

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, May 19, 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: 4 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

15-83 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E. 7. Camel Drive

L. CLOSED MEETING

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, April 21, 2015

15-84 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, April 21, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes of Special Council Meeting, May 5, 2015

15-85 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, May 5, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 2315 Pooley Street, Wells, BC

The Building Inspector, Erin Reed, provided a verbal overview of her report. Councillor Wright inquired if the building could be salvaged to which the Building Inspector noted that it could. The Building Inspector noted that having a Notice on Title in place would protect and forewarn potential buyers. The Building Inspector further noted that an engineer should look at the building.

15-86 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the report, prepared by the Senior Building Inspector, outlining deficiencies with respect to the following property:

2315 Pooley Street, Wells, BC is in contravention of Section 4 & Section 13 of Bylaw No. 3160, 1996.

Carried Unanimously

- 15-87** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council directs the Corporate Officer to file notices with the Land Title Office stating:
- a) A resolution relating to the lands has been made under Division 8, Section 57, of the Community Charter, and
 - b) Information about the condition may be inspected at the District Office.
- Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Chief
The Administrator noted that the proposed Fire Chief job description and remuneration was consistent with Fire Chiefs in other towns.

15-88 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve an annual remuneration of \$2400 for the position of Fire Chief of the District of Wells and **THAT** District Council approve the proposed Fire Chief Job Description.

Carried Unanimously
2. Ray Beaulieu Memorial Truck Garage
Councillor Wright inquired as to where the new fire hall would be constructed and if it would hold two fire trucks. The Administrator noted that the new garage would be for one truck. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer noted that the old fire truck will be retired and therefore there will be extra space in the existing fire hall.

15-89 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council support the grant application to the FCC AgriSpirit Fund by Barkerville Heritage Trust to construct the Ray Beaulieu Memorial Truck Garage and **THAT** Council support the project with a \$5000 contribution.

Carried Unanimously
3. Property Improvement Contest and Alternatives
The Deputy Clerk provided a verbal overview of her report. Councillor Wright noted that whatever the District of Wells decided to do should improve the look of the town. Councillor Wright also noted that the banners would create more clutter. Councillor Kilsby noted that banners would be useful for one year only. Councillor Wright suggested that staff put a notice in the June Wellspring, asking the community to submit ideas for alternatives to the Property Improvement Contest.

15-90 **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the information re: Property Improvement Contest and Alternatives.

Carried Unanimously

15-91 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** staff solicit the community for ideas via the Wellspring re: the Property Improvement Contest and alternatives and **THAT** Council discuss the suggestions at the June 19, 2015 Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously
4. Community Energy & Emissions Plan Report

15-92 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the

Community Energy & Emissions Plan Report.
Carried Unanimously

- 15-93** **MOVED** Councillor Seconded Councillor **THAT** Council adopt the new Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) and that the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction target for Wells be modified based on this plan and implemented when the Official Community Plan (OCP) is updated.

Carried Unanimously

5. CRTC Review of Basic Telecommunications

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer provided a verbal overview of her report. Discussion ensued in regards to the service issues wells is facing

- 15-94** **MOVED** Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the information re: CRTC Review of Basic Telecommunications and **THAT** Council intervene in the CRTC review and provide the CRTC with information about the inadequacy of services in rural BC and specifically in Wells.

Carried Unanimously

6. Appointment of Signing Authorities for the District of Wells

- 15-95** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer of the District of Wells (herein called the "Corporation", be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation to negotiate with, deposit with, or transfer to INTEGRIS CREDIT UNION OR ROYAL BANK OF CANADA (the "Bank"), for credit to the Corporation's account only and any cheques and other orders for the payment of money, and for that purpose to endorse the same on behalf of the Corporation either in writing or by rubber stamp;

AND THAT all cheques of the Corporation be drawn in the name of the Corporation and be signed on its behalf by either Mayor Robin Sharpe, or any Councillor (one of Mandy Kilsby, Lorraine Kozar, Virginia Wilkins or Richard Wright) **AND** either Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer or Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk;

AND THAT Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer, be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation from time to time to receive the said Bank statement of account of the Corporation together with all relative vouchers and all unpaid bills lodged for collection by the Corporation and all items returned unpaid and charged to the account of the Corporation, and to sign and deliver to the Bank the Bank's form of verification, settlement of balance and release;

AND THAT Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer, be and hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation to obtain delivery from the Bank of all and any stocks, bonds and other securities held by the Bank in safekeeping or otherwise for the account of the Corporation and to give valid and binding receipts therefore;

AND THAT this resolution be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until

written notice to the contrary shall have been given to the Manager for the time being of the branch of the Bank at which the account of the Corporation is kept and receipt of such notice duly acknowledged in writing.

Carried Unanimously

7. Camel Drive

Councillor Wright noted that a lot of heavy equipment had been placed on the Crown lot at the end of Camel Drive and also on the campground lots owned by Bob Buxton. Councillor Wright noted that these lots are not zoned for industrial and he inquired if the District can enforce a bylaw. The Administrator noted that Dave Jorgensen, owner of the Bear's Paw Cafe had the same complaint in January 2015. The Administrator noted that she followed up with the owner of the Jack O' Clubs and that the issue of the trucks parking on the Crown lot was subsequently resolved, but has seemingly reappeared.

15-96 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the information re: Camel Drive and **THAT** staff investigate the status of the machinery and trailers that are parked at the end of Camel Drive.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Wells Volunteer Fire Department Amending Bylaw No.141, 2015

15-97 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department Amending Bylaw No.141, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report.

15-98 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 15.03.01 to 15.03.31

15-99 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3981 to 4054 from Integris Credit Union for the period of March 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 for a total amount of \$34,074.90 .

Carried Unanimously

4. Outstanding Actions Item Report

15-100 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **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:

15-101 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

3. 15.05.13 Arn van Iersel, Auditor General for Local Government re: Annual Service Plan for 20 15/16 – 2017/18.

Carried Unanimously

1. 15.05.01 Lorraine Copas, Executive Director, Social Planning & Research Council of BC (SPARC) re: Access awareness Day-June 6, 2015-Is Accessibility Working in Your Community?

15-102 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council proclaim June 6, 2015 Access Awareness Day.

Carried Unanimously

2. 15.05.07 Will Deng, Tercel Telecom Ltd. re: Fibre Optics Proposal. Ask Margaret if she's heard of him .

15-103 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** staff investigates Will Deng, Tercel Telecom Ltd. re: Fibre Optics Proposal.

Carried Unanimously

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that she watched a show about glamping and that it would be something to look into. Councillor Wilkins inquired as to the date of the next Emergency Planning Committee meeting. It was noted by Councillor Wright that the Emergency Planning meeting in regards to ArtsWells was on May 21, 2015.

Councillor Kilsby noted that the NCLGA convention was great and that she learned a lot. Councillor Kilsby also noted that Barkerville is open and that the number of visitors so far has almost doubled from 2014. The Wells Museum student has started.

Councillor Kozar noted that she also liked the NCLGA convention. Councillor Kozar also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Sharpe noted that Dave Mosure, from BC Hydro, will come to a private meeting, but he would not attend a town meeting. The Mayor noted the following: Hydro has installed two new transformers at Barlow Creek; three phase power has been implemented to the top of 11 Mile Hill, but it will not come to Wells; customers must pay for the installation of their own poles and transformers; Mr.

Mosure suggests lobbying the government as they can have authority over Hydro.

Mayor Sharpe noted that the BC Historical Federation will be holding their AGM from May 21st to 23rd in Quesnel and will visit Wells and Barkerville on May 22nd. The Mayor requested 40 to 50 Wells pins to give to the attendees. The Mayor noted that the Delegates from Wells at NCLGA has a meeting with Northern Health in regards to hiring a community nurse practitioner. The Mayor said that Northern Health seemed open to the idea of having a nurse practitioner visit Wells on a regular basis and some possible locations for an office were discussed.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that the repairs to the Lowhee Dike are completed and that all labour and equipment time used for the repair was donated by Barkerville Gold Mines. The Administrator also noted that the posting of the summer labourer position, which closes on May 29th, has had some response.

3. Public Gallery:

Bill Horne noted that it is good to be back home . He noted that the mural at the Wells Barkerville Community School needs to be restored. Lastly, Mr. Horne noted that he and Claire Kujundzic brought some “cool stuff” back from Spain.

Dawn Leroy noted that there was a well attended community user group meeting on May 17th which was interesting. Mrs. Leroy also noted that the Daycare worker was starting on June 1st. Lastly, Mrs. Leroy noted that the Blair St Bridge will probably be replaced in August, 2015.

L. CLOSED MEETING:

15-104 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Kilsby **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(2) (b) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

M. ADJOURNMENT:

15-105 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO