

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

Mayor Lagace called this regular Council meeting of Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

COUNCIL PRESENT	Claude Lagace Don Jickling Nicole Cooke Rick Sakundiak Jonathan Siggelkow Matthew Barnfield	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Deputy Mayor Councillor
COUNCIL ABSENT	Isak Skjaveland	Councillor
STAFF PRESENT	Deloris Metz Alan Gordey	Admin. Ass't. Public Works Superintendent

**PUBLIC
PRESENT** Nellie Sterr, Barb Buck, Harley Jantz, Waldie Neufeld, Craig Rees, Lance Klassen – @ 7:30

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA** **RESOLUTION NO. 302-09-11**

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council approve the agenda for this meeting, with the following additions:

IN CAMERA 2. Fire agreement – Deleted - waiting for
more information from County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION **Waldie Neufeld, President, Peace River Bible Institute**

Mr. Neufeld introduced himself and said that he is the president of PRBI. He spoke of the possibility of a future gym. He said that a gym will be built at PRBI. He wants to approach Council about working together. He is amazed at the funds already raised. Mr. Neufeld thanked Council for all the collaboration they have had with Town, especially with the fire department. For instance, Matt Moorehouse, who was trained right here in Sexsmith, applied for a job and out of 500 applicants, he got job. PRBI appreciates working with the Public Works Superintendent with any problems around campus. Councillor Siggelkow and Mr. Neufeld were talking with potential donors to raise funds for new gym. Hopefully, PRBI can open the project up to the community to share usage. Mr. Neufeld says he realizes that they have to raise most of the funds. Is there a way to perhaps make a fitness gym with the Town? How can PRBI open it up and work together with the town?

Mayor Lagace asked about the time frame for the construction of the gym.

Mr. Neufeld: It won't happen this year. It is likely a year away from being built.

Mayor Lagace: Is the PRBI looking to make it open to public?

Mr. Neufeld said it would be a community gym.

Councillor Sakundiak wondered about possibility of grants for a community gym.

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Mayor Lagace said that will have to be addressed down the road.

Mr. Neufeld said that even if the town were to split the cost of the equipment, it would make more machines available for a fitness center.

Councillor Siggelkow said the Town does not have a fitness centre for our residents. PRBI donors would give for the construction of the building. Perhaps the town could put in a couple of pieces of equipment per year that could be used by Town and school. There are great options. Councillor Siggelkow doesn't think the Town could open a fitness centre on their own. Now we have someone come forward with a way to do it. It is a step forward.

Mayor Lagace said it is a win / win situation. The school benefits and the townspeople benefit.

Mr. Neufeld said having a fitness centre is problematic. PRBI need more machines if the public is going to use the gym.

Mayor Lagace said that as long as there is room for expansion, the Town might be able to purchase a few more machines each year.

Councillor Siggelkow: Are you anticipating membership fees?

Mr. Neufeld said it would help to cover costs with fitness fees. With Town and school working together, it could cost less for the fitness fees.

Mayor said thanks for all the work in the town and with the seniors, etc. that PRBI does.

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

Harley Jantz stepped forward. He said some of the things he wants to present and Council may want presented IN CAMERA. Mayor Lagace said Mr. Jantz might prefer the discussion IN CAMERA. Mr. Jantz indicated he would like it IN CAMERA.

**Add to In
Camera**

RESOLUTION NO. 303-09-11

Councillor Barnfield moved discussion of Mr. Jantz's taxes to item number 2. IN CAMERA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 304-09-11

Councillor Cooke moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 6, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**Repairs to
Public Works
Shop**

RESOLUTION NO. 305-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council have Beirsto Lehnars Ketchum get solid costs for various scenarios (build new, repair, etc.) from a few builders. If it has to be tendered, so be it. The Public Works Superintendent is to get the cost of an insulated coverall building for the next Infrastructure meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**NEW
BUSINESS**

**Bylaw 895, LUB
to change 1 lot
from Central
Commercial
to Single
Family
Residential**

RESOLUTION NO. 306-09-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council give first reading to Bylaw 895, LUB to change one lot from Central Commercial to Single Family Residential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Neufeld left Council Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

FINANCIAL

Council thanked Rachel Wueschner, Accounting Technician, for attending Council to present the revised financial statements for the 2nd quarter.

RESOLUTION NO. 307-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council accept the monthly Financial Statement, as at May 31, 2011 and the monthly Cheque Register for at May 31, 2011 (cheques # 025067-025068, 035269 – 035352, 035354-035449) and the monthly Financial Statement, as at June 30, 2011 and the monthly Cheque Register for at June 30, 2011 (cheques # 025069 – 025070, 035450-035503, 035505-035548).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Mayor Lagace invited Lance Klassen to address Council. Mr. Klassen wants to know if the skate board park is going to be finished.

Mayor Lagace said it was supposed to be finished the year following Phase I.

Mr. Klassen said when you spend a lot of time there, it would be nice if it were finished.

Councillor Siggelkow said that it was supposed to be finished the second year but the costs went up and it was too expensive.

Councillor Sakundiak said a committee was supposed to raise funds. Funds were not raised and the Town had to pick up the cost.

Mayor Lagace said the Town is doing the spray park without funds being raised.

Councillor Siggelkow said that the Town has the Skateboard Park for your age group. We are building a spray park for little children and now looking at spending money on adults. There is a limit on the amount of taxes that can be spent on recreation and the Town is trying to build something for each age group. A lot of parents got together but with economy down, they didn't raise as much donations as they wanted.

Mayor Lagace said but the Town is building spray park, etc. without parent fundraising.

Councillor Siggelkow said that if there were fundraising, it might encourage Council to allocate funds to the skateboard park.

Mr. Klassen said he didn't have a clear picture what Council had planned. Thanks around and Mr. Klassen left Council chambers.

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ROUND
 TABLE

Siggelkow	At budget, can Council start setting aside money for the PRBI proposal?	Mayor asked Councillor Siggelkow to bring it back at that time.
Sakundiak	<p>15 yrs ago, Council meetings were @ 7 p.m. Working people could make it to the meetings. Would like to get back to that time. Please add on the next agenda.</p> <p>Has attended one school Council meeting and is awaiting the dates and times of the other school meetings.</p>	<p>CAO will put on agenda.</p> <p>Mayor said the school principals are happy to have a Council rep at their meetings.</p>
Barnfield	<p>Re: land between school and arena. In the spring the water runs down the trench. Is there a way to change that?</p> <p>Cost of enforcement of unsightly premises and of dogs. Can it be added to the next agenda?</p>	<p>PW will look at it and bring information back to the infrastructure meeting on September 26th.</p> <p>CAO will put on agenda.</p>
Jickling	Re: cost for hounds and unsightly premises. Council asked for a report a month ago, where we paid the County \$4,800. Why pay that if it goes nowhere?	Public Works gave a big list to the County. CAO will put on next agenda.
Cooke	<p>Please put Sustainability Committee on agenda for next meeting. She understood that the CAO would pop the Sustainability labels on at the end of each Council meeting.</p> <p>Please get minutes to Jean Lomenda as quickly as possible.</p>	<p>CAO will put on agenda.</p> <p>Admin. Ass't. explained that minutes are not available to the public until Council has made a motion accepting them. After that time, anyone can access them online.</p>
Sakundiak	St. Mary's old school has a big pile of junk. It is unsightly.	Craig left the pile of wooden playground equipment away from the building so kids wouldn't get up on the roof.

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		Mayor Lagace: St. Mary’s school has plans to pull the old school down by the end of December.
Siggelkow	Don’t think the intent wasn’t to have CAO assign categories for the sustainability. It was to have Council do it, so Council would be aware.	Someone has to remember as motions are made.

Mayor Lagace declared a five-minute break at 8:20 p.m. Public left at 8:25 p.m.

In Camera

RESOLUTION NO. 308-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council move Mr. Jantz’s tax problem to item number one IN CAMERA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 309-09-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council go ‘in camera’ at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 310-09-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council return to the open meeting at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Jantz and the Admin. Ass’t left Council Chambers.

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 311-09-11

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 312-09-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to the open meeting at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 313-09-11

Councillor Jickling moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator