

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held May 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Robin Sharpe; Councillors Lorraine Kozar; Virginia Wilkins; and Richard Wright

REGRETS: Councillor Mandy Kilsby

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Young, C.A.O.; Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; John Aitken, Public Works Superintendent and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 4 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

16-108 MOVED Councillor Wilkins, Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- D. 1. BCTS Referrals
 - E. 3. Proposed Road Use Policy for All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)
 - E. 4. Wells Primary Care Health Clinic -Update Report
 - E. 5. Martial Arts China Tour-request for funding
- Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, April 19, 2016
16-109 MOVED Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, April 19, 2016 be adopted as amended as follows:

3. Public Gallery – The discussion with Mark Dawson to be reviewed and the information in the April 19, 2016 minutes to be updated.
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. BCTS Referrals
The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) provided a verbal review of her report. The Mayor noted that Council needed more time to review the information that was presented.
Councillor Wright questioned if BCTS is showing a clear picture of the cuts and added that he would like to see the cut blocks upcoming cut blocks and the ones done in the past all on one map. Councillor Wright asked Bill Horne if Mr. Horne could photo shop the cuts onto one map.
The EDO noted that she had specifically requested the visual quality photos of the cuts closest to the highway.

The Administrator noted the following:

- The EDO received the information late on May 13 and has done a great job on the report.
- The more often and more loudly that the District of Wells communicates with BCTS the better it will be for the District.
- UBCM could be used to pursue the subject of cut blocks and visual quality by requesting a meeting with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The EDO suggested that a representative from BCTS be invited to make a presentation to Council.

- 16-110** **MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** staff informs the BC Timber Sales (BCTS) of the need to avoid potential negative visual and environmental impacts to the cut blocks.

Carried Unanimously

- 16-111** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins, Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** a representative from the BC Timber Sales (BCTS) is invited to make a presentation to the District of Wells regarding the recent and upcoming cut blocks, including up-to-date visual quality photographs.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells Debenture Bylaw 40-2002 (Water Debt Issue)

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of his report in which he noted that the District of Wells is required to make two unbudgeted payments in 2016 after which time the debenture for construction of the Wells water reservoir will be fully paid.

- 16-111** **MOVED** Councillor Kozar, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive The District of Wells Debenture Bylaw 40-2002 (Water Debt Issue) report.

Carried Unanimously

2. Community Hall NDI Grant Application

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) provided a verbal overview of her report. The Administrator noted that an electrician from James and Sons will be in Wells on May 19, 2016 to give an estimate on the electrical work required in the Community Hall and that there is a good chance that said work will cost more than \$43,000. The Administrator further noted that there are some wiring improvements needed in the Hall and that the whole building must be looked at to identify any risks and problems that must be addressed. Councillor Kozar inquired if the quote from James and Sons could be broken down in order to complete the Health Clinic first.

- 16-113** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins, Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receives the Community Hall NDI Grant Application report; and **THAT** Council supports the District of Wells' application to NDI Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Grant for the Wells Community Hall "Unplugged" project.

Carried Unanimously

3. Proposed Road Use Policy for All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the report. Dianne Andreesen noted that a number of large ATV groups are visiting wells in the upcoming weeks. Mrs. Andreesen has spoken to the RCMP about the rules for ATVs. Mrs. Andreesen noted that the ideal situation would be for a trail from the One Mile Bridge to the helipad. Staff will look for solutions in the form of a Policy/ Bylaw. The Mayor noted that the visitors coming to town need to have a route as well as a 20 km/ph speed limit.

- 16-114 MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the report regarding the proposed road use policy for All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) in the immediate vicinity of the Wells townsite within the District of Wells.
Carried Unanimously

- 16-115 MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council approves the establishment of formal Off Road Vehicle corridors within and in the immediate vicinity of the Wells townsite based on the existing Wells snowmobile corridor and set a 20 km/h speed limit for the operation of these vehicles in the area.

Carried Unanimously

4. Wells Primary Care Health Clinic – Update Report

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the report in which he noted that he had made an offer to the President of the Wells Best Seniors Society meet with himself and the Mayor, which was refused. Councillor Kozar noted that having a meeting in person, sitting eye-to-eye, with the Seniors was important. The Mayor noted that it was very important to open the Health Clinic since the District has worked so hard to get one and that everything, including funds and equipment, is in place and ready to go. The Mayor also noted that the use of the Seniors' room would have been temporary. He also said he was distraught at having to displace the Seniors to ensure the clinic is established. Councillor Wright agreed with the Mayor but noted that it for the greater good of the community that the Health Clinic be opened. Mayor and Council directed staff to work with the Seniors to find another place to accommodate their needs.

- 16-116 MOVED** Councillor Kozar, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receives the Wells Primary Care Health Clinic -Update Report.
Carried Unanimously

- 16-117 MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Seniors be removed from their current room in the Wells Community Hall and **THAT** the Seniors' Room be used as the Wells Primary Care Health Clinic .
Carried with Councillor Kozar opposed

5. Martial Arts China Tour-request for funding

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the report.

- 16-118 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins, Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receives the Martial Arts China Tour-request for funding report.
Carried Unanimously

16-119 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins, Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approves providing funding to support the Martial Arts (China) Performing tour group in the amount of \$500 from the District's marketing budget.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 16.05.17 Lindsay Read, Executive Director, Wells and Area Community Association re: School Garden and the Playground Project

16-120 **MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 16.05.17 letter from Lindsay Read, Executive Director, Wells and Area Community Association re: School Garden and the Playground Project be received.

Carried Unanimously

16-121 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins, Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council approves the requests by the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) to:

1. Create the Pre-School Playground in the Wells-Barkerville School field; and
2. Use the water outlet on the east side of the School for watering the School Garden, with all associated expenses covered by WAACA.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report & Fire Chief Report
The EDO noted that the Community Forest will have a presentation for the public announcing the partner to manage the start-up phase.

The Fire Chief noted that the new recruits are younger and fitter and therefore the turnout gear doesn't fit many of the members. Each set of gear costs about \$2000. New pagers are also needed at \$50 each. The Fire Chief noted that she has requested gear from the Quesnel Fire Department. Councillor Wright noted that the City of Vancouver might be willing to partner with the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade. The Administrator suggested that the Chinese dignitaries may want to partner with Wells. Councillor Wright noted that Barkerville used to host the Hose Relay and perhaps Wells could host it as a fundraiser. Lastly, the Fire Chief noted that when she calculated the cost of the false alarms, according to the District of Wells Fire Services Bylaw No. 142, 2015, the total cost was \$200.

16-123 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report and the Fire Chief report be received.

Carried Unanimously

16-123 **MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Barkerville be invoiced for \$200, the cost of the false alarms thus far, in accordance with the District of Wells Fire Services Bylaw No. 142, 2015.

Carried Unanimously

2. Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Report
Councillor Kozar inquired about the ATV Bylaw mentioned in the PWS report. The PWS responded that the resolution passed by Council at tonight's meeting should provide the ability for the summer labourer, Allyson Jonah, to drive the District of Wells ATV. The PWS also noted that Northern Health inspected the Water Treatment Plant, which passed with flying colours. The PWS expressed concerns regarding the Public Works budget for extra labour costs such as looking after Visitor Information Centre.

16-124 **MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Public Works Superintendent report be received.
Carried Unanimously

3. Cheque Register 16.04.01 to 16.04.30

16-125 **MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 4625 to 4661 from Integris Credit Union for the period of April 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016 for a total amount of \$39,924.69.
Carried Unanimously

4. Outstanding Actions Item Report

16-126 **MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

J. CONSENT CALENDAR:

16-127 **MOVED** Councillor Wright, Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 16.05.05 Gordon Ruth, Auditor General for Local Government re: City of Revelstoke Performance Audit Report
2. 16.05.09 Crystal Dunahee, President, Child Find BC re: Child Find "Missing Children" posters.
3. 16.05.12 Robin Sharpe, Mayor, District of Wells re: Passing of Dave Hendrixson, former Mayor, District of Wells. **The Mayor thanked the Administrator for writing the letter and sending the donation to the Prostate Cancer Society.**

Carried Unanimously

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted:

- GeoTech are in Wells and drilling at the helipad. Dianne Andreesen noted that they are connected to SNC Lavalin and will be drilling in Wells for a couple of days only.
- ArtsWells Emergency Planning Committee meeting is planned for May 30, 2016 at 9 AM at the District Office.

Councillor Kozar thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for the reports.

The Mayor noted:

- He has put over 4000 kilometers on the truck in the last two weeks.
- He has been invited to Likely for a celebration on the May long weekend.
- Thank you everyone for attending the meeting.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted:

- He loves Wells especially because it is all about the art of improvisation.
- Thank you to Council. for the adoption of the Tax Rate Bylaw and the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw.
- He has submitted a number of statutory reports to the Province.
- He is half way through the taxes entry data process and hopes to have taxes out by May 27, 2016.
- A local builder has managed to get his Stop Work Order lifted.

The Deputy Clerk noted:

- Councillor Kilsby and her husband send a warm thank you for the beautiful flowers and card.
- Signing authority is now completed.
- Spring clean up may become fall cleanup.
- School groups visiting Barkerville will begin arriving on May 24, 2016 to stay overnight in the School and the Community Hall.

3. Public Gallery:

Dianne Andreesen thanked the Administrator and Council for all of their assistance resolving the ATV corridor issue.

Jay Vermette inquired:

- Why was the Community Forest meeting an in-camera meeting? The Economic Development Officer (EDO) responded that the meeting involved discussions regarding personal, financial and contract information.
- How will the electrical problem at the Wells Community Hall be addressed? The Public Works Superintendent (PWS) noted that Island Mountain Arts will have to be consulted about their electrical needs for ArtsWells. The PWS also noted that he will be with the electrician from James and Sons at 10 AM, May 19, 2016 to investigate the circuits.

Bill Horne thanked the Marketing and Economic Development Officer for her work on the BCTS cut blocks.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

16-128 MOVED Councillor Wilkins, Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:38 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Andrew Young, CAO