

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held October 7, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Wells Community Hall 4269 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:

14-197 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

I. 7 14.09.29 Mary Sjostrom, Mayor, City of Quesnel re: Transportation Plan for the Quesnel Region.

I. 8 14.09.29 John Horgan, Leader, Official Opposition Legislative Assembly Province of British Columbia re: UBCM

I. 9 14.09.29 The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia re: Thank You for Wells and Barkerville Visit .

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, September 16, 2014

14-198 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, September 16, 2014 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts re: New Year's Eve 2014 Ms. Fowler provided a verbal overview of her letter in which she requested that overnight indoor camping be permitted after Island Mountain Arts' New Year's Eve fundraiser dance. Ms. Fowler noted that the fifteen dollars charged for the camping would be used to pay the District of Wells, the cleaning of the School and overnight security. The capacity of the gym was discussed. Ms. Fowler gave an update on the house that IMA hopes to purchase, noting that Integris Credit Union has come on board.

14-199 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the presentation by Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts re: New Year's Eve 2014 be received.

Carried Unanimously

14-200 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the use of the Wells Community School by Island Mountain Arts for overnight indoor camping on New Year's Eve December 31, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Heritage Registry
- 14-201** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the Heritage Registry report.
Carried Unanimously
- 14-202** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Quality of Life, Heritage, Culture and Recreation Committee work on determining the heritage values to bring to Council as a whole before proceeding with the registry implementation.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Community Planning
- 14-203** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive Community Planning report and **THAT** Council direct the Marketing & Economic Development Officer to follow up with the Smart Planning for Communities in regards to a process to complete sustainable community planning and more generally community-engaged planning.
Carried Unanimously
2. By-law Dispute Adjudication System
- The Administrator reviewed the adjudication system and noted that it was an efficient, provincially run means of ticketing that did not involve court resources. Under the adjudication system, once a ticket for an infraction was issued it could be disputed through a District of Wells appointed screening officer. If the decision was upheld by the screening officer it would then be forwarded to a provincial adjudicator. The Administrator noted that the adjudication system would significantly reduce costs to the municipality and also provide the ability to enforce bylaws such as Animal Control, Noise Control, Traffic & Street Regulations and Building Bylaws. The Administrator further noted that there was a cost recovery built in to the Adjudication Bylaw by which the offending person would pay a portion of the cost of the adjudicator.
- 14-204** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Council Wallace **THAT** Council receive the By-law Dispute Adjudication System report.
Carried Unanimously
- 14-205** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Council Wallace **THAT** Council direct staff to make a request to the Ministry of Attorney General to have a regulation enacted, in order to make the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act applicable to the District of Wells and further to proceed with implementation of a Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System.
Carried Unanimously

3. LIRN BC Planning Committee
The Mayor inquired as to what LIRN is, to which the Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) responded that LIRN stood for Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC. The EDO provided a verbal overview of her report.
- 14-206** **MOVED** Council Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the LIRN BC Planning Committee report.
Carried Unanimously
- 14-207** **MOVED** Council Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** representatives from the organizations that supported the EOI be asked to sit on the LIRN BC planning committee.
Carried Unanimously
4. Resolution and Letter of Support for NDI Grants
- 14-208** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the Resolution and Letter of Support for NDI Grants report and **THAT** Council pass a resolution of support for the upgrades at the Wells/Barkerville School and **THAT** Council write a letter of support for the replacement of the Blair Street Bridge.
Carried Unanimously
- F. CORRESPONDENCE:
1. 14.09.30 Judy Mooring, Visitors Experiences, Barkerville Historic Town re: Donation towards Fireworks for Halloween in Barkerville
- 14-209** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Council Wilkins **THAT** the 14.09.30 letter from Judy Mooring, Visitors Experiences, Barkerville Historic Town re: Donation towards Fireworks for Halloween in Barkerville be received.
Carried Unanimously
- 14-210** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the District of Wells donate \$100 to Barkerville Historic Town towards the fireworks display on Halloween.
Carried Unanimously
- G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:
1. District of Wells 2015 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.137, 2014
- 14-211** **MOVED** Council Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council give the fourth and final reading 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 provided an addition to her report noting that the planning is underway for the Volunteer Appreciation evening on November 13, 2014. The Mayor inquired as to why the Crown lots would not be cleaned up under the new Unsightly Premises Bylaw. The EDO responded that she would investigate further and bring this item back to the

next Council meeting. Councillor Wright noted that locals should be the first choice for photograph and video work in the area.

- 14-212** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.
Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 14.09.01 to 14.08.30
14-213 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3589 to 3645 from Integris Credit Union for the period of September 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 for a total amount of \$52,963.41.
Carried Unanimously

3. Outstanding Actions Item Report
14-214 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 14-215** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

1. 14.09.09 Lois E. Jackson, Mayor, Corporation of Delta re: Federal Licensing and Enforcement Relating to Medical Marihuana.
3. 14.09.18 Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Wells re: Payphone service in Wells, BC.
4. 14.09.18 Greg Reimer, Executive VP, Transmission & Distribution, BC Hydro re: Concerns with BC Hydro service to the District of Wells.
5. 14.09.23 Basia Ruta, Auditor General for Local Government re: Auditor General for Local Government Annual Report.
6. 14.09.25 Muriel and Ray Hong, Quesnel BC re: Donation to Wells Community Hall in Memory of Della Hubensky.
8. 14.10.02 John Horgan, Leader, Official Opposition Legislative Assembly Province of British Columbia re: UBCM
9. 14.10.01 The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia re: Thank you for visit to Wells and Barkerville.
The Mayor read the letter aloud to Council.
Carried Unanimously

2. 14.09.17 Amy Thacker, Chief Executive Officer, Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) re: Invitation to CCCTA Annual General Meeting and Tourism Summit.
Councillor Wright inquired if CCCTA got their funding for the next year to which the EDO responded that the CCCTA had received bridged funding, but the funding for the year was still an unknown. Councillor Wright also inquired if the EDO was attending the CCCTA Annual General Meeting and Tourism Summit to which the EDO replied that she had not yet asked the Administrator if attending was a possibility.

- 14-216** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** that the Marketing and Economic Development Officer attend the CCCTA Annual General Meeting and Tourism Summit.

Carried Unanimously

7. 7.14.09.29 Mary Sjostrom, Mayor, City of Quesnel re: Transportation Plan for the Quesnel Region

- 14-217** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace that staff write a letter of support to Minister Stone re: Transportation Plan for Quesnel Region.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins would like to investigate having a policy regarding Council travel and the number of Councillors that attend each convention as well as consequences for cancelling at the last minute. The new Council will look into this issue. Councillor Wilkins requested that staff book a photography session for the outgoing Council. Councillor Wilkins noted that she enjoyed UBCM, talked to a lot of Ministers and that a highlight was that the District did not get a no on the bike trail.

Councillor Wallace would have preferred to be at UBCM but unfortunately he had to stay in Wells

Councillor Wright noted that he would have liked to attend both UBCM and NCLGA but the timing does not usually work out with his work schedule. Councillor Wright also noted that would miss the November 4, 2014 Council meeting.

The Mayor noted that there were some positive outcomes at UBCM, the first being the decision not to decommission the Indian Point bridge for the time being. The Mayor also noted that three Ministers were in full support of the bridge being upgraded and fixed. The Mayor further noted that Wells has officially been awarded the Community Forest. Lastly, the Mayor noted that UBCM 2015 was scheduled for September 21 to 25, 2015 in Vancouver.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk noted that eleven Nomination Packages had been picked up and that the deadline to drop off completed packages was 4 PM on Friday October 10, 2014.

The Administrator noted that she had received a response from TELUS in regards to the pay phone issue. The outcome of a conference call with representatives from TELUS, along with agreement from the Jack O Clubs General, was the decision to move the inside payphone at the Jack to the outside covered veranda with signage on the highway to alert travelers. The

Administrator noted that the outdoor pay phone at the Wells Hotel was removed at the request of the owner. Lastly, the Administrator noted that the Casino had new signage up advertising the Pub and Restaurant .

3. Public Gallery:

Bill Horne thanked the Marketing and Economic Development Officer for her help hosting and building an itinerary for the German videographers during their visit to Wells.

Kelleigh Marshall inquired as to where fireworks could be purchased.

K. CLOSED MEETINGS:

14-218 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (i) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

14-219 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:22 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO