

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Robin Sharpe and Councillors Judy Campbell, Mike Wallace, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gary Champagne, C.A.O., Jason Griffin, Marketing and Economic Development Officer and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 7 People

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:**

**12-37 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 7, 2012

**12-38 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 7, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

1. Lance Loggin, Forestry Coordinator; Rob Cochrane, Head of Silviculture Department and Peter Andrews, Woodlands Manager, all on behalf of West Fraser Mills Ltd. re: Development of a Pest Management Plan.

Lance Loggin, Rob Cochrane and Peter Andrew provided an overview of the document *Pest Management Plan 2012 -2017* (available at the front counter at the District Office) and addressed questions received from Council. The Pest Management Plan (PMP) will be undertaken on Tree Farm License (TFL) 52 - Block 1 and Block 2 and is renewed every 5 years. The document includes an overview of the area and the herbicides to be used as well as referencing consultation, regulations and protection strategies for health, water, environment, plants and food.

Directly following the presentation and question period a map showing where spraying had been done in the past was reviewed.

West Fraser will send the District of Wells a copy of the 2012 Manuel Brush and Weed program within the next two months and will also present a detailed plan for logging and spraying in TFL 52.

**12-39 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the presentation by Lance Loggin, Forestry Coordinator; Rob Cochrane, Head of Silviculture Department and Peter Andrews, Woodlands Manager, all on behalf of West Fraser Mills Ltd. re: Development of a Pest Management Plan be received.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Dave Mosure, Community Relations Coordinator, Northern Region, BC Hydro and Steve Wylie, Field Operations Manager, Northern Region, BC Hydro re: Meeting on March 27, 2012.

The Deputy Clerk noted that Dave Mosure and Steve Wiley are available the whole day and evening of March 27, 2012. Mr. Mosure had suggested 6:00 PM as a potential start time. Discussion took place and Council agreed that March 27, 2012 at 6:00 PM was a suitable time for the meeting with Dave Mosure, Community Relations Coordinator, Northern Region, BC Hydro and Steve Wylie, Field Operations Manager, Northern Region, BC Hydro.

- 12-40** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the information in regards to meeting on March 27, 2012 with Dave Mosure, Community Relations Coordinator, Northern Region, BC Hydro and Steve Wylie, Field Operations Manager, Northern Region, BC Hydro be received.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 12.02.27 Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement

The CAO provided an overview of the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement (SCIFA) and explained the benefits and necessity of the program and how it puts the District of Wells into a very good financial position this year.

- 12-41** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the 12.02.27 Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement and approve the District of Wells entering into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the province of British Columbia.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31, 2011 (separate attachment) and 12.02.20 letter from R. E. Rasmussen, Chartered Accountant re: District of Wells Audit for Year Ending December 31, 2011 (separate attachment)

The CAO provided an overview of the District of Wells Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31, 2011 and of the 12.02.20 letter from R. E. Rasmussen, Chartered Accountant re: District of Wells Audit for Year Ending December 31, 2011.

- 12-42** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the District of Wells Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31, 2011 **AND THAT** Council receive the 12.02.20 letter from R. E. Rasmussen, Chartered Accountant re: District of Wells Audit for Year Ending December 31, 2011 (separate attachment)

Carried Unanimously

3. District of Wells 2012 Operating and Capital Budget

The CAO provided an overview of the District of Wells 2012 Operating and Capital Budget.

- 12-43** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive and approve the District of Wells 2012 Operating and Capital Budget.

Carried Unanimously

4. District of Wells Grants-In-Aid Request and Recommendation (2012 Fiscal)  
**12-44** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive and approve the District of Wells Grants-In-Aid Request and Recommendation Report (2012 Fiscal).

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.02.02 Art Kaehn, Chair, North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: Silent Auction Request - NCLGA AGM & Convention  
**12-45** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 12.02.02 letter from Art Kaehn, Chair, North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: Silent Auction Request - NCLGA AGM & Convention be received **AND** THAT staff put a package together for the Silent Auction at the NCLGA Annual General meeting and Convention similar to the 2011 District donation.

Carried Unanimously

2. 12.02.17 Beth Holden, Island Mountain Arts re: Resolution Outlining Support for Northern Development Funding  
**12-46** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 12.02.17 letter from Beth Holden, Island Mountain Arts re: Resolution Outlining Support for Northern Development Funding be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-47** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells support the Island Mountain Arts 2012 funding request to the Northern Development Initiative Trust.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Economic Development Officer Report  
The Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report in which he noted that the Community Forest Business Plan was completed except for a few final touches. He informed Council that the District of Wells was approved for the Age-Friendly grant which would include a Community Directory, an outdoor kiosk and various health workshops and a Canada Trees Grant which will include the purchase and planting of a variety of trees in Wells. The Economic Development Officer informed Council that there were no updates on the Curling Club Grant, the Housing grant, the Caribou grant or the Barkerville Trails Grant. He also noted that the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) AGM has been approved to take place in Wells and is scheduled for early October, 2012 and that an article about the Wells Barkerville area will be published in Westworld Magazine next November. Finally he mentioned that new Banners have been purchased for local events.

- 12-48** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Economic Development Officer Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**12-49** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 12.01.27 BC Housing re: The Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) program.
2. 12.02.03 Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services re: 2012 Age-friendly Community Projects & Planning Grant - Approval and Terms & Conditions.
3. 12.02.03 Darryl Walker, President, BC Government and Service Employees' Union re: Proclaiming March as Community Social Services Awareness Month.
4. 12.02.08 Union of BC Municipalities Secretariat re: Auditor General for Local Government - Audit Council Appointments.
5. 12.02.10 Heath Slee, President, Union of BC Municipalities re: Province to Review Municipal Taxation and Local Government Revenue.
6. 12.02.13 Karen Ayers, Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager, Liquor Control Licensing Branch re: Updated Provincial Liquor Licensing Guide (Guide available from Deputy Clerk).
7. 12.02.16 Jim Garlick, Mayor, District of Coldstream re: Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation And Local Government Revenue Sources Review.
8. 12.02.17 Shelly Burich, Manager of Communications, Cariboo Regional District re: Cariboo Regional District Board Highlights.
9. 12.02.17 Ernie Daykin, Mayor, District of Maple Ridge re: Installation of Smart Meters
10. 12.02.20 Karen Felker, Coordinator, Order of British Columbia re: Order of British Columbia ~ 2012 call for Nominations
11. 12.02.20 Wayne Stetski, Mayor, City of Cranbrook re: Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation And Local Government Revenue Sources Review.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that Peggy is running out of Post Office boxes with working locks, but had found a box of replacement keys and locks. The Administrator noted that he would see about getting them installed.

Councillor Wallace requested that the reports by the Economic Development Officer and the Superintendent of Public Works be in writing and included with the agenda. Councillor Wallace further noted that he had a lovely time at the Grand Canyon.

Councillor Campbell noted that she had a lovely time in Cuba.

Mayor Sharpe noted that he had a lovely time in Vancouver, especially while attending the RCMP "E" Division Change of Command Ceremony.

2. Staff:

The Administrator reminded Council that the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA ) Convention is in 100 Mile House on May 2, 3, 4, 2012.

Mayor Sharpe, Councillor Wilkins and Councillor Wallace will be attending.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the District of Wells website now included the new Mayor and Council.

3. Public Gallery:

Aleta Wallace noted that she thinks that there was a Bylaw in regards to Privacy passed in the year 2011. Mrs. Wallace also noted that the NCLGA Silent Auction prize from last year was the same as the year before. Lastly, Mrs. Wallace noted that she had planted Zone 2 fruit trees on Mildred which required 50 frost-free days. The trees didn't get the frost -free days but they didn't die.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**12-50** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:58PM.

Carried Unanimously

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Robin Sharpe, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO