

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held Tuesday, May 5, 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; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works; Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 1 Person

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

C15-24 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

I. 2. 15.04.30 Lori Ackerman, Chair, Peace River Regional District re: Order in Council No. 148

I.3 15.05.05 Michelle Arcand, Habitat Biologist, Ministry of Forests, Lands and

Natural Resource Operations re: Request for wildlife signage in the District of Wells area.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 10, 2015

C15-25 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 10, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District Heating System Update & Information

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) provided a verbal overview of her report. The EDO noted that she had submitted an expression of interest to the Province and noted that a full feasibility study was recommended. The EDO asked Council for some direction and suggestions. Councillor Wilkins inquired about the possibility of starting with pellets and switching to wood chips at a later date to which the EDO responded that this was possible. In response to Councillor Wright's inquiry in regards to how many person days it would take to operate the heating system, the EDO noted that it would not be a full-time job and that current staff could manage it. Discussion ensued in regards to the chips from the community forest and purchasing

pellets. The Mayor inquired how long the chips would have to dry after they were made before they could be used and if we would need more storage. Councillor Kilsby inquired if there is an alternate source of chips in Quesnel. Councillor Wright noted that we should continue with the investigation for funding. Councillor Wright inquired if the project could be done in phases to which the EDO responded that it could very easily start with one building such as the school, which has the highest heating costs. The EDO noted that the heat plant itself will cost \$244,000 to build, which would be the biggest expense. The EDO noted that solar ready was another way to go in case of power outages. Discussion ensued in regards to solar panels, which are coming down in price. The Mayor noted that pellets would be less expensive to use for the heating system and that perhaps the District could trade wood chips for pellets to the pellet store. The EDO noted that the cost will be high initially but in the long term, regardless whether chips or pellets were used, the costs would be lower. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the ground may be unstable because of frost heaves and that this should be considered when looking for a location for the heating system. Mayor and Council thanked the EDO for her work and agreed that she should continue to explore the possibilities for the District heating system.

C15-26 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive and discuss the District Heating System Update & Information.
Carried Unanimously

C15-27 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Wilkins Councillor **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer continues to explore the possibilities for the District Heating System.
Carried Unanimously

2. Community Energy & Emissions Plan Report
The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) provided a verbal overview of her report. The EDO noted that the District of Wells emissions are already lower than the average in B.C.

C15-28 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Committee of the Whole receive and discuss the Community Energy & Emissions Plan Report.
Carried Unanimously

C15-29 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Community Energy & Emissions Plan Report is presented at the regular meeting of Council on May 19, 2015.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters listed here are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be received by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered either separately under another heading of the regular Agenda or immediately after the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

C15-30 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Consent Calendar be as amended as follows:

1. 15.04.13 D.H. (Don) Krusel, President and CEO, Prince Rupert Port Authority re: Port of Prince Rupert Economic Impact Study (see Deputy Clerk for study).
2. 15.04.30 Lori Ackerman, Chair, Peace River Regional District re: Order in Council No. 148

Carried Unanimously

3. 15.05.05 Michelle Arcand, Habitat Biologist, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations re: Request for wildlife signage in the District of Wells area.

Councillor Wright noted that perhaps the EDO could find out what new information signs would cost. Councillor Wright noted that the wildlife signs at the pullout look bad and should be removed. Councillor Wright will find out who is responsible for erecting the signs. Staff was directed to write a letter to the Ministry of Transportation as a follow up to Michelle Arcand's letter regarding the replacement of the wildlife signs in Wells.

C15-31 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the letter from Michelle Arcand, Habitat Biologist, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations re: Request for wildlife signage in the District of Wells area.

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that rehearsals will begin for the Theatre Royal on Thursday, May 7th, 2015.

Councilor Kilsby noted that Barkerville is gearing up for its summer season. Councillor Kilsby further noted that she passed her Level 3 First Aid.

Councillor Kozar wished Councillor Kilsby congratulations for attaining her Level 3 First Aid.

Councillor Wilkins also congratulated Councillor Kilsby for achieving her Level 3 First Aid. Councillor Wilkins thanked the Legion for presenting Dennis Manuel with a \$500 cheque.

Mayor Sharpe noted that the District of Wells and the Village of Clinton have both become members of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC). CCBAC's plan is to make more money available for beetle affected communities, which includes Wells and that money will also be available for our Community Forest for different types of management plans. The Mayor noted

that the bridge on the Purden Road is one of three bridges that is condemned as the beams holding the bridge up are cracked. The Mayor noted that the report was done in 2006 and recommended that the bridge be replaced in 5 years. Councillor Wright suggested that staff invite the engineers who wrote the letter, David Chen and Jullien Henley of Associated Engineering, to attend a Council meeting to answer questions about the bridge.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that the Emergency Notification System launched on May 5, 2015 and there were some property address problems specific to Wells which will make it difficult for many people to register.

The Superintendent of Public Works thanked everyone in the community for all the support he has received including money and air miles from the Wells Legion.

The Deputy Clerk inquired which Council members and staff would be attending the Barkerville Gala Opening and was informed that everyone was attending.

3. Public Gallery:

Danny Thorsen noted that the Administrator should represent Wells as the golfer at NCLGA.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

C15-32 Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO