

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, June 16, 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:

15-106 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

D. 4 Wildlife signage in the District of Wells area.

E. 6 Flyover of Snowbirds on August long weekend.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, May 19, 2015

15-107 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, May 19, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. David Harder, Island Mountain Arts/ArtsWells Festival re: IMA/ArtsWells Summer Program

Mr. Harder provided a verbal overview of his report in which he noted that Island Mountain Arts (IMA) is requesting an exemption for the Noise Bylaw in order to 11:30 PM for the outdoor stage on the Wells Barkerville Community School grounds on July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2015. Mr. Harder noted that there will be no beer garden this year in the School grounds. Island Mountain Arts is requesting that concrete piles be installed in order that the ArtsWells sign at the entrance to town be standing permanently. Mr. Harder noted that IMA will be encouraging people to take their garbage off site when they leave ArtsWells in order to cut down on the amount of garbage left in Wells. There will be more vendors this year. IMA will be requesting a street closure for Pooley Street and Sanders Avenue during ArtsWells. The Willow River will be used for registration and box office for ArtsWells 2015. Mr. Harder noted that during the 2015 Festival there will be only "No Parking" signs and that IMA will make barricades for the fire lanes. Councillor Kilsby inquired if there was a First Aid plan on site to which Mr. Harder responded that First Aid will be well covered by St John's Ambulance along with nurses and a doctor. In response to questions from Council regarding camping squatters and illegal parking, Mr. Harder noted that IMA's newly created Roving Police Patrol will be addressing these issues. Councillor Wright inquired as to when the Adjudication Bylaw would come into effect. The Administrator

responded that the District of Wells Intern is working on the Adjudication Bylaw, which will be in effect for ArtsWells 2016. The Administrator further noted that once the Adjudication Bylaw is in effect, people will have to pay when they are ticketed. Lastly, the Administrator noted that, under the current regulations, parking tickets may be issued by the Administrator, the Deputy Clerk and the Public Works Supervisor. Mr. Harder noted that he believed people attending ArtsWells would respond to signs about parking. Lastly, Mr. Harder noted that the Willow River had been chosen for registration because there was more room for parking.

- 15-108** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the presentation by David Harder, Island Mountain Arts/ArtsWells Festival re: IMA/ArtsWells Summer Program be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 15-109** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Pooley Street and Sanders Avenue be closed for the duration of the ArtsWells Festival.

Carried Unanimously

- 15-110** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** IMA be granted an exemption to the Noise Bylaw to 11:30 PM on Friday, July 31; Saturday, August 1; and Sunday, August 2, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

2. Presentation by James Douglas,
Mr. Douglas noted that a Comedy Auction was planned for July 25th, 2015 by the Wells Historical Society. Mr. Douglas would like to donate his 2002 car to be “smashed” as a fundraiser. Mr. Douglas noted the following:

- A tarp will be placed underneath the car.
- The area will be roped off as a safety measure.
- There will be two or three Level 3 First Aid attendants present during the car smash.

Mr. Douglas also noted that he had spoken to the RCMP who agreed to would back whatever decision Council makes in this matter. Lastly, Mr. Douglas noted that Johnston Meir will supply the insurance for the event.

- 15-111** **MOVED** Councillor Seconded Councillor **THAT** the presentation by James Douglas, Wells Historical Society re: Fundraiser July 25, 2015 be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 15-112** Moved Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins that Council approve the “Car Smash” as part of the Comedy Auction presented by the Wells Historical Society on July 25, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Property Improvement Contest and Alternatives

The Administrator provided a verbal report, noting that there was no response from the community when asked to present ideas to replace the Property Improvement contest. The Administrator reported that staff had discussed the possibilities and agreed on the recommendation of a Winter in Wells event which

could include a bonfire, food, games on the ice skating rink, a snowman building contest, and a winter light-up contest with prizes. The Administrator further noted that the winter event would fit the mandate to improve the community and the community spirit. Councillor Wilkins noted that in past years the winter festival had been very popular in the community. Councillor Kilsby noted that the Winter Carnival was a long standing event in the history of Wells, beginning in the 1940s. The Administrator noted that the winter carnival could be tried for one year and, if it was successful, become an annual event. Councillor Kozar spoke fondly about the Winter festivals she had been involved with as a dog sled owner. Councillor Wright noted that one reason the Winter Carnival died was because Dave Jorgenson got tired of working on it. Councillor Wright believes that the funds should be spent on actual improvements in Wells such as removing old cars, painting buildings such as the Museum or new signage. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that a person in Quesnel wanted to donate paint to improve some of the buildings. The EDO further noted that this paint could be used to paint the Museum as it is the first building a visitor sees in Wells. The Administrator noted that staff would brainstorm and come up with some new criteria for improvement to the District of Wells. The Mayor suggested that the funds could be used for a Winter Carnival this year with a return to a focus on property improvement in 2016. The EDO noted that signage was another possible use for the funds. The Administrator noted that a plan would need to be in place for signage, which, in her experience, was very costly. The Mayor noted that staff and Council will continue to discuss the issue of the Property Improvement Contest and alternatives.

- 15-113** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council discuss the Property Improvement Contest and Alternatives.
Carried Unanimously

2. Camel Drive

Councillor Wright noted that the road allowance behind the Jack O' Clubs General and Robert Buxton's property could possibly be used for ATV traffic and/or a bike path to One Mile. Councillor Wright noted that the Winnebago on Buxton's property, which was lived in last summer, has been parked there for a year and is abandoned. The Mayor noted that Bob Buxton should be made aware that there are abandoned vehicles on his property, which staff will investigate.

- 15-114** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the information re: Camel Drive.
Carried Unanimously

3. Forestry Referrals (see Deputy Clerk for original maps)

Councillor Wright noted Stan Hack, a resident on Reduction Road, is concerned that the logging will come right to his property. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that she will talk to the Forestry in regards to the logging near Mr. Hack's property. The EDO also noted that the government will listen to concerns about visual quality and that the District could request set viewpoints. The Mayor noted that we should get the Forestry to come to the District of Wells for a meeting and to look at some of the clear cutting that they have done. The EDO will request a layer map from the Province of just the visual quality in our area.

15-115 **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the information re: Forestry Referrals.

Carried Unanimously

4. Wildlife signage in the District of Wells area
Councillor Wright suggested that he take the information back to the Wells Wildlife Smart Committee to discuss.

15-116 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the information re: Wildlife signage in the District of Wells area.

Carried Unanimously

15-117 **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Councillor Wright presents the information re: Wildlife signage in the District of Wells area to the Wells Wildlife Smart Committee for further discussion.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2015 Statement of Financial Information

15-118 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive and approve the 2015 District of Wells Statement of Financial Information for the year ending December 31, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells 2015 Annual Report
The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the 2015 Annual Report. The Administrator noted that the District of Wells is required by the Province to present the 2015 Annual Report to the public by June 30, 2015.

15-119 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive and approve the District of Wells 2015 Annual Report.

Carried Unanimously

3. Street Closure June 28, 2015

15-120 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** Council approve a temporary street closure on Sanders Avenue on June 28, 2015 for the Multiculturalism Day celebration.

Carried Unanimously

4. Canada 150 Application

15-121 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** Council support the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program application.

Carried Unanimously

5. Water Services Interim Coverage

15-122 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the information re: Water Services Interim Coverage and **THAT** Council permit staff to enter into a contract with Two Boys Contracting to provide interim public works coverage.

Carried Unanimously

6. Flyover of Snowbirds on August long weekend
Mark Norman requested that Council give permission for the Snowbirds to fly over during ArtsWells. Jets are quiet and will go to a higher elevation if needed.
- 15-123** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the information re: Flyover of Snowbirds on August long weekend and **THAT** Council write a letter granting the Snowbirds permission to perform a flyover of Wells on the August 2015 long weekend.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 15.05.27 Christy Clark, Premier, British Columbia re: Meeting requests for 2015 UBCM Convention
The Mayor noted that the five northern Mayors will talk to Christy Clark in regards to funding for Barkerville and other Heritage Sights in the province.
- 15-124** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the 15.05.27 letter from Christy Clark, Premier, British Columbia re: Meeting requests for 2015 UBCM Convention be received.
Carried Unanimously

2. 15.06.10 Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: Scheduling appointment at 2015 UBCM Convention
The Mayor noted that the District of Wells delegates should schedule an appointment with Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.
- 15-125** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the 15.06.10 letter from Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: Scheduling appointments at 2015 UBCM Convention be received.
Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Wells Volunteer Fire Department Amending Bylaw No.141, 2015
- 15-126** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council give the fourth and final reading to and approve the Wells Volunteer Fire Department Amending Bylaw No.141, 2015.
Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report.
- 15-127** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 15.05.01 to 15.05.31
- 15-128** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 4107 to 4167 from Integris Credit Union for the period of May 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015 for a total amount of \$61,907.72.
Carried Unanimously

3. Outstanding Actions Item Report
15-129 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **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 – Councillor Wright, Chair, Emergency Planning Committee noted that two valuable Emergency Planning meetings were held in regards to ArtsWells 2015 which were attended by members of the IMA; RCMP; District staff and Councillors. Councillor Wright noted that David Harder, ArtsWells Festival Coordinator, did a good job of presenting IMA’s plan at the meetings. Councillor Wright also noted that the RCMP will have considerably more officers, including Cell Guards, at ArtsWells 2015. Councillor Wright noted that Friday, July 31st will be the day that the RCMP hits the hardest, with their main concern being the drinking main concern. The RCMP will not be giving out parking tickets at ArtsWells 2015. Councillor Wright stated that 2015 should be a better year in general at the ArtsWells Festival. Lastly, Councillor Wright noted that it is crucial that fire lanes are kept open during ArtsWells.
- 15-130 MOVED** Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Emergency Planning Committee report be received.
Carried Unanimously
4. Education, Health & Housing – Councillor Wilkins, Chair, School Use Committee noted the Administrator would report on the School Use Committee meeting held on June 4, 2015. The Administrator reported the following:
- The meeting was attended by Councillor Wilkins; Julie Fowler, Executive Director, IMA; Alison Galbraith, Teacher, Wells Barkerville Community School; Lindsay Read, Executive Director, WAACA; Claire Kujundzic and the Administrator, Katrina Leckovic.
 - The School plans for 2015 include the Daycare vacating the School for the Artist’s Project and ArtsWells.
 - The District will be completing work at the School including lighting, windows, security upgrades, plumbing for the District and the Daycare.
 - IMA will use the storage room in the basement of the School for the summer.
 - There are new storage cupboards in the upstairs hall of the School.
- 15-131 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Education, Health & Housing Committee report be received.
Carried Unanimously

J. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 15-132 MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1. 15.05.15 Kevin Kriese, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands

- and Natural Resource Operations re: Indian Point Creek Bridge removal.
2. 15.05.27 C.K. (Chris) Riddle, Cpl. RCMP- Quesnel/Wells. re: ArtsWells- Permission to use Quesnel Cell Guards.
 3. 15.05.28 Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business re: 2015 Open for Business Awards.
 4. 15.06.03 Selina Robinson, MLA re: End of session update from the Official Opposition.
 5. 15.06.10 Northern Development Initiative Trust re: Invitation to Celebrating Northern Development Initiative Trust's 10th Anniversary.

Carried Unanimously

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that the Wells Historical Society (WHS) sold many items at the Garage Sale at the Wells Community Hall on June 6 & 7, 2015. Councillor Wilkins further noted that the items that are left over from the Garage Sale will be taken to the Friendship Centre in Quesnel by Carrie Johnstone. Lastly, Councillor Wilkins noted that the storage room at the School used by the WHS also got cleared out.

Councillor Kozar thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councillor Wright noted that Theatre Royal did a benefit concert for the Cash Creek flood victims and received four pages of media coverage.

Mayor Sharpe noted that Barkerville Heritage Town is doing well in 2015. The Mayor also noted that the Timber Kings built a replica of Barker's shaft. The Mayor attended a Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC) meeting and noted that they are working on changes and refocusing with Bob Simpson as the new Chair.

The Mayor expressed some concern in regards to the mining activity and he would like staff to check the Noise Bylaw in regards to the drilling that has begun by Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) in and around Wells. The Administrator noted that the Noise Bylaw states that noise is permitted between the hours of 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM. The Mayor requested that staff check with the Ministry of Energy & Mines to find out if mining companies are required to inform the town what they are doing in regards to drilling. The Mayor requested that staff invite Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) to a Council meeting to inform the community what their current plans involve.

2. Staff:

The Administrator thanked Emcon and the volunteers for assisting with Spring Clean Up. Six cars were towed away and thirteen properties had junk picked up during the Spring Clean Up. The Administrator noted that the District of Wells Intern, Chelsea Dunk, is working on updating a number of Bylaws and Community events and she will be ready to do some presentations to Council soon.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that Multiculturalism Day will be celebrated on Sanders Avenue in front of the District Office on June 28, 2015 with posters to follow announcing the time of the event. The Intern will be assisting the EDO. The EDO suggested that Council could present the story of how the Daycare came to be in Wells at the UBCM Convention during the Small Talk Forum.

3. Public Gallery:

Lindsay Read noted that she was hoping to get a motion re the greenhouse from the farm to school funding. Mrs. Read also noted that the Daycare has begun with a wonderful new teacher and regular hours.

Bill Horne noted that Jeff Moore brought a writer from Georgia Straight. Mr. Horne also noted that both the Amazing Space Gallery and the St. George Gallery will be open in July 2015.

15-133 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the construction of a greenhouse outside the gym door at the Wells Barkerville School.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

15-134 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO