

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held
Tuesday, September 15, 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, Richard Wright and Virginia Wilkins

ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; John Aitken, Public Works Superintendent and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 12 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

15-168 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, August 11, 2015

15-169 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, August 11, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Presentation by Eric Anderson, President, Wells Wheels ATV Club
Eric Anderson provided a verbal overview of his proposal in which he noted that the main goal is to change the snowmobile corridors in Wells to multi-use corridors.

15-170 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the presentation by Eric Anderson, President, Wells Wheels ATV Club re: ATV Bylaw Proposal.

Carried Unanimously

2. Presentation by Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts (IMA)
Julie Fowler read the letter to Council re: Tax exemption request for IMA's new property at 4243 Sanders Avenue in Wells, BC - aka "The Nest".
Ms. Fowler noted that IMA is open to negotiation. Ms. Fowler also noted that IMA strongly believes that the tax exemption should be granted. Councillor Wright noted that the District and Council does support IMA. The Mayor noted that Council appreciates IMA very much and that Council would discuss the Tax Exemption Bylaw at a later time.

15-171 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the presentation by Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts re: Tax Exemption request for IMA's new property at 4234 Sanders Avenue in Wells, BC - aka "The Nest".

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. BizPal Partnership
The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) provided a verbal overview of her report.

15-172 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the BizPal Partnership report and **THAT** Council approve participation of the District of Wells in the BizPal program.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 15.09.31 Marla Fonteyne, UBCM re: Invitation to the 2015 UBCM Convention – CEPA Reception

15-173 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the 15.09.31 letter from Marla Fonteyne, UBCM re: Invitation to the 2015 UBCM Convention – CEPA Reception be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. 15.09.02 Donny van Dyk, Manager, BC Community Relations, Northern Gateway re: Invitation to Northern Gateway Reception

15-174 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 15.09.02 letter from Donny van Dyk, Manager, BC Community Relations, Northern Gateway re: Invitation to Northern Gateway Reception be received.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Fire Services Bylaw No. 142, 2015

15-175 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells Fire Services Bylaw No.142, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No.143, 2015 and Bylaw Notice Adjudication Policy

15-176 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Wilkins Councillor **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No.143, 2015 and **THAT** Council adopt the corresponding Bylaw Notice Adjudication Policy.

Carried Unanimously

3. Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw

15-177 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No.144, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

4. Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw

15-178 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No.145, 2015.
Carried Unanimously

5. District of Wells 2016 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.146, 2015
15-179 **MOVED** Councilor Kozar Seconded Councillor Wilkins that Wright proposed that the District of Wells 2016 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.146, 2015 be discussed at the October 6, 2015 Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting **AND THAT** a special meeting of Council be called on October 6, 2015 for the first three readings of the District of Wells 2016 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.146, 2015.
Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report

The Mayor inquired about the progress of the Community Forest. The EDO responded that a public meeting was planned for September 28th, 2015. The EDO also noted that Community Forest board meetings are not open to the general public although people were welcome to call and/or visit the EDO with questions.

The EDO noted that the recycling depot is going ahead and is currently located by the ball diamond shed. The recycling containers are movable with the plan to relocate them behind the ambulance station. The EDO further noted that the recycling depot, which is a pilot project, will be up and running this October, 2015. The EDO reminded everyone to fill out the survey in regards to the recycling depot hours of operation.

Lastly, the EDO introduced Will George, an intern from NDIT, who will be working on the District of Wells Crown Lands report to be presented at UBCM.

15-180 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.
Carried Unanimously

2. Public Works Superintendent Report

John Aitken, Public Works Superintendent (PWS) introduced himself to Mayor and Council and the public. The PWS encouraged everyone to approach him and ask him questions. The PWS noted that his background included the following: Public Works Supervisor for 5 years in McBride; Road Superintendent out of Terrace; Senior Foreman/Road Foreman for 23 years in Gold Bridge. The PWS noted that he was familiar with living in small communities and the issues involved, particularly budgetary constraints. The PWS noted that he had been a paramedic for a number of years.

The Public Works Superintendent provided a verbal overview of his report to which he added: the fire hydrant on Pooley Street was being worked on; the sewer valves and gate valves will be dealt with; the water treatment plant is running well. The PWS noted that, in regards to the Lowhee Dyke, he has spoken with the Minister of Environment and that the repairs can be pushed back to next year. The Mayor welcomed the Public Works Superintendent.

15-181 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Public Works

Superintendent report be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. Cheque Register 15.08.01 to 15.08.31
15-182 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheque 4209 and Cheques 4281 to 4303 from Integris Credit Union for the period of August 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 for a total amount of \$32,172.22.

Carried Unanimously

4. Outstanding Actions Item Report
Councillor Wright requested that staff inspect the properties pertinent to Action Item 15-27 and, if still necessary, to write the letter to inspect the properties re: leaking oil & gas and safety hazards.
15-183 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

J. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 15-184 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 15.07.29 Gary Paget, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: Green Communities Committee (GCC).
2. 15.08.18 Arn van Iersel, Auditor General for Local Government re: Performance audit report on the District of North Vancouver.
3. 15.08.24 Selina Robinson, MLA, Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government re: UBCM.
4. 15.08.28 Arn van Iersel, Auditor General for Local Government re: Performance audit report on the City of Vernon.
5. 15.09.01 Britt Swoveland, Program Manager, Radon Aware, British Columbia Lung Association re: Radon awareness
6. 15.09.09 Selina Robinson, MLA, Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government re: Opposition Committee for Agriculture and Food.

Carried Unanimously

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that the map of the emergency routes that the Mayor brought to the meeting were helpful. Councillor Wilkins congratulated the new Public Works Superintendent, John Aitken and welcomed Will George, the NDI intern.

Councillor Kozar thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councillor Kilsby also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and noted

that power was back on in Barkerville after three days without power.

Councillor Wright welcomed the Superintendent Public Works Superintendent and thanked everybody who attended the meeting. Councillor Wright noted that he, the Mayor and the PWS have been in discussion in regards to the speeding issue on the highway through Wells. Councillor Wright noted that the Mayor has been in contact with the RCMP to request that the speed limit be enforced by the RCMP issuing speeding tickets. The Mayor noted that the speed sign should be erected on the highway, which will be investigated for the next budget.

Mayor Sharpe reminded everyone that September 30th is Orange Shirt Day to remember the Residential Schools. The Mayor noted that the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC) meetings have been well attended since Bob Simpson became the chair.

The Mayor noted that he attended an NDIR meeting on September 14th, 2015 at which new funding, in the form of \$2500 grants for festivals, activities and events, was announced. This funding will be available to apply for annually.

The Mayor noted that he and three Council members were heading to UBCM on September 21, 2015 and will meet with a couple of Ministers to discuss Wells issues.

Lastly, the Mayor noted that on September 17, 2015 the Mayors and Regional District Representatives would meet in Williams Lake meeting to discuss community development initiatives throughout the area.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk noted that there would be a Tax Sale on September 28th, 2015. The Deputy Clerk also noted that she had spoken to Dave Mosure from BC Hydro who stated that 700 danger trees would be removed from Highway 26 beginning at the end of September and that the three-phase extension was going forward 3.5 kilometers, which will help with voltage quality to the District of Wells. The Deputy Clerk distributed the 2015 UBCM packages to Mayor and Council.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that Love Wells would be launching on September 24th and to watch for posters announcing the event. The EDO also noted that the last Farmers' Market of the season was on Sunday, September 20th from 9 AM to 12 noon.

3. Public Gallery:

Claire Kujundzic inquired as to why the "A" (Artisan) sign has been removed to which Councillor Wright responded that when the "A" sign was displayed the business was required to be open regular hours.

Bill Horne thanked Dawn Leroy for her part in the construction of the Blair Street Bridge. Mr. Horne noted that the key to the old CBC radio shack would now be available to the District of Wells to use in case of an emergency. Lastly, Mr. Horne inquired as to what support Mayor and Council can give to Amazing Space in regards to his property taxes doubling in 2015.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

15-185 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO