

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

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Robin Sharpe and Councillors Mandy Kilsby, Lorraine Kozar, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk.

PUBLIC GALLERY: 7 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

14-273 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

D. 2 Appointment of District of Wells Auditor for the 2014 Fiscal Year- Update
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Inaugural Council Meeting, December 2, 2014
14-274 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 2, 2014 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Real Property Division of the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services Re: District of Wells taxes
The Mayor explained that the Province was paying taxes on one piece of property in Wells because that property is leased out and would otherwise be exempt from taxes.
14-275 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the information about the Real Property Division of the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services Re: District of Wells taxes be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Appointment of District of Wells Auditor for the 2014 Fiscal Year- Update
Councillor Wright noted that, based on the course that Council took on December 4, 2014, the District should not hire the same accountant every year because some advice given each year could be incorrect. Council discussed possibly finding a new accounting firm for the 2015 audit.
14-276 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Wilkins **THAT** the Chartered Accounting firm of Fraser Bevez Broughton Chartered Accountants of Quesnel, B.C. be appointed to undertake the 2014 annual municipal audit and prepare the District of Wells Audited Financial Statements.
Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Ray Beaulieu Memorial Truck Garage Fund-Raising Campaign
The Mayor noted that Ray Beaulieu, who recently passed away, was involved for many years with the Quesnel Fire Department as well as the fire protection program in Barkerville. The Mayor also noted that Mr. Beaulieu was responsible for acquiring two fire trucks and a tanker truck for the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade. Lastly, the Mayor noted that, according to the family's wishes, at Ray Beaulieu's upcoming Celebration of Life, Ed Coleman, CEO of Barkerville, would announce a Fund-Raising Campaign for the Ray Beaulieu Memorial Truck Garage to be built in Wells to house the new fire truck.

14-277 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council support Beaulieu Memorial Truck Garage Fund-Raising Campaign.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 14.12.09 Lindsay Read, President, Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) re: Update on the status of renovations and support to apply for a "Farm to School" grant
Councillor Wilkins inquired as to why the upstairs bathroom had to be wheelchair accessible and Ms. Read noted that it was a formality and that she would investigate.

14-278 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the 14.12.09 letter from Lindsay Read, President, Wells and Area Community Association re: Update on the status of renovations and support to apply for a "Farm to School" grant be received.

Carried Unanimously

14-279 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council support WAACA in regards to their application for a "Farm to School" grant.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 14.11.01 to 14.11.30

14-280 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3724 to 3781 from Integris Credit Union for the period of November 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014 for a total amount of \$53,434.52.

Carried Unanimously

2. Outstanding Actions Item Report

The Deputy Clerk noted that, at the Administrator's suggestion, Dave Mosure, Community Relations Coordinator of the Northern Region, BC Hydro was invited to come to Wells for an open house. The Deputy Clerk noted that Mr. Mosure was agreeable to the idea, suggesting that he may bring his line manager and vegetation personnel to Wells for an Open House/ Presentation as well as a Question & Answer session in January 2015. Councillor Wright noted

that it would be useful to collect stories from the community in regards to the effect that the power outage had on individuals in Wells. These stories would be compiled and presented to BC Hydro. Councillor Wright requested that staff monitor the voltage that our community is receiving.

- 14-281** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

- 14-282** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar that staff survey the community in regards to the effects of the power outages on individuals.
Carried Unanimously

3. Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO)
14-283 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 14-284** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

1. 14.11.20 Sav Dhaliwal, President, UBCM re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment.
2. 14.11.21 David W. Guscott, Chief Executive Officer, PRIMECorp re: PRIMECorp's Annual Report (please see Deputy Clerk for report).
4. 14.12.02 Coralee Oakes, MLA, Cariboo North re: Congratulations.
5. 14.12.02 Al Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Regional District re: Inaugural Meeting.
6. 14.12.03 Manuel Achadinha, President and CEO, BC Transit re: Congratulations and "BC Transit Advantage" report (please see Deputy Clerk for report).

Carried Unanimously

3. 14.12.02 Gwen Johansson, Mayor, Hudson's Hope re: Referral of Proposed Site C Dam Project to BC Utilities Commission.
Councillor Wright noted that the District of Hudson's Hope was requesting support for their call to the BC government to place a one year moratorium on the decision to proceed with Site C and to refer Site C to the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) for an inquiry and public hearing. Councillor Wright also invited people to look up NAWAPA on Wikipedia for information which was relevant to dam projects in Canada.
- 14-285** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins that Council write a letter of support to the District of Hudson's Hope re: Referral of Proposed Site C Dam Project to BC Utilities Commission.
Carried Unanimously

7. BC Timber Sales re: Quesnel Forest District - Big Valley Visual Impact Assessment. (Hard copies available from Deputy Clerk).
- 14-286** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the BC Timber Sales re: Quesnel Forest District - Big Valley Visual Impact

Assessment.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright wished everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Councillor Wright also noted that he will be away until mid January after which he would call a Wells Wildlife Smart meeting to discuss warning and interpretive signage on the highway. Councillor Wright further noted that he would call an Emergency Planning Committee meeting in January, 2015.

Councillor Kilsby wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Councillor Kilsby noted that there was a service for Ray Beaulieu on December 20, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Correlieu High School Gym.

Councillor Kozar wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councillor Wilkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Councillor Wilkins expressed her condolences to the Administrator and her family.

The Mayor noted that he attended a CBACC AGM and that Bob Simpson was the new chair, which the Mayor noted was good news. The Mayor noted that a letter to the City of Quesnel from Steve Thomson, Minister of Transportation stated that the Indian Point Creek Bridge was not going to be removed. The Mayor presented a gift to former Councillor Judy Campbell for all her years of service to the District of Wells.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk reminded Council that the signing authority had to be updated at Integris. The Deputy Clerk noted that the Wells Community School concert was on December 17, 2014. Lastly, the Deputy Clerk noted that the date that was chosen for the Administrative Planning Session-January 9, 2015- did not work for everyone and therefore a new date would be chosen.

3. Public Gallery:

Judy Campbell noted that more pressure was needed on BC Hydro in regards to the voltage meter.

Claire Kujundzic inquired if the incidents that would be reported to BC Hydro in regards to the impact of the power outages would be in the form of a letter or a list. Ms. Kujundzic further inquired if the information would be presented in person when the Hydro representative comes to Wells or sent to him in advance. The Mayor noted that, as a courtesy, we should send the information

to Hydro in advance, either by fax or included in a letter to the various Hydro contacts. Councillor Wright noted that it was very important for Hydro to understand how vulnerable our community is during a power outage to which the Mayor added that Hydro needs to be informed that there is not a place to go, such as a coffee shop, to get warm in Wells. The Deputy Clerk will inform the community that the deadline to submit their power outage stories was January 15, 2015. Ms. Kujundzic suggested that people photograph the trees hanging on the power lines. The Mayor informed her that the top wires on the power lines were TELUS wires, which do not affect the Hydro wires

Bill Horne suggested creating a Facebook page called “Danger Tree Spotting”.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

14-287 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO