

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Monday, May 14, 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., Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 4 People

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

**12-94 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E. 2 Williams Schoolhouse

E. 3 High Speed internet

E. 4 Province of BC Referral Request on an Adventure Tourism application

Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, May 1, 2012

**12-95 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, May 1, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

1. Island Mountain Arts re: IMA ArtsWells Summer Program and Pottery Kiln  
Julie Fowler provided a verbal presentation in which she noted that IMA staff had met with District of Wells staff on April 4, 2012. Some highlights from Ms. Fowler's presentation included the fact that the ArtsWells Festival ran very smoothly last year in spite of the bad weather and that some issues from the festival the year before had been upgraded. IMA is expecting approximately 100 more attendees this year, up from the 1500 who attended last year. There will be more portable toilets this year and campsites will once again be set up at the Ball Diamond and the Casino. Island Mountain Arts will once again be working closely with the RCMP, District of Wells staff and the community to ensure that the 2012 ArtsWells Festival is as successful as it was last year. Julie noted that IMA hoped to have Council's support for the Art Flags on Pooley Street this year as well temporary art installations in public spaces such as Fred Wells Park, the Park at Pooley Street and the entrance to the meadow. Lastly Ms. Fowler noted that IMA hoped to get a pottery kiln operating at the Wells/Barkerville School. and would like to work with Council on this matter as well as continue to meet with District of Wells staff. Discussion ensued in regards to operating a kiln at the school. Councillor Wallace noted that the Fire Chief must be consulted before a kiln is ordered and purchased. Councillor Campbell congratulated IMA on everything they are doing.

**12-96 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the presentation

from Julie Fowler, Executive Director of Island Mountain Arts re: IMA ArtsWells Summer Program and Pottery Kiln be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-97** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Art Flags be put up on Pooley Street for the two weeks prior to and two weeks following ArtsWells 2012.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-98** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** temporary art be installed in public spaces such as Fred Wells Park, the Park at Pooley Street and the entrance to the meadow.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-99** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council supports in principal the concept of a kiln in the school after Island Mountain Arts does the necessary research and consults with the Fire Chief.

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128-Application for Liquor License Amendment  
The Administrator noted that the Deputy Clerk will be managing the process in regards to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 application for a Liquor License Amendment as there is a conflict of interest on his part.

- 12-100** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council undertake the following public process regarding the application by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 to amend their current Liquor License by adding a new outdoor patio and increasing their additional seating capacity by 20:

1. By letter invite written opinions and comments from residents in the immediate vicinity of the Legion who may be directly impacted by the license amendments;
2. By poster and internet invite comments and opinions from the general public on the matter;
3. Consider the Legion's application, the public input submitted and the recommendations of staff at the regular Council Meeting of June 5, 2012; and
4. Advise the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch of any decision reached by Council on municipal support or not support of the application along with any conditions that may apply.

Carried Unanimously

2. Williams Schoolhouse

- 12-101** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells contribute \$312.50 toward the construction of the new Williams Creek Schoolhouse in Barkerville.

Carried Unanimously

3. High Speed internet

The Administrator provided a verbal report on the 12.05.07 letter from Perry Cook, British Columbia Manager, Galaxy Broadband. The Administrator noted that Mr. Cook would like to make a presentation in Wells about Galaxy Broadband.

- 12-102** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 12.05.07 letter from Perry Cook, British Columbia Manager, Galaxy Broadband re: High Speed Internet be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-103** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Perry Cook, British Columbia Manager, Galaxy Broadband be invited to Wells to give a presentation re: High Speed Internet at an upcoming Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

4. Province of BC Referral Request on an Adventure Tourism application

The Administrator provided an overview of the Adventure Tourism application by Lorraine Kozar and Daniel Thorsen for a Commercial Recreation Dog Sledding operation on their property in Wells, BC . The Administrator noted if that, if Council approves of this application, staff can inform the Province of BC.

- 12-104** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Province of BC Referral Request on an Adventure Tourism application be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-105** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the District of Wells supports the application by Lorraine Kozar and Daniel Thorsen for a Commercial Recreation Dog Sledding operation on their property in Wells, BC.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.04.24 Lindsay Read, Wells Community Garden; Kelsey Dodd, President Wells/Barkerville Parent Advisory Council; Elsie Wiebe, Wells/Barkerville Play Group; Corrie Goessman, Teacher, Wells/Barkerville School re: Moving the swing set at the to the School yard.

Dennis noted that it can be moved but there may be costs of up to \$400.00.

- 12-106** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the letter from Lindsay Read, Wells Community Garden; Kelsey Dodd, President Wells/Barkerville Parent Advisory Council; Elsie Wiebe, Wells/Barkerville Play Group; Corrie Goessman, Teacher, Wells/Barkerville School re: Moving the swing set at the Community Garden to the School yard.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-107** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the swing set at the Community Garden be permitted to be moved to the Wells/Barkerville School yard at no cost to the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

**12-108 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the teeter-totter at the Wells/Barkerville School be moved to the same area as the other playground equipment in the school yard at a cost of \$250.00 to the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

2. 12.05.10 Rebecca McCarthy, Financial Administrator, Island Mountain Arts re: Functioning Pottery Studio in the Wells Barkerville School.

**12-109 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the letter from Rebecca McCarthy, Island Mountain Arts and the accompanying letters of support re: Functioning Pottery Studio in the Wells Barkerville School.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

**12-110 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Wilkins Councillor **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the District of Wells Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 117, 2012.

Carried Unanimously

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

**12-111 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the District of Wells Tax Rates Bylaw No. 116, 2012.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 12.04.01 to 12.04.30

**12-112 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 2117 to 2159 from Integris Credit Union for the period of April 1, 2012 to April 30, 2012 for a total amount of \$63,862.14.

Carried Unanimously

2. Outstanding Actions Item Report

**12-113 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

**12-114 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Resolution 11-239 be removed from the Outstanding Action Items as the District of Wells has now formed a *Wildlife Smart* Committee.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**12-115 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 12.05.02 Berry Vrbanovic, President Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) re: FCM Renewal - District of Wells

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that she attended the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Conference from May 2 to 4, 2012 in 100 Mile House and that, despite the cold weather, it was one of the best conferences she had attended to date. Councillor Wilkins further noted that she had won an auction item, a cutting board and knife with amber stones on it, a bag and pens which she gifted to the Superintendent of Public Works. At the NCLGA Conference Councillor Wilkins spoke to ICBC in regards to a cycling lane to Barkerville. Lastly, Councillor Wilkins noted that she and Councillor Wallace personally thanked Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for the Curling Rink grant awarded to Wells.

Councillor Wallace noted that the NCLGA Conference was excellent and that he enjoyed it. Councillor Wallace also noted that the course on Sustainability at the NCLGA was too broad and could not be applied locally.

Councillor Wright noted that some staff from the Theatre Royal would be joining the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade. Councillor Wright inquired as to who has jurisdiction over the meadow and what can be done to protect it. Councillor Campbell responded that it is crown land and signs had been erected in the past but needed to be replaced as they no longer exist.

Councillor Campbell noted that the Barkerville Rush Relay (BRR) is on Sunday May 20, 2012 and that some volunteers were still needed at some of the checkpoints. Julie Fowler, Patrick Kearns and Deborah McKay agreed to volunteer at the BRR.

The Mayor noted that he enjoyed the NCLGA Conference, his first one, and that the courses were very good. The Mayor also noted that he would leave for Penticton on May 15, 2012 to attend the Mayor's Caucus at which he will network and attend workshops. Lastly, the Mayor noted that Barkerville opened on June 17, 2012.

**12-116** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the signage at the trail heads, which states that the meadows are fragile, be replaced.

Carried Unanimously

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that he received a phone call from our Member of Parliament, Dick Harris who informed him that the District of Wells had been awarded \$900 to celebrate Multiculturalism Day. The Administrator also noted that there would be a Bar-B-Q in Barkerville on June 14, 2012 which is sponsored by the Cariboo Regional District (CRD). Lastly, the Administrator noted that the drug bust reported on CBC Radio to be in Wells actually occurred in Quesnel.

The Deputy Clerk noted that West Fraser was coming to Wells for an Open House on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

The Superintendent of Public Works thanked Councillor Wilkins for the gifts that she brought from the NCLGA Conference. The Superintendent of Public Works also thanked Councillor Wright for sending volunteers to the Wells Fire Brigade.

3. Public Gallery:

Rebecca McCarthy noted that the Google Earth van drove through Wells.

Julie Fowler noted that Island Mountain Arts (IMA) would be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday through Sunday. Julie Fowler further noted that there is currently a quilting show on display at IMA. Lastly, Ms. Fowler noted that there is an open call for anyone who has something to say in regards to progress and pipelines, which would be part of an upcoming show at IMA.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**12-117 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:36 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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Robin Sharpe, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO