

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, August 11,
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 and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

15-155 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be
adopted as amended as follows:

F. 2 Invitation to August 20, 2015 meeting - Chair of PALC

F. 3 15.08.11 Dianne Andreesen, Owner, Hubs Motel re: Highway 26 ditches
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, July 14, 2015

15-156 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting, June 16, 2015 be adopted as amended as follows:

Addition of Councillor Wright's name to PRESENT
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. GTI Pilot Communities Initiatives

15-157 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the
GTI Pilot Communities Initiatives report and **THAT** Council support the
application for Wells to be a GTI Pilot Community to help with the implementation
of our CEEP.

Carried Unanimously

2. CRD Fire Services Coverage

15-158 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the
CRD Fire Services Coverage report and **THAT** Council permit staff to enter into a
contract with the Cariboo Regional district to provide fire protection services for
the areas specified in the agreement at the new annual rates.

Carried Unanimously

3. Application for Crown Lands- Recycling and WATS
The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the report and policy.
The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that the proposed recycling depot would consist of two enclosed shipping containers and that an attendant would be on duty any time the depot was open, which would be approximately 10 hours a week. The EDO noted that this was a pilot project and therefore the details have not been completely ironed out. The EDO also noted there were no costs associated with the recycling depot as it was a pilot project.

15-159 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the Application for Crown Lands- Recycling and WATS report and **THAT** Council support the application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for a nominal rent tenure on Parcel X, of Block 8, District Lot 131, Cariboo District, Plan 2662 for the purposes of a recycling depot and a cross-country ski grooming shed.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 15.08.10 Cathy Ulrich, President and Chief Executive officer, Northern Health re: Union of BC Municipalities Convention, Vancouver BC, September 22-23, 2015

15-160 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 15.08.10 letter from Cathy Ulrich, President and Chief Executive officer, Northern Health re: Union of BC Municipalities Convention, Vancouver BC, September 22-23, 2015 be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. 15.08.11 Invitation to August 20, 2015 meeting - Chair of PALC
The Mayor will attend the meeting on behalf of the District of Wells.

15-161 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the 15.08.11 letter from Lore Schick re: Invitation to August 20, 2015 meeting - Chair of PALC be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. 15.08.11 Dianne Andreesen, Owner, Hubs Motel re: Highway 26 Ditches
Councillor Wright noted that the community's concerns about the ditches would have to be made before any work was done by the Ministry of Transportation.

15-162 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the 15.08.11 letter from Dianne Andreesen, Owner, Hubs Motel re: Highway 26 Ditches be received.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report
The EDO noted that the engineer who was working on the new Blair Street Bridge had expressed concern about capacity and liability on the bridge. The EDO has since found out that the liability does not lie with the District of Wells. The EDO noted that Love Wells is going ahead as the response has been favorable by the majority of businesses in Wells and Barkerville.

15-163 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 15.07.01 to 15.07.31

15-164 **MOVED** Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 4210 to 4280 from Integris Credit Union for the period of July 1, 2015 to July 31, 2015 for a total amount of \$136,455.33.

Carried Unanimously

3. Outstanding Actions Item Report

15-165 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **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:

15-166 **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 15.07.20 Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson, Province of British Columbia re: 2014-2015 Annual Report. (Please see Deputy Clerk for Report)
2. 15.07.21 Betsy van Halderen, Secretary, Quesnel Skyfest Society re: Request for flyover.
3. 15.07.22 Arn van Iersel, Auditor General for Local Government re: Perspectives booklet on Asset Management for Local Governments.
4. 15.07.25 John Massier, Chair, Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District re: Shortage of Physiotherapists in Northern BC.

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that the Emergency Planning Meeting was scheduled for August 12, 2015 to discuss ArtsWells and he asked for input from Council. Some items brought up were: camping in unauthorized area; the rules in regards to the drone; skinny dipping in the Jack O Clubs Lake; lack of porta-potties at the end of Legion Drive; lack of people using the porta-potties; doors at the school and fitness room door wide open pre-ArtsWells; two windows broken at the school.

Councillor Wright noted that ArtsWells was quieter and that there were more families camping.

Councillor Wilkins noted that she was sad to hear about Tim Sutherland's passing and requested that staff send a card to his family. The Deputy Clerk noted that a card would be given to Jules Mackey to pass on to Mr. Sutherland's

family.

Councillor Kilsby noted that the Autumn Moon Festival was scheduled for August 15, 2015. On behalf of the Wells Historical Society, Councillor Kilsby thanked the community for their support of the Comedy Auction, which she noted was a grand success.

Mayor Sharpe welcomed Steve Forsythe, Area B Director for the Cariboo Regional District.

Staff:

2.

The Administrator noted that BC Hydro representatives met with the Mayor, Councillor Wilkins and the Administrator on July 27, 2015 in Wells. The Administrator noted that the data provided by BC Hydro in regards to power outages for the past year showed that Wells lost 50 times more customer hours than other communities of similar size. BC Hydro will start line clearing and removing danger trees at the beginning of September 2015. The Administrator further noted that BC Hydro has firmly stated that, in the province of BC, the cost for customer connections or upgrading transformers on new or existing lots are the financial responsibility of the owner. Lastly, the Administrator noted that the new Public Works Superintendent, John Aitken, has been hired for the District of Wells. The Administrator noted that the Public Works Superintendent is currently fulfilling a previous contract commitment and will commence full time employment with the District on August 24th, 2015.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that the Fire Department was having an Open House and Barbeque on August 19th, 2015 from 7 PM to 9PM and that all members of the community are invited. The EDO noted that the word on the street is that ArtsWells 2015 was better than ever. The EDO requested that the capacity for the Wells Community Hall upstairs and downstairs be discussed at the ArtsWells Emergency Planning Meeting.

The Deputy Clerk noted that Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) was planning to host an Open House on August 19th, 2105 at 7 PM. Staff will contact BGM to discuss the possibility of changing the meeting time as the Fire Department Open House is scheduled for the same date and time.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

L. ADJOURNMENT:

15-167 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO