

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, February 17, 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.; Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 13 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

15-15 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

D. 1 School Use Committee Letter from Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts (IMA) re: Further to Yesterday's Committee Meeting

E. 4 Wells Wildlife Smart Committee Report

I. 3 15.02.11 Neil Belanger, Executive Director, British Columbia Aboriginal Network On Disability Society BC Without Barriers re: BC Without Borders
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, January 20, 2015

15-16 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Kilsby **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, January 20, 2015 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Julie Fowler, executive Director, Island Mountain Arts (IMA) re: Further to Yesterday's Committee Meeting

Councillor Wilkins reviewed the options for moving the Huckleberry Daycare in the summer and the logistics of moving the Daycare or IMA to the basement of the school and what that would entail. Councillor Wright requested clarification in regards to how many weeks the Daycare had to move out and what the cost was to renovate and repurpose the Fitness Centre. Julie Fowler presented the dates that the classroom would be required by IMA which were throughout July and August 2015. The Administrator noted that the District of Wells was planning to spend \$36,000 to fix windows, paint and do some plumbing, general lighting upgrades and security upgrades to provide one access route to the Fitness Centre from the Dawson Street entrance, which addresses some of the liability concerns at the School.

Dawn Leroy noted that the only room that was financially viable for the Daycare was the upstairs classroom because of the location of the sewer and water lines and the budget limitations. Mrs. Leroy also noted that the washroom had to be in the classroom for the Daycare to comply with regulations.

Discussion ensued as to possible locations of the Daycare and IMA in the School, particularly the Fitness Centre. The Administrator noted that all other alternatives were explored including the Fitness Centre in the School and various rooms in the Wells Community Hall, with no suitable alternatives located. Councillor Wright inquired as to what the cost difference was between renovating the upstairs and downstairs for the Daycare. A specific cost could not be projected as the extent of the plumbing in the basement of the School was unknown.

The Mayor noted that the District could help IMA renovate the basement. Councillor Wright noted that this issue was dividing the community. Councillor Wright also noted that, in the past, funds have been taken out of reserves to aid various community projects. Councillor Wright suggested procuring a donation from IMA and then using some funds from reserves to renovate in a manner that satisfied all parties involved. The Mayor noted that a decision for the Daycare to move out for the summer of 2015 must be respected. The Mayor further noted that if the District of Wells worked with IMA the basement could be renovated and he suggested getting an estimate from a contractor. The Mayor also noted the money in reserves can be used to improve the community. Lindsay Read noted that the Daycare is willing to move out and she had worked very hard to find common ground and compromise. Julie Fowler noted that she was prepared to lose the classroom to the Daycare but that she strongly felt that the loss of one room would put the IMA programming at risk, so she would like to keep the classroom. The Mayor noted that the District would assist IMA to move the walls that IMA had built in the classrooms. The Mayor thanked everybody and noted that all groups will work together to make this work for the community.

15-17 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the letter from Julie Fowler, executive Director, Island Mountain Arts (IMA) re: Further to Yesterday's Committee Meeting be received.

Carried Unanimously

15-18 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Daycare moves out of the upstairs classroom for July and August, 2015 and **THAT** the District of Wells work with Island Mountain Arts (IMA) to create a workable replacement space in the school and work with user groups to clean up the storage areas in the School and **THAT** the Daycare complete their renovations and become permanent renters in the upstairs classroom as of September 1, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells 2015 Grants-In-Aid Request and Recommendation-Final
15-19 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive and approve the District of Wells 2015 Grants-In-Aid Request and Recommendation-Final.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells 2015 Budget

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the Budget report and the 2015 Provisional Budget.

- 15-20** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the 2015 District Budget report and **THAT** Council approve the District of Wells 2015 Budget.

Carried Unanimously

- 15-21** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council direct staff to prepare revisions to the Garbage Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

3. Letter to Ministers Re: Lowhee Dike Ongoing Flood Threat and Maintenance

- 15-22** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive and approve the Letter to Ministers Re: Lowhee Dike Ongoing Flood Threat and Maintenance.

Carried Unanimously

4. Wells Wildlife Smart Committee

Councillor Wright reported that the Wells Wildlife Smart Committee recommended that a letter be written from Council to Michelle Arcand in regards to the following: 1) Wildlife activated signage or minimal seasonal flashing signs in area 2) Caribou sign at the Red Roof pullout 3) updating the wildlife sign at the Jack O Clubs pullout.

- 15-23** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council direct staff to write a letter 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 at Devil's Canyon 3) Replacement of the unreadable wildlife watching sign at the Jack O Clubs pullout, with copies sent to MLA, Coralee Oakes and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Todd Stone.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 15.02.06 Alice Johnston re: Appointment of a Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Representative to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Board

- 15-24** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the letter from Alice Johnston re: Appointment of a Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Representative to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Board.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report
15-25 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) report be received.
Carried Unanimously
- 15-26** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council authorizes the Lowhee Creek Rehabilitation Project and commits \$6000 to the project and **THAT** Council authorizes the use of a portion of the District's Community Works Funds toward this project.
Carried Unanimously
- 15-27** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** staff write a letter to the Compliance and Enforcement Branch holding the government responsible for the environmental degradation caused by the leaking oil and gas from vehicles parked on the unreleased, unsightly crown lots as well as the potential safety hazard of these vehicles in regards to small children, with a copy to MLA, Coralee Oakes and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Resource Operations.
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 15.01.01 to 15.01.31
15-28 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3837 to 3926 from Integris Credit Union for the period of January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015 for a total amount of \$71,805.24.
Carried Unanimously
3. Employee Cheque Register 2014
15-29 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council approve the Employee Cheques from Integris Credit Union for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 for a total amount of \$236,546.13.
Carried Unanimously
4. Outstanding Actions Item Report
15-30 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 15-31** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:
 2. 15.01.29 Terry Webster, Powell River re: Moratorium to allow BCUC to review proposed Site C project.
 3. 15.02.11 Neil Belanger, Executive Director, British Columbia Aboriginal Network On Disability Society BC Without Barriers re: BC Without Borders.
Carried Unanimously
1. 15.01.16 Bob Simpson, Mayor, City of Quesnel to Minister Steve Thomson re: Purden Lake Connector and Indian Creek Bridge.

Councillor Wright noted that the debris has been removed from the bridge and that he had heard that possibly the bridge deck is rotten. Councillor Wright also noted that he had created a Facebook page about the Purden Lake Connector and Indian Creek Bridge, which has 295 members. The Mayor noted that the District could submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the Ministry of Forests in Prince George in regards to the Bowron River Forest Service Road and the Indian Creek Bridge, requesting any information and history on the road and bridge.

15-32 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 15.01.16 letter from Bob Simpson, Mayor, City of Quesnel to Minister Steve Thomson re: Purden Lake Connector and Indian Creek Bridge be received.

Carried Unanimously

15-33 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar that the District of Wells submits a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources requesting information regarding the history, reports and status of the Bowron River Forest Service Road and the Indian Creek Bridge.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that he would be away for a few weeks and that he would miss the March 24, 2015 Council meeting. Councillor Wright also noted that he would speak to the Mayor in regards to taking over the Purden Lake Facebook page in his absence.

Councillor Kilsby noted that the NCLGA Newly Elected Officials training that she and Councillor Kozar attended was beneficial and full of information. Councillor Kilsby noted that the Statement of Significance workshop that she attended was also very worthwhile. Lastly, Councillor Kilsby noted that if anyone was interested in joining the Heritage Committee, to please let her know.

Councillor Kozar noted that she learned a lot at the NCLGA Newly Elected Officials training. Councillor Kozar thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting and noted that we will work together and move forward.

Councillor Wilkins thanked everyone that was on the School Use Committee for all their input over the past months.

Mayor Sharpe noted that some tough decisions were made and that he knows everybody will work together for the good of the community. The Mayor thanked everyone for their input and for attending the meeting.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk noted that Judy Campbell was returning to Wells on February 18, 2015. The Deputy Clerk also noted that she had spoken with Bill Roach who is willing to move from the school to the Community Hall.

The Administrator noted that she received a call from TELUS in regards to the installation of the outdoor pay phone at the Jack O Clubs General, which has currently been delayed until March 2015. The Administrator also noted that the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) will be installing two 4x8 yellow signs stating "Caution: Pedestrian Area. Prepare to Stop" at both entrances to Wells on Highway 26. The Administrator also noted that she would submit photographs of the signs along the highway in Wells to MOT in order to have the redundant and incorrect signs removed. Lastly, the Administrator noted that the MOT called on February 17, 2015 in regards to the bike route to Barkerville, which the Administrator will discuss with Ed Coleman, CEO of Barkerville.

3. Public Gallery:

Julie Fowler invited everyone to the Island Mountain Arts (IMA) AGM on February 21, 2015 at 4:00 PM, followed by a tour of the new facility purchased by IMA. Ms. Fowler also noted that the opening of the Mini Murals was on February 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM followed by a Coffeehouse hosted by Bob Campbell.

Claire Kujundzic thanked the Council and staff for the immense detail in the budget document.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

15-34 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:18 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO