

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held September 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Robin Sharpe and Councillors Mike Wallace, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Katrina Leckovic, C.A.O.; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works; Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk.

PUBLIC GALLERY: 4 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

14-173 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, August 19, 2014

14-174 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, August 19, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Joan Chess and Maureen LeBourdais, Fraser Basin Council re: Sustainability Planning for Communities program
Joan Chess and Maureen LeBourdais provided a power point presentation and passed out written information about the Sustainability Planning for Communities program.

14-175 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the presentation by Joan Chess and Maureen LeBourdais, Fraser Basin Council re: Sustainability Planning for Communities program be received.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wells Barkerville Community School Use Committee Update
The Mayor thanked everyone that worked on the School Use Policy.

14-176 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the update from the Wells Barkerville Community School Use Committee.

Carried Unanimously

14-177 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council adopt the School Use Policy.

Carried Unanimously

14-178 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** staff investigate

the indoor camping accommodations that were advertised by Island Mountain Arts for New Year's Eve.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Fire Truck

The Fire Chief noted that the Quesnel Fire Department purchased a new fire truck and gave their old fire truck to Wells. The challenge is that the new truck, which is twelve feet high, will not fit into the current firehall. The Fire Chief proposed that a new fire hall be built, with the funds raised in conjunction with Barkerville, and that the old firehall be turned into a public works building. The current Wells fire truck may go to Macleese Lake Fire Department. The Fire Chief noted that the new truck is in great running condition with a fifty foot aerial ladder. The Fire Chief further noted that the approximate cost to the District of Wells to build a new firehall was \$150,000.

14-179 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the information in regards to the new fire truck.

Carried Unanimously

14-180 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** staff investigate what funding and planning was required in regards to the building of a new firehall.

Carried Unanimously

2. Lowhee Dyke

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the report in which she noted that a geotechnical assessment by a professional engineer was required by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations before any of the necessary repairs of the dyke could be undertaken.

14-181 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the Lowhee Dyke report.

Carried Unanimously

14-182 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council Approve use of the Gas Tax funds and the 2014 MIA Signage Grant for the engineering study required by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO)

Carried Unanimously

3. Heritage Conservation Strategies

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal overview of the report in which she reviewed the steps that the District of Wells could take to protect its heritage buildings and features. Discussion ensued in regards to statements of significance and forming a Heritage Registry.

14-183 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the information in regards to the Heritage Registry Options.

Carried Unanimously

14-184 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** a Heritage Registry be established for the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 14.09.02 Mary Sjostrom, Mayor, City of Quesnel re: City of Quesnel Request for a Letter of Support

14-185 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 14.09.02 letter from Mary Sjostrom, Mayor, City of Quesnel re: City of Quesnel Request for a Letter of Support be received.

Carried Unanimously

14-186 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council write a letter of support re: Quesnel Application to Extend Minerals North Boundary.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Untidy and Unsightly Premises Bylaw No.135, 2014

14-187 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give the fourth and final reading to the District of Wells Untidy and Unsightly Premises Bylaw No.135, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Council Indemnities Bylaw No.136, 2014

14-188 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give the fourth and final reading to the District of Wells Council Indemnities Bylaw No.136, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

3. District of Wells 2015 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.137, 2014

14-189 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells 2015 Permissive tax Exempting Bylaw No.137, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) provided a verbal overview of her report. The EDO noted that the Honourable Steve Thomson may present the Community Forest certificate to the District of Wells at UBCM. Councillor Wright noted that the Northern Development Initiatives (NDI) interns should talk to Ed Coleman about his small house/cabin project because Mr. Coleman had some great ideas. Councillor Wright suggested that there was a general lack of communication in regards to mountain biking groups and photographers visiting Wells and that it was important to know they were coming in advance. The EDO noted that she had requested that CCCTA let her know when groups were coming to Wells.

14-190 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.
Carried Unanimously

2. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports
The Superintendent of Public Works (SPW) and Fire Chief provided a verbal overview of his report. The SPW noted that there was a fire at Dragon Lake which firefighters couldn't get to it. The Mayor noted that the cemetery is looking very good and the SPW noted that he would pass on the compliment to his crew.

14-191 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief reports be received.
Carried Unanimously

3. Cheque Register 14.08.01 to 14.08.31
14-192 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3549 to 3588 from Integris Credit Union for the period of August 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014 for a total amount of \$29,976.21.
Carried Unanimously

4. Outstanding Actions Item Report
14-193 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

14-194 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 14.07.25 Art Kaehn, Chair Regional District of Fraser-Fort George re: Letter to Minister Thomson opposing the removal of the Purden Lake Road Connector bridge.
2. 14.08.18 Earl Spielman, Inventory Forester, West Fraser Mills Ltd. re: West Fraser Fertilization Project. (See Deputy Clerk for Map)
3. 14.08.21 Bronwyn Barter, Provincial President, Ambulance Paramedics of BC re: Community Paramedicine.
4. 14.08.28 Selina Robinson, MLA, Opposition Advocate for Local Government Official Opposition Breakfast at UBCM re: Official Opposition Breakfast at UBCM.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that he was not going to China to give a lecture on photography at a conference at Yellow Mountain. At the Barkerville Heritage Trust meeting, Ed Coleman noted that he is moving forward on Glamping, small houses, a concept plan based on the doctor's house in Barkerville and

possibly building a small house where the demolished trailer was located.

Councillor Wallace noted that he could not attend UBCM.

The Mayor noted that there would be a Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Town Meeting at the District Hall on September 18, 2014 from 5-7 PM. The Mayor also noted that he, Councillor Wilkins and the Administrator would be attending the UBCM Convention from September 20-26, 2014. The Mayor further noted that there were still tickets for the 26th annual Ducks Unlimited on September 27, 2014. The Mayor noted that Mission, BC has signs stating that the speed limit is 40 posted on the highway entering the town. Lastly, the Mayor noted that he travelled extensively throughout the province with his cousin from England during the week of September 7-14, 2014 and the only snow sighting was in Barkerville.

2. Staff:

The Superintendent of Public Works thanked Council for their support in regards to the firehall.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that the was last Farmers' Market was on Sunday September 21, 2014.

The Deputy Clerk announced the winners of the Most Improved Property contest:

First Prize Residential : Leah Martin, Joey Johnson, Josh Trotter-Wanner
First Prize Commercial: Barb Schmode for her Gift Shop
Second Prize Commercial: Bill Horne and Claire Kujundzic for Amazing Space Gallery

The Administrator noted that Service Canada would be holding an information session on Friday September 19, 2014 from 1-3 PM in the Wells Community Hall Banquet Room. The Administrator also noted that she had been talking to MLA Coralee Oakes' office about a number of issues including pay phones in Wells. A letter will be written by the Administrator to Telus in regards to the importance of accessible payphones in the District of Wells, since there is no cell service. The Administrator further noted that the CRTC must provide 60 days notice when they remove the last payphone from a municipality. The Administrator said that Wells was requesting more payphones along the highway. The Administrator noted that a meeting was held with Dave Jorgenson, Councillor Wright, the Mayor, the RCMP and representatives from the Ministry of Transportation in regards to highway signage and highway speeds in Wells. The Ministry will conduct a study and provide recommendations for signage. The Administrator noted that she met with Dave Mosure from BC Hydro, the Superintendent of Public Works and the Mayor and that the following points were discussed: Three phase power will extend further along the highway; the voltage regulator will be moving down the line; automated reclosers will be installed which can be read from control centre; Wells won't get the power bumps and there will be less draw on the lines. A

meeting will be set up with BC Hydro at UBCM. Lastly, the Administrator noted that, since not all the funds got used from the Most Improved Property contest and Multiculturalism Day, there would be an event in November to recognize volunteers, as our community would not exist without volunteers.

3. Public Gallery:

John Massier noted that there was a meeting set up with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations at UBCM to discuss the Purden lake Connector and the deactivation of the Indian Point bridge and that he is expecting good news in regards to both issues.

Bill Horne expressed his thanks for the Most Improved Property win and acknowledged John Marion for the two days of help that John provided with the door.

K. CLOSED MEETINGS:

14-195 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

14-196 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:22 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO