

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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PRESENT: Acting Mayor Judy Campbell and Councillors Mike Wallace and Virginia Wilkins

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, C.A.O. and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 7 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

**12-51 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E 1. BC Mayors' Caucus Conference in Penticton, BC on May 16, 17 and 18, 2012

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, March 6, 2012

**12-52 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, March 6, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. BC Mayors' Caucus Conference in Penticton, BC May 16 - 18, 2012

**12-53 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Mayor attend the BC Mayors' Caucus Conference in Penticton, BC May 16 -18, 2012.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.03.06 Barkerville Historic Town - Bear Aware Course

Councillor Campbell provided an overview of the Bear Aware Training, which had been very beneficial to all residents and seasonal workers for the past several years. Councillor Campbell noted that Barkerville had covered the total cost of the Bear Aware Training every year to date. Barkerville may have to cancel it for a year as the costs are too high for Barkerville to pay alone. Councillor Wilkins asked if there was a film or a local speaker that could be used to present a Bear Aware session.

**12-54 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the information from Barkerville Historic Town regarding the 2012 Bear Aware Program and funding request.

Carried Unanimously

2. 12.03.12 West Fraser Mills Ltd. – Service Road off 2100 Road  
**12-55** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the information from West Fraser Mills Ltd. regarding a new service road off the 2100 Road.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 12.02.01 to 12.02.29  
**12-56** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfer EFT-1 and Cheques #1990 to #2050 from Integris Credit Union for the period of February 1, 2012 to February 29, 2012 for a total amount of \$79,039.48.

Carried Unanimously

2. Payroll Cheque Register 12.01.01 to 12.01.31  
**12-57** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve 18 Payroll Cheques from Integris Credit Union for the period of January 1, 2012 to January 31, 2012 for a total amount of \$35,292.53.

Carried Unanimously

3. Outstanding Actions Item Report  
**12-58** **MOVED** Wilkins Councillor Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 12-59** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

1. 12.01.24 UBCM –Healthy Families BC Communities Consultation Sessions
3. 12.02.28 Child Find BC -Posters
5. 12.03.05 Port Alberni –Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation
6. 12.03.05 Trail –Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation

Carried Unanimously

2. 12.02.15 John Rowlandson – Rural Cycling Infrastructure  
Councillor Wilkins inquired if the District of Wells could get infrastructure for cyclists. The Administrator noted that funding for a bike lane to Barkerville had been applied for and turned down.  
**12-60** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the District of Wells urges the Provincial Government to invest in cycling infrastructure in rural communities, in order to accelerate the availability and broaden the range of cycling opportunities for commuter, recreational and competitive cyclists living in and visiting rural and urban areas.

Carried Unanimously

4. 12.03.01 Telkwa –Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation  
**12-61** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins that staff send a similar

letter to Premier Clark; Ida Chong, Minister Responsible for Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Bob Simpson, MLA - Cariboo North; and the UBCM Member Municipalities re: Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins congratulated Jason Griffin, Economic Development Officer, on the birth of his new baby girl, Naomi May Griffin, who was born March 12, 2012. Councillor Wilkins also congratulated the Wells Curling Club for receiving the \$49,000 grant to upgrade the curling rink.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that when the last power outage occurred on Monday, March 12, 2012, BC Hydro did immediately notify Wells in regards to the Highway 26 closure due to power lines down. The Administrator also noted that the District of Wells ordered two signs reading *Highway 26 Closed*, for future use. A meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2012 with Dave Mosure, Community Relations Coordinator, Northern Region, BC Hydro to discuss the communication issues that arose during the September 26, 2011 highway closure. After some discussion, it was decided by Council that the meeting was unnecessary given the successful communication that occurred on Monday, March 12, 2012.

**12-62 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins that the meeting scheduled on March 27, 2012 with Dave Mosure, Community Relations Coordinator, Northern Region, BC Hydro be cancelled and that staff contact Mr. Mosure to inform of this.

3. Public Gallery:

Jim Baillie questioned why the District of Wells and the Historic Town of Barkerville do not have cell phone service. Mr. Baillie noted that the District of Wells should find a company that will provide cell service to Wells and Barkerville. Mr. Baillie further questioned why it is impossible for people to order high speed internet. The Administrator noted that he and the Mayor met with ABC Communications to discuss the internet service to the District of Wells. The Administrator and Mayor were informed that ABC is planning to expand the bandwidth in Wells, which would allow for more customers to have high speed internet and also improve the existing internet. Barkerville is the only customer on the old system, which is very expensive. The Acting Mayor noted that she would bring up these issues with the MLA.

Carol Pinette noted that she had information in regards to Network BC, the facilitator between the BC Government and ABC Communications. ABC Communications currently holds a ten year contract with the BC Government to provide internet service to the Wells Barkerville area. Mrs. Pinette also noted that she had the name of a person in Vancouver who is willing to come in and set up high speed and cell service to provide the Wells Barkerville area. Mrs. Pinette will forward this information to Councillor Campbell. Mrs. Pinette inquired if the temporary Economic Development Officer position had been filled and was informed that it had. Lastly, Mrs. Pinette requested that the temporary Economic

Development Officer attend a meeting with the Wells Chamber of Commerce.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**12-63** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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Robin Sharpe, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO