

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:02 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Katrina Leckovic, C.A.O.; Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

15-35 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- D. 1 Petition/support letter re: tax on feminine hygiene products
- L. CLOSED MEETING

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 17, 2015
- 15-36 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 17, 2015 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Petition/support letter re: tax on feminine hygiene products
- 15-37 MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the report and forward the attached petition regarding the Private Member's Bill, Bill C-282, to Claire Kujundzic and the local petitioners in order to support the Minister of Parliament, Irene Mathysen, who has already initiated action in regards to removing taxation on feminine hygiene products.
Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Vadim Software-required upgrade
- 15-38 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the Vadim Software report and approve the District of Wells entering into a three-year contract for required upgrades to the District's Vadim Software package at an annual cost of \$2699.00 plus applicable taxes for each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 and **THAT** Council approve the use of reserve funds to complete the upgrades in 2015 and **THAT** the 2016 and 2017 cost of the upgrades be included as part of the annual budget in the years 2016 and 2017.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 15.03.19 Lindsay Read, President, Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) re: Update on the Daycare renovations, Farm to School project and the newly created administrative position

Ms. Read distributed maps of potential locations for the 12' x 12' greenhouse in the Wells Barkerville Community School yard. After some discussion Council agreed that the ideal location for the greenhouse was in the field near external gym doors. The Mayor congratulated Ms. Read for being hired as the Administrator of WAACA.

- 15-39** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the 15.03.19 letter from Lindsay Read, President, Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) re: Update on the Daycare renovations, Farm to School project and the newly created administrative position be received.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Garbage Collection Regulation Bylaw No.138, 2015

- 15-40** **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the Bylaw Item Summary and **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells Garbage Collection Regulation Bylaw No.138, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report

The Mayor gave the EDO an application for Communities in Bloom.

The EDO responded to the Mayor's inquiry about the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) workshop, noting that the day went well and that many issues and opportunities were discussed. The EDO also noted that a draft plan would be presented to staff on March 27th, 2015 which will be presented to Council. Lastly, the EDO noted that she was submitting an application to the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia for a heritage interpretation project which she requested Council to support.

- 15-41** **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 15-42** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council support an application by the District of Wells to the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia for a heritage interpretation project.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 15.02.01 to 15.02.28

- 15-43** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3927 to 3980 from Integris Credit Union for the period of February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015 for a total amount of \$77,324.69.

Carried Unanimously

3. Outstanding Actions Item Report

The Mayor noted he had a meeting with Steve Thomson who reported that the Indian Creek Bridge was condemned as it was deemed structurally unsafe and that the bridge would definitely be removed.

15-44 **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Planning, Zoning & Heritage - NIL
2. Economic Development & Tourism- NIL
3. Emergency Planning- NIL
4. Education, Health & Housing - NIL

J. CONSENT CALENDAR:

15-45 **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

2. 15.03.10 Selina Robinson, MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville re: Difficult questions for the BC Minister responsible for local government.
3. 15.03.12 Councillor Murray Krause, Chair, UBCM First Nations Relations Committee re: Local Government Feedback on the Professor Robert Bish/Fiscal Realities Report "First Nation Property Tax, Services and Economic Development in British Columbia".

Carried Unanimously

1. 15.02.23 Monika Croft, Senior Administrative Services Clerk, Cariboo Regional District re: 2015 NCLGA Resolution.

15-46 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar that the 15.02.23 letter from Monika Croft, Senior Administrative Services Clerk, Cariboo Regional District re: 2015 NCLGA Resolution be received.

Carried Unanimously

15-47 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby that the District of Wells send a letter of support re: the 2015 "Support for the Forest Industry" NCLGA Resolution.

Carried Unanimously

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Kozar thanked everyone for attending the meeting and noted that she is very pleased that IMA and WAACA are working together.

Councillor Wilkins noted that she saw the progress on the daycare renovations which were looking great. Councillor Wilkins further noted that she was also pleased that IMA and WAACA are cooperating with each other. Lastly, Councillor

Wilkins noted that there was a fundraiser at the Quesnel Legion for Wanda Johnstone and Dennis Manuel on Friday March 27th, 2015. All donations can be brought to Ken Taylor at Inland Kenworth in Quesnel.

The Mayor noted that he had discovered that Emergency Measures BC was a contact for possible funding for the Lowhee Dike. The Mayor also noted that the Crown lots will be posted on MLS BC to be sold and that the government will send a complete list of all the lots being listed for sale. The Mayor noted that Quesnel School District # 28 is sponsoring a World Café workshop at Correlieu Secondary School on March 31st, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Lastly, the Mayor noted that he had received a letter from BC Transplant noting that April 2015 is Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month.

15-48 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby that the District of Wells proclaim April 2015 as Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month
Carried Unanimously

2. Staff:

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that there was an information meeting presented by the Wells Barkerville Community Forest on April 2nd, 2015 in the Banquet Room. The EDO also noted that there was a Wells and Area Community association (WAACA) AGM on March 29, 2015 at 6 PM at the Daycare.

The Deputy Clerk noted that there was a fundraiser “Murder Mystery” on March 28th, 2015 at the curling rink with all proceeds going to the curling rink and to contact Dianne Andreessen for more information. The Deputy Clerk also noted that the Marketing and Economic Development Officer was featured in a radio interview on March 24th, 2015 in which she discussed the \$30,000 grant which was received for upgrades to the Wells Community School.

The Administrator noted that she participated in the interviews for the intern who will begin her three month internship at the District of Wells in June 2015. The Administrator also noted that the Daycare has their building permit in place for work at the school and that the contract between the District and the Daycare has been finalized. The Administrator reported that the 2014 Carbon Tax report has been posted on the Wells website and that the Grants-in-Aid have been distributed. The Administrator noted that approximately twelve lockers in the downstairs bathrooms at the school were relocated from the upstairs hallway during Daycare renovations and will be available for rent to Fitness Centre members. The Administrator further noted that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has granted permission to the District to repair the Lowhee Dike and also stipulated that a plan must be in place to undertake the removal of gravel as well as an ongoing annual maintenance plan for the dike. Lastly, the Administrator noted that incentive programs for the District and individual homeowners were discussed during the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) workshop and that the details will be released in the final report.

3. Public Gallery:

Bill Horne inquired if BC Hydro was still planning to come to Wells. The Deputy Clerk responded that the meeting would be rescheduled, possibly in April 2015. Mr. Horne also noted that, as a result of the Wells Area Trails Society (WATS) AGM on March 29th, 2015, Kate Sulis was the new president of the board. Lastly, Mr. Horne noted the he and Claire Kujundzic are going to Spain and would like some swag from the District of Wells to offer to civic officials.

Lindsay Read thanked Council for their support.

L. CLOSED MEETING

15-49 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

M. ADJOURNMENT:

15-50 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:53 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO