

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, C.A.O., Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 15 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

12-82 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, April 17, 2012

12-83 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, April 17, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Councillor Richard Wright re: Toward a Wildlife Smart Community
Councillor Wright presented a thirty minute informative slide show based on the Urban Wildlife: Challenges and Management Conference that Councillor Wright attended April 18 - 19, 2012.

12-84 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the presentation "Toward a Wildlife Smart Community" from Councillor Richard Wright be received.

Carried Unanimously

12-85 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** a Wildlife Smart Committee be formed with Councillor Wright sitting as the Chair. Councillor Campbell and Mayor Sharpe will sit on the Committee along with Wells residents Cheryl MacCarthy and Carol Pinette.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Five Year Financial Plan with opportunity for public input
The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the Five Year Financial Plan and noted that the District of Wells was in a good financial position which included good reserves. The Administrator also noted that the funding for capital projects in Wells did not come from taxpayers but rather from grants and reserves. The Administrator reported that local taxes had increased by 1.2% in 2012, while the Cariboo Regional District and Provincial School taxes had increased significantly in 2012, amounting to a total increase of approximately 15%. Questions were asked by the public to which answers were provided by the Administrator.

12-86 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the presentation from Gary Champagne, Chief Administrative Officer re: District of Wells Five Year Financial Plan with opportunity for public input be received.
Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.04.24 Bill Quackenbush re: Machine Work at 4234 Sanders

12-87 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the letter from Bill Quackenbush re: Machine Work at 4234 Sanders be received.
Carried Unanimously

12-88 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** staff write a letter of apology to Bill Quackenbush re: Machine Work at 4234 Sanders.
Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Tax Rates Bylaw No. 116, 2012

12-89 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council give first three readings to the District of Wells Tax Rates Bylaw No. 116, 2012.
Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 117, 2012

12-90 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 117, 2012.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports
Councillor Wright asked the Fire Chief how the recruitment for the Fire Department was progressing. The Fire Chief responded that attendance was very low and noted that he had talked to many people about joining the Wells Fire Brigade with no success.

12-91 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief reports be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

12-92 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 12.04.05 Nicole Beauregard, City of Kamloops re: Cities Fit for Children Conference - May 10-11, 2012.

2. 12.04.18 Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: Community Recreation Program Grant.

3. 12.04.20 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: NCLGA to

Meet in 100 Mile House.

4. 12.04.23 Crystal Dunahee, President, Child Find BC re: Proclamation for National Missing Children's Month and Missing Children's Day.
5. 12.04.24 Tina Cousins, Chair-Civic Union Caucus, North Central Labour Council of British Columbia re: North Central Labour Council Social.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that he is glad to be back in Wells. Councillor Wright also noted that the speed sign on the highway is working and that it provides a daily printout that Councillor Wright passes on to the local RCMP.

Councillor Campbell noted that Barkerville is struggling with May 17, 2012 opening. Councillor Campbell said that Barkerville streets are the main problem because of the utility work in 2011, although the snow melt is going well. Councillor Campbell noted that the Wells Co-operative Steering Committee had a meeting last night. Councillor Campbell will send out the minutes to the Deputy Clerk to be forwarded to the community.

Councillor Wilkins noted that she would like to make a presentation before the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Sharpe noted that he and Councillors Wilkins and Wallace would be attending the North Central local Government Association (NCLGA) Convention in 100 Mile House from May 2 to May 4, 2012.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that he will be away next week, May 7 to May 11, 2012.

The Deputy Clerk wished Mayor and Council a successful time at the North Central local Government Association (NCLGA) Convention in 100 Mile House from May 2 to May 4, 2012.

3. Public Gallery:

Cheryl MacCarthy thanked the Superintendent of Public Works, Dennis Manuel, for always being so available and helpful.

Councillor Wilkins presented the Fire Chief and the Wells Fire Brigade with a beautifully handcrafted copy of the Fireman's Prayer, which was created and donated by Councillor Wilkins.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

12-93 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:42 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO