MINUTES

TOWN OF SEXSMITH

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 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 Claude Lagace Mayor

PRESENTRick SakundiakCouncillorMatthew BarnfieldCouncillor

Nicole CookeCouncillorIsak SkjavelandCouncillorJonathan SiggelkowCouncillor

COUNCIL Don Jickling Deputy Mayor

ABSENT

STAFF Carolyn Gaunt Town Administrator
PRESENT Rachel Wueschner Assistant Administrator

PUBLIC Merry Moore, Melissa Atkins

PRESENT

DELEGATIONS Kelly Kokesch, S/Sgt RCMP Grande Prairie

ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 043-02-13

OF AGENDA Moved by Councillor Barnfield that the agenda for this meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

PUBLIC SESSION Merry Moore, Resident

Thanked Council for having P.O.S. clean the rubble from their yard. Merry is concerned that there is a fence with barbed wire. She hopes that Council will do something about this. Their gates are left open so why do they need barbed wire? Mayor Lagace commented this is a business. It is their decision if they wish to leave the gate open. Merry wondered if there should be a berm on either side of the business to serve as a buffer. The CAO said the roadway is used as a berm. It separates the business from the residences. We could ask them to put slats in their fence. Councillor Siggelkow said the green space on the East side is a buffer and the alley also provides a buffer. Are you asking for more of a buffer? Merry said she would like to see something that is esthetically pleasing. Councillor Barnfields reiterated we could ask them to put slats in the fence. Mayor Lagace commented, this is the first time we have allowed commercial in a residential zone. It was advertized and there was no objection. Putting slats in the fence won't address your concern. Merry said she is concerned about the appearance. Mayor Lagace said we could check the height of the fence to see that it complies. Councillor Siggelkow said if it is over six feet then we could ask them to bring it down to six feet. They could then ask for a variance and the Town may not approve this. Mayor Lagace said they are currently not parking on the sidewalk. They are parking on asphalt pad. Merry said they are parking on a route kids use to walk to school. She also mentioned that the development permit says they need parking for 36. They are currently short 14 spots. The CAO said they require 15 parking spots because only part of the building is used for commercial office space. Councillor Sakundiak said he uses this street because a portion of it is a 50km zone. Would it help to have the whole street be a 30 km zone? Merry said yes. Mayor Lagace said that it is the CAO's job to set the speed limits. Merry said she is glad to see that P.O.S. has cleaned their yard. She also likes the sign in the Council window indicating Council meeting dates for the year.

Merry Moore and Melissa Atkins left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

DELEGATIONS Kelly Kokesch, S/Sgt RCMP Grande Prairie

There has been an increase in the numbers for collisions, drug offences and property crimes. Councillor Sakundiak asked why there is such a big increase. Mr. Kokesch said this can be attributed to the increased population in the Peace Country and the good economy. In 2013 there is a focus on high visibility rural

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patrols. We are sending out 2-3 members in rural areas daily. Councillor Sakundiak asked if we are going to get more constables. Mr. Kokesch said this is what he would like to see. We do have some enhanced members. We would like to backfill the positions we have vacant. The 2012 statistics show that there is a significant amount of workload for nine people. Grande Prairie rural areas account for 8% of the calls. We have had an increase in calls because we have been encouraging people to call regarding drug tips. There is a lot more work involved with dealing with impaired drivers now than the way it was before. Councillor Barnfield mentioned that we used to have trouble here with young offenders. Mr. Kokesch said he has not seen an increase in young offenders. There is big focus on traffic enforcement in the next quarter.

Kelly Kokesch left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 044-02-13

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 4, 2013 and Budget meeting minutes of February 11, 2013.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

RESOLUTION NO 045-02-13

Moved by Councillor Barnfield to purchase family passes from the Eastlink Centre for the volunteer fire fighters and flowers for their wives or partners in appreciation of the work they do.

CARRIED

RCMP REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 046-02-13

Councillor Sakundiak made a motion to receive the reports from the RCMP as information only.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 047-02-13

Councillor Barnfield made a motion that administration apply for the CN EcoConnexions matching grant for trees to match up with current tree budget amount.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

For information only.

ROUND TABLE

Siggelkow	Can we measure the fence at P.O.S. ?	CAO will request Public Works do this.
	There was a flood at St. Mary's School. Is there a problem with the storm drain?	The storm drains coming from the school froze.
	I plan on bringing back to budget the purchase of an LED sign next year.	For information only.
Sakundiak	Thank you to those collecting garbage. The arm broke on the pick-up truck. They came back around later to finish	For information only.

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	the pick-ups.	
	Signs on 106 St should be 50 km. They are still 80 km. When will this be changed?	This will be discussed at the Corporate Services meeting.
	A child was walking in the middle of the road going by P.O.S. West. The speed limit should be 30km/hr.	This can be discussed at the Corporate Services meeting.
Barnfield	Would like people without dog tags to have larger fines so that they will come in and get them.	This will be dealt with in the Dog Bylaw revisions.
Cooke	Can we repost the notice about the Town Logo Contest on face book?	This will be reposted.
	March 30 th is National Doctors Day. Can we do something to recognize this?	CAO will look into it.
	March 15- April 3 rd I will be away.	For information only.
Skjaveland	County Disposal should have let people know why garbage didn't get picked up.	This was posted on face book Friday afternoon.
	Can the museum order pink T-shirts for Chautauqua Day through the Town?	Meeting in Council Chambers open to all in the community March 7, 7:00 p.m. to discuss Wild Pink Yonder Fundraising. Come with your ideas.
Lagace	Another truck has hit the crosswalk post. These are large trucks driving off the truck route. They will pay for the replacement of the post.	For information only.
	A methane plant is being worked on at the Aquatera site to produce useable energy.	For information only.

IN CAMERA

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION NO.048-02-13

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that this Council meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

	CARRIED
Claude Lagace, Mayor	Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator