

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, July 17, 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 Mike Wallace, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gary Champagne, C.A.O., Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works, Margaret Inoue, Acting Marketing and Economic Development Officer and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 4 People

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

**12-150 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E 3. Application for Licence of Occupation DL289  
Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, June 19, 2012

**12-151 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, June 19, 2012 be adopted as amended as follows:

C 1. **12-138** should read: Seconded Councillor Wallace

D1. **12-140** should read:

d) The Legion uses discretion in regards to late night noise on the patio.  
Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

1. Perry Cook, Galaxy Broadband re: High Speed Internet

Perry Cook provided a verbal presentation in regards to Galaxy High Speed Internet and noted that Wells was a perfect customer for the service that Galaxy provides. Mr. Cook noted that he could come to the District of Wells to provide a demonstration of Galaxy in September, date to be established. Mr. Cook has also left some Galaxy pamphlets at the District of Wells office.

**12-152 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the presentation by Perry Cook, Galaxy Broadband re: High Speed Internet.  
Carried Unanimously

2. Wells Best Seniors re: Application for Grant-In-Aid

The Administrator noted that the Wells Best Seniors have been operating Bingo in the banquet room at the Wells Community Hall during the summer months. The Administrator also noted that the Seniors had neglected to apply for Grant-In-Aid this year and therefore if they applied for a grant now, the money could be used for rental of the banquet room for Bingo.

**12-153 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Wells Best Seniors receive \$400 as Grant-In-Aid to be used for their summer Bingos in the

banquet room at the Wells Community Hall.  
Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2012 - One Ton Truck, Snow Plow and Dump Trailer Purchase  
**12-154 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council authorizes staff to purchase the new 2012 GMC One-Ton service from Fraser River GM in Quesnel, 2010 Dump Trailer from Chemo RV in Quesnel and Truck Mounted Front Snow Plow attachment from Interior Off Road in Prince George for a total cost of \$56,108.09.  
Carried Unanimously
  
2. Wells Service Station Hours of Operation  
The Administrator provided background on the Wells Service Station noting that it was a joint effort between the District of Wells and Barkerville Heritage Town. Council discussed the relationship between the Wells Service Station and the Post Office and the possibility of extending the hours for fuel sales.  
**12-155 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the information in regards to the Wells Service Station hours of operation.  
Carried Unanimously
  
- 12-156 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** staff set up a meeting with Judy Campbell and Matthias Koch to discuss the Wells Service Station and Post Office.  
Carried Unanimously
  
3. Application for Licence of Occupation DL289  
**12-157 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve the submission of an application to expand the area of our Licence of Occupation over Lot 289.  
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.06.25 Christy Clark, Premier re: 2012 UBCM Convention in Victoria BC.  
The Mayor noted that the topics at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention will be divided among the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) regions. The District of Wells will talk to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in regards to the Purden Lake Road. The Mayor also noted that the results of the Housing study can also be presented at UBCM.  
**12-158 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the 12.06.25 letter from Christy Clark, Premier re: 2012 UBCM Convention in Victoria BC.  
Carried Unanimously
  
- 12-159 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** staff set up meetings at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention with

the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to discuss the Purden Lake Road.

Carried Unanimously

2. 12.06.28 Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: 2012 UBCM Convention in Victoria BC

**12-160** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the 12.06.28 letter from Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: 2012 UBCM Convention in Victoria BC.

Carried Unanimously

3. 12.07.12 Arlo Olsen re: Arlo's ArtsWells Business Proposal  
The Mayor provided an overview of the letter from Arlo Olsen. The Mayor asked Julie Fowler of Island Mountain Arts what the vendors who come to Artswells pay. Ms. Fowler noted that the vendors pay \$110.00 to set up and an additional \$10 to the Wells Chamber of Commerce.

**12-161** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the 12.07.12 letter from Arlo Olsen re: Arlo's ArtsWells Business Proposal.

Carried Unanimously

**12-162** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Island Mountain Arts be allowed to use District Lot 289 for vendors during Artswells for 2012 only.

Carried Unanimously

4. 12.07.12 Julie Fowler, Executive Director, Island Mountain Arts re: Electrical work by Joris Ekering of M.E. Media Electrics  
Julie Fowler provided an overview of the letter from Island Mountain Arts. The Superintendent of Public Works clarified exactly what Joris Ekering the electrician would do. Councillor Wilkins inquired as to what kind of wiring was used and the Superintendent of Public Works explained. Councillor Wallace asked if Mr. Ekering would bring his own equipment and was informed by Julie Fowler that he would bring all the equipment needed for the job.

**12-163** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the 12.07.12 letter from Julie Fowler re: Electrical work by Joris Ekering of M.E. Media Electrics.

Carried Unanimously

**12-164** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Joris Ekering of M.E. Media Electrics be allowed to do the electrical work at the Wells Community Hall as requested by Island Mountain Arts.

Carried Unanimously

**12-165** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells contribute \$200 to Island Mountain Arts (IMA) to offset the electrical costs to install two outdoor "stove" plugs at the Wells Community Hall.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

#### H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report  
**12-166 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report be received.  
Carried Unanimously
  
2. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports  
**12-167 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief reports be received.  
Carried Unanimously
  
3. Cheque Register 12.06.01 to 12.06.30  
**12-168 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 2211 to 2252 from Integris Credit Union for the period of June 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 for a total amount of \$26,703.32.  
Carried Unanimously
  
4. Outstanding Actions Item Report  
The Administrator noted that Action Items 11-278 and 11-279 are completed.  
**12-169 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.  
Carried Unanimously

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 12-170 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1. 12.06.20 M. E. (Mike) Clay, Mayor City of Port Moody re: Municipal response to Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).
  2. 12.06.26 Catherine Guerin, Acting Corporate Officer, Village of Belcarra re: BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter and the Purchasing of BC-based ' Carbon Offsets'.
  3. 12.06.29 Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: Small Community Grant.
  4. 12.06.29 Diana Burton, Deputy City Clerk, City of Fort St John re: Federal Infrastructure Funding.
  5. 12.07.04 Mary Sjostrom, Mayor, City of Quesnel re: Proposed Changes to Fisheries Act Section 35(1).
  6. 12.07.06 Joanne Monaghan, Mayor, District of Kitimat re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit.
  7. 12.07.10 Dale Littlejohn, Executive Director, Community Energy Association re: Community Energy Association Publications (resource package available from Deputy Clerk).
- Carried Unanimously

#### J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:  
Councillor Wilkins inquired as to where the Speed Sign is located and was informed that it has been moved to the other side of the highway. Councillor Wilkins noted that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 Poppy Fund and the District of Wells have presented cheques to Nori Cirotto to attend Okanagan

College. The cheques will be delivered to Nori by the Mayor.

Councillor Wright noted that the Speed Sign has been moved to the front of his place. Constable Ricketts noted that the speed sign is not very effective where it is and also that 50 MPH seemed fast for that section of town and wondered if it could be changed as people are constantly wandering across the highway. The Administrator will inquire of the Ministry of Highways manager as to what the rules are in regards to changing the speed limit through the District of Wells. Discussion ensued in regards to signs and possible cutouts on the highway. Councillor Wright noted that the District of Wells needed to check our emergency evacuation routes and he further noted that the 3100, 2300 and 2400 Roads are open but that the Stony Lake Road may be closed. Lastly, Councillor Wright noted that after the last Council meeting Wells resident Patrick Kearns told Councillor Wright that he appreciated everything Council and staff do for the town of Wells.

The Mayor noted that he received the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) North Cariboo report and that congratulations were in order to Ekai Jorgenson and Linda Strutt, both 2012 Graduates.

2. Staff:

The Superintendent of Public Works conveyed a heartfelt thank you to Council for the approval of the new truck, plow and dump trailer. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that there is some pipe owned by the District of Wells which is not being used and is possibly worth \$1000. The Superintendent of Public Works also noted that the District needs to come up with an upset price and he suggested that the pipe is sold locally for \$500, to which Council concurred.

3. Public Gallery:

RCMP Officer, Constable Rodney Ricketts, noted that a concrete skateboard park was installed in Chetwynd BC when he was stationed there. He further noted that he had a friend that would build some removable wooden ramps for installation in the skating rink so it could be used as a bike/skateboard park in the summer season. The Administrator noted that he would talk to Municipal Insurance Association (MIA), the District of Wells' insurance company, to investigate liabilities and restrictions .

**12-171** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** a bike and skateboard park is approved in principal conditional on the liability issues of having such a park are addressed.

Carried Unanimously

K. CLOSED MEETING:

**12-172** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

**12-173** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting

adjourn at 9:35 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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Robin Sharpe, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO