

MINUTES
TOWN OF SEXSMITH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

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

COUNCIL PRESENT	Claude Lagace Don Jickling Nicole Cooke Isak Skjaveland Rick Sakundiak Jonathan Siggelkow	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Deputy Mayor
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COUNCIL ABSENT	Matthew Barnfield	Councillor
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STAFF PRESENT	Carolyn Gaunt Deloris Metz	CAO Admin. Ass't.
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PUBLIC PRESENT	Nellie Sterr, Linda Craik, Barb Buck,
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA	RESOLUTION NO. 273-08-11
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Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council approve the agenda for this meeting, with the following changes and additions:

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| BUSINESS ARISING | 1. Playground @ old Separate School
2. AUMA Convention |
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| INFORMATION ITEMS | 6. Letter from County, August 8, 2011 |
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| IN CAMERA | 1. Town Land Sale Proposal |
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SESSION	Linda Craik approached Council table and spoke about a resolution that was passed last October (“Transparency RESOLUTION NO. 348-10-10 Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council increase transparency of Council through <i>Sentinel</i> Facebook, website, and TV, and that agenda be on Facebook prior to meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”). She said that other municipalities put agendas out at least four days before their meetings. The Resolution said agendas would go on Facebook. She said that if you put it as an event, you could take the agenda and copy it into a note and post it as a note on Facebook. It would be great if it could be on the Facebook.
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Ms. Craik went on to say that the last financial statements posted on the website were 2009. Are you still going to put the Town financial statements in the *Sentinel*? The CAO replied that the statements go in *Sentinel* annually. Ms. Sterr asked if the Town could use a different format, so that the financial statements were easier to understand. Mayor Lagace replied that it would be nice if we could have both types of format.

Then Ms. Craik wanted to address questions about the Sexsmith Child Development Centre. She stated that the CAO had answered her questions in an exchange of emails. But, she wanted to know, if the rent is being paid to the Town, doesn't that mean that the Town owns the portable? The CAO replied that the Town has an agreement with Peace Wapiti School and the province, and that Peace Wapiti owns the building. The Town advertised the position in the newspaper. There was some

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contact with other daycares and that wasn't successful. Ms. Craik stated that Leah Jupp is running a private enterprise and as such, the Town shouldn't advertise for her business on Facebook. The CAO said it wasn't an advertisement, as much as information. Ms. Craik again stated that the Child Development Centre is set up to make a profit and she thinks it is a dangerous precedent for the Town to advertise for a private business. Councillor Siggelkow wanted to know who's setting the child rates and the CAO replied that Ms. Jupp is. Mayor Lagace said that Ms. Craik is making the point that it is a private business. Ms. Craik said she could post it on Facebook but the Town should not post for her. The CAO replied that there is a bit of a difference. It is a Town project that Council is trying to get going. Councillor Jickling said Council's part of the business was to supply the provider and the provider was acquired. Ms. Craik said someone phoned the Town office and Meghan Dohm said the Child Development Centre was the only the licensed childcare in Sexsmith. Ms. Craik wondered if St. Mary's is licensed. The CAO said that St. Mary's is run through the school. Ms. Craik said that Council should have thought of the advertising problem and written it into the agreement. When someone phones the Town office, they shouldn't hear that the Child Development Centre is the only licensed daycare in Town. Mayor Lagace said Council would like to mention on Facebook that there is childcare available in Sexsmith.

Mayor Lagace said the Town should have been putting the agenda on Facebook. The Town's agenda is closed on Wednesday but Councillors often add to the agenda at the meeting. It can look like Council is trying to get something on the agenda without the townspeople knowing. That is not the case and there are often emergent items to add. Councillor Siggelkow agreed the agenda should be on Facebook. Ms. Dohm moderates Facebook, so if anyone is rude, etc. she can eliminate his or her comments.

The CAO said that the Child Development Centre was looking for toys on Facebook. Councillor Siggelkow said that Council partnered on the Centre and will not walk away and let it fail. He said Council will do anything to help it, as it is important for the community. Ms. Craik replied that Council is setting a precedent and others could want the Town to advertise for them. Councillor Siggelkow reiterated that Council doesn't want it the Centre to fail. Ms. Craik asked about other businesses in the community who may want advertising done. Council can't work really hard to work for one business and not others. There are other businesses in Town that offer similar services. CAO stated that CDC, while private, is a partnership with the Town.

Thanks, around and Ms. Craik left Council table.

Barb Buck approached the Council table and said fall is coming, so she wants to throw an idea at Council: a fall dance for our teenagers, just before Hallowe'en. The Town already has a FCSS Director, a hall, and many talented teenagers, so there wouldn't be the expense of a DJ. Councillor Sakundiak asked if she wanted something for families or just for teenagers? Ms. Buck replied that the Town is phenomenal at providing for children but for teenagers, there is nothing. She has asked numerous times about the Town providing services for teenagers. The CAO asked if she was talking about the 'Battle of the Bands'? Ms. Buck said that the 'Battle of the Bands' was great but she would like a dance for teenagers. She said a lot of teenagers think the Town doesn't respect them, so they don't respect the Town. Councillor Siggelkow asked whether the school has dances? Ms. Buck replied that the school does about 6 dances a year, but she would like the Town to plan a dance for teenagers. She said that if the Town didn't have PRBI to carry out projects, quite a few things wouldn't get done. Ms. Buck said the Town needs to do something for teenagers. There is nothing for our teens. A spray park is being built for young children but nothing is done for teenagers. The Mayor asked if Ms. Buck was volunteering to spearhead organizing a youth dance and she replied that she was. The Mayor indicated that he wants to be on that committee. Ms. Buck wondered if the committee was going to have to raise money for the hall. The Mayor replied that the committee should organize and see what happens. Ms. Buck suggested that it

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could be teens this month and family the next? Councillors Jickling, Cooke, and Sakudiak also volunteered for the committee. Councillor Jickling said the harvest supper is for adults. Teenagers don't want old people hanging around. Councillor Cooke said she has lots of ideas. Mayor Lagace asked Ms. Buck to pick a time and let the volunteers know when. He said it would be good to get some parents involved. Ms. Buck said she wants it so that single parents in Town can afford to let their kids attend. Councillor Skjaveland suggested that Ms. Buck contact the Elks for funding. Ms. Buck left Council table with thanks around.

Ms. Sterr wanted to know if it's too late to talk about weeds? She asked if there was any way the Town could get on top of the weed situation before it's too late? The Mayor replied that the rain kept the Town from spraying on its normal schedule. He said it is the same everywhere. No one could get the spaying done due to the rain. The Mayor wondered if the Town got to spray at all this year? The CAO said the Town uses the County weed inspectors. The Town is on a list and the Weed Inspectors come to Sexsmith when they can. Ms. Sterr said she got a garbage bag full of sow thistle out of the ditch in front of her place. Some dirt was brought in and Public Works used weed eaters to clean the ditch and, probably like me, they didn't know it was sow thistle. In the process, they spread the thistle further.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

RESOLUTION NO. 274-08-11

Councillor Sakundiak moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 2, 2011 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

**Playground @
Separate School**

RESOLUTION NO. 275-08-11

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AUMA
Convention**

RESOLUTION NO. 276-08-11

Moved by Councillor Skjaveland that Council make it a policy that each Council member, who attends the AUMA convention, be reimbursed for return airfare, at the most reasonable rate, regardless of how they choose to travel.

**4 FOR
2 AGAINST
MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW
BUSINESS**

**Meeting date for
Joint
Communities**

This was accepted for information only. Council would like the joint communities' Council to have the joint communities' meeting on Wednesday or Thursday, October 5, 6, 12, or 13th at the Sexsmith Community Centre. (Agenda item suggested: purpose of the meeting and who should be invited; mutual fire services of City of Grande Prairie.)

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INFORMATION
ITEMS

Mutual Fire
Services

RESOLUTION NO. 277-08-11

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council send a letter to the City of Grande Prairie expressing a concern re financial concerns that the proposed fee schedule may deter Towns from calling for mutual assistance because of possible costs that may result in huge financial burdens. Further, the Town is requesting that all the communities be included in discussion prior to the passing of the bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUND
TABLE

Siggelkow	Is Council going to talk about the Harley Jantz’s tax issue at this meeting, being as it was mentioned in the last meeting minutes that it would be dealt with in two weeks? The Town’s white sign has Councillor Sparks name and not Councillor Cooke’s name. Member of the public brought up the agenda being put on Facebook. Do we need another resolution? Did the CAO research on other Town’s and their elevators?	CAO is working on a letter that is to be sent to Mr. Jantz. That will be taken care of right away. Resolution addressing that issue was already made at a previous meeting. CAO is putting together a report on this subject.
Sakundiak	Does the Town allow signs adjacent to the road on annexed land? Did all the equipment come for the spray park? Tentative date of completion?	CAO: They need permission either from the provincial government, depending on where they are located, or from the Town. CAO: Ran is away and will be back tomorrow but the equipment is here. They are waiting for the controls, which should arrive on Thursday. Ran will be back on Tuesday and CAO will ask him for a completion date.
Jickling	Lots of tents, etc. by the kitchen and park wasn’t busy but the way the campers circled the washroom, it could be intimidating.	PW has allowed that as the campers were from one family and, in return, they cleaned the ditches on the highway. The fire department also had a BBQ at the park. Councillor Skjaveland reported that he

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		was on COPS patrol on Saturday night and the campers were quiet and well behaved.
Cooke	Who is responsible for mowing and cleaning around the various ponds in Town? There are some ponds that are overgrown and have probably not been mowed this summer. There is a pile of stuff at the pond and on lots in Willow Estates. Is it possible to pressure wash the metal equipment at various Town playgrounds once a summer?	The Town is responsible and they will be mowed, as weather permits. Bylaw is dealing with this as unsightly premises. PW will be instructed to do so.
Skjaveland	Taxes – Residents, re: Mr. Jantz statement, can not withhold taxes because they have a complaint with the Town. They still have to pay the taxes and then come afterward to lodge a complaint. People can't just withhold funds. What if everyone did that? Is the Museum Society tearing down the old burned church?	Mayor Lagace: Mr. Jantz made that statement in Public Session, so it can be discussed in this part of the open meeting. Mayor Lagace said penalties will be applied as per the MGA, which is very clear on taxes. Councillor Jickling said that under Round Table last meeting, that issue was straightened out – Councillor Barnfield spoke to it while Mr. Jantz was still in attendance at the Council meeting. That will be done next week.
Mayor	Thanks to Craig Rees for taking over for Alan. Everything went well. Is the Town paying for pavement at Child Development Centre? I don't think we agreed to that.	CAO will pass along. CAO will check into that.
Skjaveland	How expensive was the flood?	Mayor replied that the cost to the Town is probably under \$50,000 at the moment.
Mayor	What is being done for Storm game promotion? They often shoot t-shirts	<i>Sentinel</i> editor offered the Storm a full-page ad. CAO is checking into items.

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	into the crowd. Are we getting any promotional items along that line? Where are we at in revamping the dog bylaw?	CAO will look into this.
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Mayor Lagace declared a 5-minute break at 8:15 p.m.

**CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 278-08-11

Moved by Councillor Sakundiak that Council go ‘in camera’ at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

RESOLUTION NO. 279-08-11

Moved by Councillor Cooke that Council return to the open meeting at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 280-08-11

**Sale of Town
Owned Land**

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council sell one acre of land to Jack Donnelly, for appraised value, with the condition that the development be completed within 2 years. A Development permit must be applied for a use, as approved by Council. The agreement should include a clause that if the land is not developed as per agreement, the land reverts to the Town at a reduced rate.

**5 FOR
1 AGAINST
MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 281-08-11

Councillor Sakundiak moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Lagace, Mayor

Carolyn Gaunt, Town Administrator