

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

This regular Council meeting of Town Council was called to order by Mayor Lagace at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Sexsmith.

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

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

Mayor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Deputy Mayor
Councillor
Councillor

**COUNCIL
ABSENT**

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Deloris Metz
Alan Gordey

Admin. Ass't.
Public Works
Superintendent

**PUBLIC
PRESENT**

Harley Jantz, Gerard Parsons, Barb Buck, Craig Rees, Cpl. Bernie Ferdais, Grande Prairie Rural/Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 035-02-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council approve the agenda for this meeting with the following additions and changes:

- IN CAMERA 1. Staff/Policy
 2. Jennifer Wood

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC
SESSION**

Gerard Parsons, 9919 – 96 Street, spoke about people being unable to find his house, due to the back alley not being named. He said there were two people today who couldn't find his house due to confusion on whether the address is really 95 Street. He brought the lack of light on the corner / alley. He fears for the safety of children walking to school in the dark mornings. He says people roar out of the alley and people are at risk.

Mayor Lagace told Mr. Parsons that an ATCO light is in budget and will be put in after budget is finalized.

Mr. Parsons apologized to Allan Gordey for losing his temper. He said that the creek flows past his property and that several years ago the spring run off has caused his sewer to back up, costing him \$5,000. "Snow melt flows past my house in the spring. If my property floods again, are you again going to say you are not responsible?"

Councillor Siggelkow: Snow melt is not getting in the sewer so how is it related to your sewer backup?

Mr. Parsons: There was a blockage in my line and all the water and debris in the water passing by caused the blockage. If that creek floods my property again, I'll hold this council responsible. Each one of you will be held responsible.

Mayor Lagace said the sewer lines are not connected to water run-off.

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Mr. Parsons: “All that snow on northern part of this town, is anyone paying attention? Are you? Administration doesn’t pay attention. They are taking no responsibility. They don’t have the education for the jobs they hold.

Councillor Sakundiak: They used to dump snow past my house and then they dumped the snow on the easement at the edge of my property. It has always been dumped on the north end of Town.

Mr. Parsons: My son lives by you and he has had water problems over there. The last thing you want is more water flowing through there. All the crap in the creek flows over my property with dog poop, etc. You don’t fill your backyard full of snow and not expect it to get wet?

Mayor Lagace: We will look at it. Council has been dealing with snow and the creek for many years. We have lots of years of experience to draw on.

Mr. Parsons: I resent that you would say that I haven’t lived here long enough. We are the people who pay taxes. If we can’t get to work because of the snow, who is going to pay taxes?

Mayor Lagace: From the history of the town, we know where it may flood.

Mr. Parsons: In three years, I have been here I have seen that bank crust.

Mayor Lagace: The Town had engineers, to whom we paid a lot of money, work on that bank. We are talking about needing to clean that creek out again this year. Someone is pushing snow into the creek from your property.

Mr. Parsons: This Council has to realize that they are causing a major problem by piling snow at the north end of town.

Councillor Siggelkow: We have had engineers advise us. We can go back and ask them if the snow piles are a problem. If so, we will take responsibility for the problem.

Mr. Parsons: Thanks, Council, for sending the two police officers to my place today.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 036-02-11

Councillor Jickling moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 17, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

RESOLUTION NO. 037-02-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council appoint Jeanne Lomenda to a two-year term to be served on the Sustainability Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Members of
Town
Sustainability
Committee**

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RESOLUTION NO. 038-02-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council appoint the first name drawn, Harley Jantz, to a one year term, to be served on the Sustainability Committee. If any members of the Sustainability Committee should need to be replaced in the future, the second name drawn, Yvonne Dressler, will be approached to sit on the board and the third drawn name, Nell Martel, will be next in line to be contacted for replacement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Add Engineering
to agenda under
New Business**

RESOLUTION NO. 039-02-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council add Engineering to the agenda under New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Yearly Cost of
Last 5 years
of Audit**

RESOLUTION NO. 040-02-11

Councillor Barnfield moved that Council accept this for information only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Results of
Request for
Proposal for
Audit**

RESOLUTION NO. 041-02-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council accept the lowest bid for auditing the Town, which was from Meyers, Norris and Penny, for the next three years, with a possible extension for two more years. Their annual incremental increases are to be 3% per year.

**1 OPPOSED
6 FOR
MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION NO. 042-02-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council have the Town carry on operations for 2011 following the budget for 2010 until the current year budget is passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Old Zamboni

RESOLUTION NO. 043-02-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council refuse the offer of the use of the old zamboni and instruct the Ag Society dispose of it however they see fit.

**1 OPPOSED
6 FOR
MOTION CARRIED**

Snow Removal

RESOLUTION NO. 044-02-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council send the snow removal and possible policy change back to the Infrastructure Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barb Buck spoke about the sidewalks not being cleared of snow as being the No. 1 complaint that she hears. Where do our kids walk?

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Mayor said the Town’s not built to handle as much snow as was recently dumped at once. The streets are not wide enough to pile the snow in the centre.

The Public Works Superintendent said they do not have a sidewalk machine. He went on to say that even in Grande Prairie, people had to walk down the road.

Ms. Buck said that this is not Grande Prairie and we are talking about Sexsmith’s snow policy. People can only walk on road and mothers are on the street with children.

Mayor Lagace said it is up to residents shovel snow in front of their houses.

Ms. Buck said that the Town can come by after the snow is shoveled and push snow onto the first 15 feet of your property so people don’t think it is worth it to shovel the sidewalks. The streets are great but where can people walk?

Mr. Parsons: Tried to get up 100 Avenue with my ATV. If you ask for help from ATV people, they would probably help. They are used to helping communities, not only with snow removal, but with search and rescue, as well.

River of Death

RESOLUTION NO. 045-02-11

Moved by Councillor Skajaveland that Council table the \$5,000 donation to the next meeting.

**3 FOR
4 AGAINST
MOTION DENIED**

RESOLUTION NO. 046-02-11

Moved by Councillor Jickling that Council accept this for information only.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION NO. 047-02-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council move the issue of a donation to the River of Death Gala to after the budget meeting on February 28th, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw No. 848 B
The Aquatera
Bylaw**

RESOLUTION NO. 048-02-11

Councillor Barnfield moved that Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 848 B, the Aquatera Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW
BUSINESS**

**Proposed
Subdivision in
County**

RESOLUTION NO. 049-02-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council send a letter of ‘no objection’ to the County regarding this proposed subdivision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Shannon
Library New
Members

RESOLUTION NO. 050-02-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council appoint Jeanne Lomenda and Brenda Margerison to the Sexsmith Shannon Library Board for a three-year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Barnfield left Council Chambers due to a conflict of interest, as he works for an engineering company.

Engineering to
look at Snow
Piling Situation

RESOLUTION NO. 051-02-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council instruct the Public Works Superintendent to consult with an engineer on whether dumping snow on the north end of Town will cause flooding downstream.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Barnfield returned to Council Chambers.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 052-02-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council suggest to the County that the City of Grande Prairie be invited to the County’s Joint Communities meeting on March 16th, 2011.

1 OPPOSED
6 FOR
MOTION CARRIED

ROUND
TABLE

Siggelkow	<p>I heard on the radio that Grande Prairie is looking for grants for \$125,000 for a spray park. Could CAO see if we can share some information and costs with the City? It sounds like their projected costs are much lower than what we are looking at.</p> <p>Re: Council Highlights in the <i>Sentinel</i> I heard that a citizen really liked it and has read it several times since.</p> <p>Re: Rescue vehicle – inquire if it being taken home.</p>	<p>CAO will do inquiries.</p> <p>Information only.</p> <p>The subject should be addressed at Corporate Services Committee.</p>
Sakundiak	Can we check with ATCO to see whether they have a timeline of when a light will	Public Works Superintendent: ATCO did give us a price but it is a

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	be placed at the 95 / 96 Street alley?	<p>budget item, so we have to wait for budget to pass.</p> <p>Mr. Parsons: It is also public safety issue. Kids are walking to school in the dark and people come out the back alley really booting it.</p>
Barnfield	Garbage cans are still in the street in my area. There are 13 still out on my street. We should be giving tickets to offenders.	Public Works Superintendent will address this issue.
Cooke	<p>I had a call from a resident about how pleased they are with County Animal Control. They had an issue, called them, and it was promptly addressed.</p> <p>I am concerned about our childcare. Is there a deadline for this? Ms. Jupp said there was a problem with ordering equipment. Please have the CAO check into this.</p>	<p>Information only.</p> <p>CAO will check on this.</p>
Skjaveland	<p>I had a person ask if I would bring a concern to the Town Council. Does the Town have a bylaw against a tractor pushing snow? He doesn't leave the snow on road. He pushes it into the ditch. Is that against our bylaw?</p> <p>Agenda for next meeting: discussion of a name for the back alley.</p>	<p>Mayor Lagace: As long as he doesn't leave the snow on the road, it is okay.</p> <p>Public Works Superintendent: We posted a sign on there as 96 Street alley / 95 Street alley on both ends, respectively. We can't make it a street or all the names on the houses have to change. Ms. Buck notified all concerned, ie, ATCO, etc.</p> <p>Mayor Lagace: A letter should be sent to all homeowners on that alley regarding the change.</p> <p>Mr. Parsons: Every time someone comes to my place, it is confusing for them.</p>

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Sakundiak	<p>If you put the sign up at the alley and don’t change it with government (First Call), then it doesn’t show up on maps.</p> <p>Re: Medical clinic: Do doctors pay utilities?</p>	<p>Public Works Superintendent: As soon as our maps are done, I will send them to First Call. There are a few areas in Town that are not on maps but after it goes to First Call, then the information goes to everybody.</p> <p>They pay a portion of the utilities.</p>
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**Add Light at
 95 / 96 Street alley
 to agenda**

RESOLUTION NO. 053-02-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council add the placement of a light at the 95 / 96 Street alley to this agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 054-02-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that the Town have ATCO remove the old light pole and put in a new one, with a light, at the 95 / 96 Street Alley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor declared a 2-miute break @ 8:00 p.m.

**CLOSED
 TO THE
 PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 055-02-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council go ‘in camera’ at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
 OPEN TO
 THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 056-02-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council return to the open meeting at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alan Gordey, Barb Buck, Craig Reese, and Cpl. Bernie Ferdais left Council Chambers and Jennifer Wood entered Council Chambers.

**CLOSED
 TO THE
 PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 057-02-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council go ‘in camera’ at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
 OPEN TO
 THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 058-02-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council return to the open meeting at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jennifer Wood left Council Chambers.

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**Add Medical
Clinic
to agenda
IN CAMERA**

RESOLUTION NO. 059-02-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council add Medical Clinic to the agenda under IN CAMERA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 060-02-11

Moved by Councillor Barnfield that Council go ‘in camera’ at 9:16 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 061-02-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council return to the open meeting at 9:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 062-02-11

Councillor Jickling moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator