

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held March 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC GALLERY: 3 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

16-64 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- J.1. 16.03.15 Evelyn Schellenberg, Executive Coordinator, Office of the Auditor General for Local Government re: AGLG Audit Reports-City of Campbell River; Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 16, 2016

16-65 MOVED Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 16, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes of Special Council Meeting, March 1, 2016

16-66 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, March 1, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Visitor Information Centre Operation 2016

The Marketing and Economic Development provided a verbal overview of her report.

16-67 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the Visitor Information Centre Operation 2016 report.

Carried Unanimously

16-68 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council make an agreement with the Wells Historical Society to be the sponsoring

organization of the Wells Visitor Information Centre for the 2016 year.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 16.03.02 Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink re: Invitation to Engage on the Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations
- 16-69** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 16.03.02 letter from Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink re: Invitation to Engage on the Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations be received.
Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) Report
The EDO added the following information to her report:
 - A Community Forest public meeting to establish the criteria for evaluating the successful proponents will be held on March 17, 2016.Councillor Wilkins inquired about the room at the Wells Community Hall for the Nurse Practitioner to which the EDO responded that the funding had to be in place before the room would be prepared. The EDO noted that the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District would provide 40% of the total monetary value of the project, which is \$6000. The EDO is exploring options for funding.
- 16-70** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Report
The Public Works Superintendent provided a verbal overview of his report. The PWS added the following items to his report:
 - A technician will be in Wells on March 21, 2016 to inspect and review the geothermal system and boilers at the School, which will qualify the PWS to test the system himself.
 - The District should look at purchasing a steamer to use for drainage and sewer lines, which may cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.
- 16-71** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Public Works Superintendent report be received.
Carried Unanimously
3. Fire Chief Report
The Fire Chief noted that there was one new member to the Fire Brigade and one seasonal worker returning this year.
- 16-72** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Fire Chief report be received.
Carried Unanimously
4. Cheque Register 16.02.01 to 16.02.29

- 16-73** **MOVED** Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 4547 to 4591 from Integris Credit Union for the period of February 1, 2016 to February 29, 2016 for a total amount of \$52,251.27.

Carried Unanimously

5. Outstanding Actions Item Report
16-74 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

J. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 16-75** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 16.03.15 Evelyn Schellenberg, Executive Coordinator, Office of the Auditor General for Local Government re: AGLG Audit Reports-City of Campbell River; Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

Carried Unanimously

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins inquired about the posted Custodian job and was informed by the Deputy Clerk that two people have applied as of this date. Councillor Wilkins also inquired as to how the audit went. The Interim Administrator responded that he thought the audit went well.

Councillor Kilsby noted that the Wells Historical Society is holding their AGM on March 21, 2016 in the District of Wells office at 7PM.

Councillor Wright noted that he will be attending the next regular council meeting. Councillor Wright thanked Gary Champagne for stepping in as the Interim Administrator.

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

The Mayor noted that he has been very ill for three weeks. The Mayor thanked Dave Jorgenson for getting Forestry more motivated to talk to Wells. The Mayor noted that he had read a report about the fact that the forestry companies have not been engaging the communities properly. Dave Jorgenson thanked the Mayor for his part in meeting with Bob Simpson; John Massier and West Fraser planners. Councillor Wright noted that is a matter of when we will have a slide on Lowhee which will block the highway, the Jack of Clubs Lake and bring down the mercury that is up there.

2. Staff:
The Interim Administrator will come forward with the 2016 budget at the next Council meeting which the new CAO will attend.

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer (EDO) noted that the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) as holding an Open House & AGM at the Huckleberry Daycare on March 31, 2016 from 5-7PM. The EDO also noted that there was a Community Forest at 7 PM on March 17, 2016 in the Banquet Room.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the new photograph of the current Council was on the wall and that the District had donated some items to the Wells Recreational Society as prizes for their upcoming curling bonspiels.

3. Public Gallery:
Dave Jorgenson noted that the bulletin board at the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is broken and flapping. Mr. Jorgenson expressed concerns in regards to the VIC not being open and wonders if both buildings could be open for the summer. The Mayor also has some concerns and hopes that the VIC will be reopened. Councillor Wright noted that the Visitors Centres in some towns are run by volunteers.

Bill Horne noted that the VIC has display cases which are important to some businesses. Mr. Horne noted that BC Assessment contacted him to say to disregard the notice from 2016 and he thanked Council for their support.

Jan Aitken noted that she is interested in the Visitor Information Centre being kept open and hoped it can happen next year.

- 16-76** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** a representative from Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) be invited to the April 19, 2016 Council meeting to present an information session in regards to upcoming and future plans of BGM.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

- 16-77** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, Interim CAO