – very significantly for his business. “Small wonder businesses are not clamoring to set up in Sexsmith.” In 2009, the Town would have needed a 5% decrease in commercial property tax for eight years to bring commercial property tax to the rate of residential property. It would make Sexsmith more attractive to business. It has been said in Council for many years that commercial assessment has to carry the heavy end of the stick. Please keep the Saskatoon proposal in mind when passing the budget.

Councillor Skjaveland: Is this the only municipality that you found that tried to lower the taxes?

Mr. Jantz: No, I took this out of the Canadian Business Magazine. There are many communities in our area that are closer to equal than we were in 2009.

Councillor Skjaveland: As you know, the commercial assessment was way under where it should have been for the past 4 - 5 years, so that was one of the reasons for the increase.

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Mr. Jantz: That is why I say that for the 2010 assessment there were some inequities. But in order for our Town to be attractive to business, the commercial assessment has to be down to a much fairer ratio. Grimshaw is.

Mayor Lagace: Dennis brought this to me a while ago. It is booming in Saskatoon and people could not afford to live there.

Councillor Siggelkow: When we are looking at 2.7 to 1.75, is that their mill rate?

Mr. Jantz: No. It is the ratio.

Councillor Skjaveland: My daughter in Saskatoon did not get a break. Residential taxes are going up.

Thanks, around.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 130-04-11

Councillor Sakundiak moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 4th, 2011, as presented. (Governance)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**Tree Nursery @
old landfill site**

RESOLUTION NO. 131-04-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council spend some time and money looking into putting a tree nursery of a variety of seedlings at the old landfill site. CAO to come back to Council with some options. (Environment)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 132-04-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council set the mill rate; for residential will be 9.1209, commercial - 18.8008, seniors - 6.4494, and M&E - 16.4702. (Economic)

Councillors Skjaveland, Cooke, Jickling, Siggelkow, Barnfield, Mayor Lagace **FOR**
Councillor Sakundiak **AGAINST**
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 133-04-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council accept the operating budget for 2011, as presented. (Economic)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 134-04-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council have ISL quote on the walking trail to connect from Heritage Park to the trail at 94th Avenue to be brought back to Council. (Social & Environment)

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RESOLUTION NO. 135-04-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council have Public Works bring back a plan for a proposed additional \$40,000 increase to the sidewalk budget and to get cost estimates to extend 103 Street to 95 Avenue. (Environment & Social)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 136-04-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council approve the capital budget, as presented. (Economic)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW
BUSINESS

Declaration
of Seniors' Week

RESOLUTION NO. 137-04-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council declare June 6 – 12th, 2011 as Seniors' Week. (Social)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agreement for
GP Separate
School Board

RESOLUTION NO. 138-04-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council approve the agreement for the transfer of land from the Town to the Grande Prairie Separate School Board for the new St. Mary's School. (Culture)

6 FOR
1 OPPOSED
MOTION CARRIED

Arbor Day

RESOLUTION NO. 139-04-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council designate Thursday, May 5, 2011 as Arbor Day in Sexsmith. (Environment)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change of
Grande Spirit
Representative

RESOLUTION NO. 140-04-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council appoint Mayor Lagace to replace Councillor Skjaveland on the Grande Spirit Board. (Governance)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Lagace declared a 5-minute break at 7:53 p.m.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

Proposed Mock Exercise for Emergency Preparedness, on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

ROUND
TABLE

Sakundiak	No school meetings since last Council meeting.	Information only.
Barnfield	We talked about Public Works Superintendent being	CAO will do so.

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	<p>a salary position. Please bring this back to the next meeting as an agenda item.</p> <p>Garbage container still out on the street for a week.</p>	<p>Public Works put out door notices and there was only one repeat offender, who will be dealt with.</p>
Skjaveland	<p>Have you found anything about the Health Unit moving into the medical clinic? I want to find out how this happened. The Civic Centre lost 5% of our revenue. We had them for renters since 1980. If they are at Dr. O's, they cannot sublet and they should pay rent to the Town. The rent should be increased, as they had been warned it would. Who was responsible for this? I am going to talk to the head nurse. They never gave me any notice.</p> <p>I will give the Library a good price for that now empty space.</p>	<p>CAO: The immunization clinic moved from the Civic Centre to Dr. O's because if anyone had a problem, a doctor would be right there. They are going to use the conference room. It is part of the primary care that Dr. O. was trying to get going.</p> <p>Information only.</p>
Barnfield	<p>We can't let the doctors sublet.</p>	<p>CAO will find out what is happening.</p>
Cooke	<p>Brought a request from the Sustainability Committee that each motion be labeled as social, economic, etc. to keep sustainability in the forefront of Councillor's minds.</p> <p>The Sustainability Committee wondered what Council felt about an open-air market, perhaps such as fish trucks, fruit trucks, etc?</p> <p>Does the Town have a plan for commercial development – such as an area put aside?</p> <p>How many phases are there to the skateboard park? What is the cost for the next phase?</p>	<p>Council agreed to do this.</p> <p>Firm up your plans and come back to Council. It is a good idea.</p> <p>CAO will get a request for proposal for an Area Structure Plan.</p> <p>It is at Phase I and Phase II would cost in the area of \$70,000.</p>
Jickling	<p>Are the letters for grants with Clint Froehlick looked after?</p>	<p>CAO: Yes.</p>

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	Letter that was sent out by the school named the Town of Sexsmith and FCSS as the sponsors of the daycare program. As far as I knew, the Town's position was that we would find a provider, only. What would we do if she leaves? The Town basically doesn't have anything to do with it. She should do her own advertising. The Town shouldn't be doing their advertising.	The provider has been investing in the program and it is going to be a business. She will be working to make this employment work. The CAO will check on what advertising was done.
Skjaveland	Went to PREDA meeting and gave them a rundown on the Town. The Town should send them a logo and 'Sexsmith welcomes you' to them as a promotion. Clear Hills project: for the next 100 years, they could have a 100 rail cars going out. It's a big iron ore area fairly close to the BC border.	Town will send a Town logo to them. Information only.
CAO	Did you notice 'For Sale' at Arclin?	Information only.
Mayor	Painted Sky sign has to be picked up. Lean-to on a garage has to go. Unsightly Bylaw of Beaverlodge's has provision for fines. The Town thought we were transferring a significant amount of shares at the time of the USA agreement – it ended up being about only \$18,000, We met the new RCMP Inspector Seidemann. They are going to keep driving through town. They say we are doing well compared to the other towns.	CAO will have it taken care of. CAO will talk to the City of Grande Prairie and have them investigate the problem. CAO is investigating and will draw up a bylaw for next meeting. Information only. Information only.
Skjaveland	The RCMP mentioned that Grande Prairie has a pretty good noise bylaw that	CAO is looking into that.

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	allows for prosecution of violators that is more easily enforced.	
Cooke	Do we write our own bylaws?	There is outside help, RCMP, County Enforcement, lawyers, and such.
Skjaveland	RCMP very happy with the COPS program. We have 3 more new members, subject to screening, so we have over 40 people on our list.	Information only.

Mr. Jantz, Mr. Reese, and Mrs. Metz left Council Chambers.

**Addition to
Agenda**

RESOLUTION NO. 141-04-11

Moved by Councillor Barfield that Council add the item of increases for Council to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 142-04-11

Moved by Councillor Barfield that Council have increases for Council retroactive to January 1, 2011.

**Jickling, Siggelkow, Sakundiak, Barnfield 4 FOR
Lagace, Cooke, Skjaveland 3 AGAINST
MOTION CARRIED**

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 143-04-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council go ‘in camera’ at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 144-04-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to the open meeting at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 145-04-11

**Proposal for
Sale of Land**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council accept proposal on the lot next to the Town office, namely Lot 4A, Block 2, Plan 802-1481, pending legal opinion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cooke declared a conflict of interest due to her husband being Fire Chief at the County and she left Council Chambers.

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 146-04-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council go ‘in camera’ at 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 147-04-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to the open meeting at 10:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Invitation to
Council**

RESOLUTION NO. 148-04-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council invite Bernie House to a meeting with Corporate Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 149-04-11

Councillor Jickling moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator