

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC GALLERY: 26 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

12-134 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, June 5, 2012

12-135 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, June 5, 2012 be adopted as amended as follows:

E. 2 Add to **12-122 the following:** that contract with JG be modified to adjust balance bringing more results and recommendations to report.

E. 4 **12-127** should read: **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** a letter be written to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #128 expressing Council's concerns in regards to the addition of a patio at the Legion and inviting representatives from the Legion to attend the June 19, 2012 Council Meeting to address these concerns before Council submits a recommendation to the LCLB.

H. 1 **12-130** should read: **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the United Church be used by the Economic Development Officer for fundraisers such as coffeehouses.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Mark Norman, Owner, Wells Hotel re: Property Taxes, Awarding Contracts and Snow Removal

Mr. Norman noted that he had concerns in regards to his property tax/utility bill and also noted that he believed other municipalities billed differently. The Administrator suggested that given the complexity of the billing process that he write a report to Council and copy Mr. Norman in regards to this matter.

Mark Norman noted that he had concerns in regards to the way the trails contracts were awarded by the District of Wells. He wanted to know why the contracts were not given out to local people using common sense. The Administrator explained that a standard public tendering process was used to award the trails contracts in conformance with the expectations of the grant programs funding the project.

Mr. Norman noted that the contract for snow removal should be awarded to someone else besides HMC as the priority for HMC is the highway while Council's priority should be the town of Wells, which could mean the town purchasing the smaller plow truck from HMC and doing our own snow removal. Councillor Campbell noted that three years ago Council looked at the cost benefit analysis of the town running its own snow removal. Councillor Campbell also noted that the District of Wells could do another cost analysis and have town input and that if everyone was willing to pay more taxes this could be put in place.

- 12-136** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the presentation by Mark Norman re: Property Taxes, Awarding Contracts and Snow Removal be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-137** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** staff prepare a report in regards to the billing process used for taxes and utilities in the District of Wells compared to other municipalities and send a copy to Mark Norman, owner of the Wells Hotel.

Carried Unanimously

- 12-138** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** staff re-look at the possibilities of the District of Wells doing its own snow clearing and how this would impact the taxes of the residents of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 Application for Liquor License Amendment
Doug Merrick provided an overview of the issues raised by Council in regards to the application for a patio at the Legion. Mr. Merrick noted that the main priority was to get the smokers away from the front door and secondly to use the horseshoe pits. The intent of the Legion is to only use the patio in the summer season. Mr. Merrick further noted that the Legion has its liability insurance in place; there is no plan for outdoor speakers; there are garbage cans outside as well as a regular garbage pick-up. Lastly Mr. Merrick noted that the fence proposed by the Legion was three feet but that the Legion would go six feet; the Legion would not want the patio opened beyond 10:00 PM and that once the door entering the Legion from the patio was locked the patio would be closed. Councillor Wright noted that all the questions were answered by Mr. Merrick. Councillor Campbell inquired about the garbage in the ditches near the Legion. Lexie Radelet noted that the excess garbage came from dropped off recycling which was then covered by snow. Councillor Wright noted that the fence should not have to be higher than the other businesses in town. Doug Merrick noted that they wanted to keep the neighbours happy and that two neighbours had spoken to him about smoking and potential noise on the patio. Councillor Wallace noted that the noise Bylaw was discriminatory towards the Legion.

- 12-139** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council provide the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) with their decision regarding the addition of a patio to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch

128, License number 073037.

Carried Unanimously

12-140 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council recommends the amendment of the license to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128, Licence number 073037 regarding the addition of a patio with the following conditions:

- a) A fence at least one meter high surrounds the patio.
- b) All WCB (Workers Compensation board) regulations are adhered to.
- c) Litter in the vicinity of the Legion is picked up in a timely fashion.
- d) Because it is situated in a residential neighbourhood with a noise Bylaw of 10:00 PM, the Legion uses discretion in regards to late night noise on the patio.

Council noted that of the 21 responses that were received from local residents, 18 were in support of the application.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells 2012 Annual Report (separate attachment)
The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the District of Wells 2012 Annual Report.

12-141 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the District of Wells 2012 Annual Report.

Carried Unanimously

2. Town Hall Foundation

12-142 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council not proceed with the "Town Hall Foundation" project until such time as at least 50% or more of the cost can be covered by external grant funding.

Carried Unanimously

3. 2012 - 2014 Road Maintenance Contract

The Administrator provided an overview of the 2012 - 2014 Road Maintenance Contract and noted that this contract would provide for the use of a large loader to move snow out to designated snow dumping areas and, because of this, parking on the street would have to be dealt with. There was discussion in regards to the possibility of a one year contract with HMC.

12-143 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve the award of a contract for the District's road maintenance and snow control operations to HMC Services Inc. at an annual cost of \$72,000 per year for the period July 8, 2012 to July 7, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.06.13 Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts re: Mini Mural on the United Church Building

12-144 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 12.06.19 letter from Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts re: Mini Mural

on the United Church Building be received.

Carried Unanimously

12-145 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Mini Mural be placed on the United Church Building for two years.

Carried with Councillor Wallace opposed

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 12.05.01 to 12.05.31

12-146 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 2160 to 2210 from Integriss Credit Union for the period of May 1, 2012 to May 31, 2012 for a total amount of \$27,307.19.

Carried Unanimously

2. Outstanding Actions Item Report

The Fire Chief noted that he is working on Wells Fire Brigade members to commit to getting their air brakes.

12-147 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

12-148 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 12.05.17 Al Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Regional District re: Williams Creek Schoolhouse.

2. 12.05.23 Deck Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby re: Provincial White Papers on a Modern Building Regulatory System and Certification of Building Officials.

3. 12.05.23 Kristy Begon, Deputy Mayor, Village of Gold River re: Optional Refusal of Smart Meter Installation.

4. 12.05.31 Robyn G. Anderson, City Clerk, City of North Vancouver re: Protection of Fish Habitat in Waterways.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Campbell noted that Premier Clark had a fabulous visit to Barkerville and she thanked all who came out to Barkerville during the Premier's visit.

Councillor Wilkins noted that helped to prepare lunch at the Wake Up Jake for the Premier's visit. Councillor Wilkins also noted that the Premier spent forty-five minutes on Pooley Street in Wells.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk noted that the School Concert and Awards Night was on June 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM and reminded Council that there was a meeting with ABC Communications on June 20, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

12-149 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:22 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO