

MINUTES

TOWN OF SEXSMITH

SPECIAL COUNCIL / BUDGET MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

Mayor Lagace called this Special Council / Budget Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Rachel Wueschner	Assistant Administrator
Trena Huson	Accounting Technician
Carolyn Gaunt	CAO
Deloris Metz	Sentinel

PUBLIC PRESENT

Harley Jantz, Brad Whiskers, Brian Gaunt.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 301-11-12

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that the agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 302-11-12

Councillor Barnfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

Chris Warkentin arrived to present the Sexsmith Fire hall with a \$15,000.00 grant for repairs to the Sexsmith Fire hall. Chris discussed that he used to reside in Sexsmith with his family, he was grateful for the Fire hall and the commitment and service they provide to their community. Dan Verdun thanked Chris for the contribution to the fire hall and said it is good for government to equally recognize their contributions. Mayor Lagace thanked Chris on behalf of residents for helping keep our taxes down.

Mayor Lagace declared a break 7:00pm

Chris Warkentin discussed his current portfolio Aboriginal Affairs and also answered questions from the council members.

Councillor Siggelkow arrived at 7:30
Councillor Jickling arrived at 7:55

Dan Verdun presented his budget for Sexsmith Fire Hall for the 2013 year. Dan shows a bit of an increase to the Public Works / Fire Department shared summer employee. He also points out that there is an increase in call out pay as they have gained 5 new members. Training fees have increased to compensate for the new trainees. Councillor Siggelkow asked if firemen have paid training. Yes if it is a practice night, as they are paid for practices, and all other is no. Most training is in house with the County of Grande Prairie as well. Dan also mentions that although the hall had budgeted for subscriptions this year, nothing was used, but the plan is to use it next year. Councillor Cooke asked if these are needed now that we are working with the County of Grande Prairie. Dan feels that we do require them as Sexsmith should still be a standalone fire hall.

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There is an increase in communication for the fire hall. This is due to changes coming in 2013 for digital communication system. Dan says that the equipment is a lease so that if there are more changes then that is covered in the lease. Councillor Siggelkow and Councillor Barnfield feel that we should look into purchasing the radios as it would work out cheaper. There is an increase to coveralls. Councillor Cooke asks why they require new ones? Dan stated that the current ones are old and in disrepair. Councillor Cooke asks why so much of an increase and Dan says that they have to be up to code and PPE. Councillor Cooke asks if we need to buy everyone a pair. Dan suggests that it is better to as sometimes if the crew has a hard time finding their gear they may not attend call or go without proper protection. Councillor Barnfield suggested that perhaps we should talk with County of Grande Prairie about this and see if there is help to ensure we have enough. Dan also says that there are still some repairs that need to be done in the hall, lockers are falling off the wall. The Fire Hall Bay room requires some repairs. Dan also suggests getting station clothing so there is a sense of uniformity as well as perhaps boost moral so that retention is higher. Councillor Sakundiak says that it is not that much of an increase as there are lines within the current budget that have not been used. Dan says these are just my recommendation for the hall and crew. Councillor Barnfield requests that Dan comes back with a 5yr plan for the hall. Dan says that he is working on a maintenance schedule for vehicles, equipment, communications and hall maintenance. He does not have a history on this hall as he has only been here for 6 months, but he is working on crew education and training so that all hall equipment can be maintained and not have repeated previous issues like they have had with the ladder truck this year. Dan also says that maintenance is higher on the ladder truck, but that was due to not passing required testing as well as the pump breaking down and it having to be sent to Red Deer for repairs. Councillor Siggelkow asked if the ladder truck was worth the repairs and worth keeping and Dan feels yes as the Town is growing. Councillor Barnfield asked who takes care of our Hazmat issues if we have one. Dan will look into it and get back to us.

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION NO. 303-11-12

Councillor Siggelkow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

C. Lagace, Mayor

Rachel Wueschner, For Town Administrator