

The special meeting of Sedgewick Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Sedgewick Town Office, Sedgewick, Alberta on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6:00PM.

<b>Present</b>	Perry Robinson Greg Sparrow Grant Imlah Stephen Levy Tim Schmutz	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
<b>Absent</b>	Shawn Higginson	Councillor
<b>Present</b>	Amanda Davis	Chief Administrative Officer

**Call to Order** Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Opening Ceremony** Council conducted an opening values ceremony.

**Agenda**

**2016.12.271** MOTION by Clr. G. Sparrow that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

**New Business:**

NB8. 2017 Draft Budget *Revised* – Sedgewick Recreation

NB9. 2017 Draft Budget – Gas and SKNGS

NB10. 2017 Draft Budget – Water System

**Correspondence:**

A2. Flagstaff County – Lucky Highway 13 Proposal

CARRIED.

**Old Business**

**Municipal Affairs**

Alberta Municipal Affairs provided follow up on the petition that was submitted requesting an inquiry into the affairs of the Town of Sedgewick. The petition was sufficient and interviews were scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**2017 Draft Budget - Council**

An overview of council's departmental budget was presented and discussed.

**New Business**

**2017 Draft Budget – Fire Dept.**

**2016.12.272**

A draft fire budget was presented.

MOTION by Clr. S. Levy that council approves the 2017 fire budget as presented.

CARRIED.

**2016.12.273**

MOTION by Clr. T. Schmutz that council approves an increase in leadership honorariums as follows: Fire Chief - \$2,000 and Deputy Fire Chief's - \$1,000 per annum.

CARRIED.

**2016.12.274**

MOTION by Mayor P. Robinson that council appoints Ryan Allen and Cary Castagna as members of the Sedgewick Fire Department.

CARRIED.

**2016.12.275**

MOTION by Clr. G. Sparrow that council declares all municipal firefighting service fees remain unchanged and further council directs administration to send a letter to the Fire Chief explaining council's decision.

CARRIED.

**2017 Draft Budget – Cemetery**

A draft cemetery budget and three year operating plan was presented.

**2016.12.276**

MOTION by Clr. G. Imlah that council approved the 2017 cemetery budget and the 2017-2019 operating plan as presented.

CARRIED.



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- 2016.12.277** MOTION by Clr. S. Levy that the fee for winter casket burials increase from \$450 to \$900 effective immediately. CARRIED.
- 2017 Draft Budget – Waste REVISED**  
**2016.12.278** A draft waste budget was presented.  
MOTION by Clr. G. Imlah that the Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association's 2017 budget is approved as presented with a requisition of \$126,589.59 for the Town of Sedgewick. It is also to be noted that Sedgewick has concerns with the 4.5% (2.0% COLA and 2.5% merit) overall wage increases identified in the budget and believes this to be excessive considering the current state of the economy, wage freezes, ongoing cutbacks, and job losses. CARRIED.
- 2016.12.279** MOTION by Clr. T. Schmutz that council proceeds with Scenario 5 whereby holding the monthly garbage rate at \$28.75 and participating in the curb side recycling pilot project in 2017. CARRIED.
- 2017 Draft Budget – Community Hall**  
**2016.12.280** A draft Community Hall budget was presented.  
MOTION by Clr. S. Levy that council rejects the Sedgewick Community Hall's 2017 budget as presented and further requests the board applies for operational funds through the recreation grant program and/or finds alternate sources of revenue in an effort to achieve long-term sustainability. CARRIED.
- 2017 Draft Budget – FFCS**  
**2016.12.281** A draft Flagstaff Family and Community Services (FFCS) budget was presented.  
MOTION by Mayor P. Robinson that council approves the 2017 FFCS budget as presented with a requisition of \$7,458 for the Town of Sedgewick. CARRIED.
- 2017 Draft Budget – SPL**  
**2016.12.282** A draft Sedgewick Public Library (SPL) budget was presented.  
MOTION by Clr. G. Sparrow that council approves the Sedgewick Public Library's 2017 budget as presented with the Town of Sedgewick providing a \$7,000 operating grant. CARRIED.
- 2017 Draft Budget – Public Works REVISED**  
**2016.12.283** A draft Public Works budget, heavy equipment replacement plan and building renovation plan was presented and discussed.  
A draft revised Sedgewick Recreation Centre budget was presented.  
MOTION by Clr. G. Sparrow that council approves the 2017 Sedgewick Recreation Centre's revised budget as presented following a satisfactory explanation from Clr. G. Sparrow. CARRIED.
- 2016.12.284** MOTION by Mayor P. Robinson to recess the meeting at 8:10PM. CARRIED.
- 2016.12.285** MOTION by Mayor P. Robinson that the meeting reconvene at 8:15PM. CARRIED.
- 2017 Draft Budget – Gas and SKNGS**  
**2016.12.286** Draft municipal gas and Sedgewick Killam Natural Gas System (SKNGS) budgets were presented.  
MOTION by Mayor P. Robinson that council approves the 2017 Sedgewick Killam Natural Gas System (SKNGS) budget as presented with a monthly service charge of \$25.00 with \$5.00 paid to the SKNGS reserve fund. CARRIED.



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2016.12.287 MOTION by Clr. G. Sparrow that the towns gas budget is approved as presented with cathodic bed replacement costs being funded though the gas reserve account #49791900 in 2018. CARRIED.

2017 Draft Budget – Water System A draft water system budget was presented and discussed.

Correspondence  
Operations Letter

An operations letter addressed to Sedgewick Lake Park Association dated November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Town of Sedgewick was reviewed.

Flagstaff County Flagstaff County sought financial support for the “Lucky Highway 13” marketing plan.

2016.12.288 MOTION by Mayor P. Robinson that council respectfully declines participation in the “Lucky Highway 13” marketing plan at this time due to current workloads and lack of time to fulfill marketing obligation; however, encourages additional review in 2017. CARRIED.

Council Meeting Discussion held regarding the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 council meeting.

2016.12.289 MOTION by Clr. S. Levy that the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 council meeting commence at 4:00PM to accommodate business items. CARRIED.

Adjournment  
2016.12.290 MOTION by Mayor P. Robinson for adjournment at 9:00PM. CARRIED.

  
Perry Robinson, Mayor

  
Amanda Davis, CAO

  
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