

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held Tuesday, February 3, 2015 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: Katrina Leckovic, C.A.O.; Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 5 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

C15-01 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: NIL

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NIL

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Needs Assessment Report – School Use Committee

The Mayor noted that Committee of the Whole (COW) is about discussion which means that COW may make comments followed by the spokesperson from the other groups present at the meeting.

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of her report in which she reviewed the map of the school and the long term rentals, contracts and storage space. The recommendations proposed options for long term agreements with Island Mountain Arts (IMA) and the Huckleberry Daycare (WAACA).

Lindsay Read, President of Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) provided a report in which she noted that that the main issue for WAACA was that they received funding for the daycare space which they must vacate during peak season and that, at this point, there is not an appropriate place to relocate the daycare.

David Harder, representing Island Mountain Arts (IMA) noted that IMA relied on the ongoing school rental partnership with the District of Wells. Mr. Harder also noted that losing a classroom would result in a financial loss of approximately \$20,000 in tuition and the removal of a harpist course from the summer schedule. Mr. Harder stressed that IMA believed that a daycare was a positive addition to Wells and did not want to pit the Daycare against IMA.

COW discussed possibilities for moving the Daycare and/or IMA to various locations in the School and Wells Community Hall. The Mayor noted that a decision must be made by the next Regular Council meeting so that both groups

could move forward. Mr. Harder noted that Julie Fowler, Executive Director of Island Mountain Arts would be in Wells between March 16th and 22nd, 2015 and therefore able to attend a School Use Committee meeting. Councillor Wilkins, Chair of the School Use Committee, noted that a School Use Committee meeting would be held at 4:00 PM on February 16, 2015 in the Wells Barkerville Community School.

C15-02 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive the Needs Assessment Report submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried Unanimously

2. BC Hydro Town Meeting February 5, 2015
The Deputy Clerk noted that Dave Mosure, the Northern Region Community Relations Coordinator for BC Hydro would be attending a Town Meeting on February 5, 2015 at 5:30 PM to address concerns residents have put forth and to inform residents of upcoming area improvement projects planned by BC Hydro.

C15-03 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive the information in regards to the BC Hydro Town Meeting on February 5, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 15.01.21 Madison Mitchell, Communications Officer, North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: Call for Old Resolutions

C15-04 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive the letter from Madison Mitchell, Communications Officer, North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: Call for Old Resolutions.

Carried Unanimously

2. 15.01.29 Amy Thacker, CEO, Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association re: 2017 Cariboo Celebration
Councillor Wright noted that it would be good to know what is going on with the Gold Rush Trail and that it was important that all groups work together to make it a success. Committee of the Whole recommended that staff find out when the meeting will occur and report that the Mayor would attend.

C15-05 **MOVED** Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive the letter from Amy Thacker, CEO, Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association re: 2017 Cariboo Celebration.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR: NIL

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that he chaired a Wells Wildlife Smart meeting. The result of the meeting was to request a letter from Council to be sent to Michelle Arcand, Habitat Biologist, Cariboo requesting the following: 1) Wildlife activated signage or minimal seasonal flashing signs in area 2) Caribou sign at the red roof pullout in Devil's Canyon 3) Replacement of the unreadable wildlife watching sign at the Jack O Clubs pullout. Lastly, Councillor Wright suggested that ideas from the public are not shot down as it is fair for taxpayers to ask where their money is being spent.

C15-06 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Wells Wildlife Smart Committee report be included on the agenda of the February 17, 2015 regular Council meeting.

Mayor Sharpe noted that he attended a Cariboo Regional District (CRD) budget meeting at which there was a visual breakdown of where their money was being spent. The Mayor also noted that heritage buildings designated by the Heritage Committee in the District of Wells registry can also go onto the provincial registry. Lastly, the Mayor noted that he and Councillor Kilsby will attend a Statement of Significance drafting workshop on February 10, 2015 which is sponsored by the CRD.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that she and the Superintendent of Public Works had met with a representative from the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) in regards to highway speeds and signage on Highway 26 through Wells. The Administrator reported that MOT is not willing to reduce the speed from 50 kilometers per hour but they are proposing that two 4x8 yellow signs stating "Caution: Pedestrian Area. Prepare to Stop" be installed at both highway entrances to Wells. The Administrator and the Superintendent of Public Works also discussed the highway signage clutter, which the Administrator will photograph and submit to MOT in order to have the redundant and incorrect signs removed. Lastly, the Administrator noted that the MOT representative stated that a highway crosswalk would not be installed in Wells.

3. Public Gallery:

Lindsay Read thanked the Administrator for all the work she had done on the School Use Committee.

Bill Horne noted that he liked the format of the meeting. He also noted that Claire Kujundzic's father's book has been released. Mr. Horne also noted that many local residents are involved in Telefest including Josh Trotter-Wanner, who is the official photographer. Lastly, Mr. Horne inquired if it was possible to have a chart of the actual costs of grants-in-aid, rental revenues, the cost to the tax payers to operate the municipal buildings on a square footage basis in the form of a spread sheet. The Administrator noted that the Annual Community Report and Audit Financial Statement provide an overview of this information. The Administrator also noted that a one page information leaflet would be sent out with each 2015 tax notice. Lastly, Mr. Horne thanked the District for the in-kind

donation of the grooming/packing part to Wells Area Trails Society (WATS).

Claire Kujundzic noted that she was willing to take any Council members on a tour of the school at any time.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

C15-07 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO