

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, October 2, 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 and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 4 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

12-212 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

F. 2 Queen's Jubilee Medal Program.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, September 18, 2012

12-213 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, September 18, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

1. Announcement of the 2012 Improved Property Contest winners

Cheques were presented to the following winners in the Residential Category:

First Prize - Kelleigh Marshall

Second Prize - Wayne and Janice Duggan

The Mayor noted that he would deliver the First Prize in the Commercial Category to Mark Norman, owner of the Wells Hotel.

12-214 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the announcement of the 2012 Improved Property Contest winners.

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.09.13 Rebecca McCarthy, Financial Director, Island Mountain Arts re: Funding Approval for Kiln at Wells Community School

The Superintendent of Public Works noted that he concurred with the kiln installation as stated in Ms. McCarthy's letter.

12-215 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the letter from Rebecca McCarthy, Financial Director, Island Mountain Arts re: Funding Approval for Kiln at Wells Community School.

Carried Unanimously

12-216 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the kiln, for which Island Mountain Arts has obtained funding, be installed at the Wells Community School.

Carried Unanimously

2. 12.09.24 Karen Leibovici, President Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) re: Queen's Jubilee Medal Program

12-217 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the letter from Karen Leibovici, President Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) re: Queen's Jubilee Medal Program.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Wells 2013 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No. 118, 2012
Councillor Wallace voiced his opposition to the fact that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 only receives 50 per cent property tax exemption.

12-218 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give the final reading to and approve the Wells 2013 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No. 118, 2012.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 12.09.01 to 12.09.30

12-219 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 2379 to 2428 from Integris Credit Union for the period of September 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 for a total amount of \$34,314.60.

Carried Unanimously

2. Outstanding Actions Item Report

12-220 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

12-221 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 12.09.30 Derrick Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby re: Correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.
2. 12.09.10 Arthur Kube, President, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO) re: UBCM's position in respect to the MSP.
3. 12.09.13 Mary Forstbauer, Certified Organic Association of BC re: Use of the word "organic" at BC Farmer's Markets.
4. 12.09.20 Al Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Regional District re: Support for the Wells Community Forest.
5. 12.09.26 Nori Cirotto re: Receipt of Student Bursary from the District of Wells and the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund (card and photo available from Deputy Clerk)

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wallace noted that the UBCM Convention was bogging, interesting and tiring. Some highlights at UBCM for Councillor Wallace included raising the question regarding Councillors acting as volunteer firefighters and voting to decriminalize marijuana. Councillor Wallace also noted that he spoke to a representative from TELUS in regards to cell service for Wells.

Councillor Wright noted that 2012 was a good season for the Theatre Royal, ending nicely with the Theatre Royal being invited to present their show at UNBC, where it was very well received.

Councillor Campbell noted that while at UBCM Council met with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, both in regards to the Purden Lake connector. Councillor Campbell also noted that she had attended the reception presented by the Governor General and she further noted that while attending UBCM the meetings with others are more important than the sessions. Lastly, Councillor Campbell noted that the Barkerville had a good summer season and it is over for another year. This fall the construction has resumed in Barkerville which includes new buildings, roofing and digging.

The Mayor noted that he met with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Mary Polak, who seemed to be doing well in her position. The Mayor also noted that he met a gentleman from BC Hydro and discussed the three phase power. The Mayor, who attended the CCCTA AGM, noted that a record seventy people attended. The Mayor extended sincere congratulations to Councillor Wright for receiving the CCCTA President's Award and to Rose Hagen of Barkerville Campgrounds for receiving the CCCTA Best Marketing Initiative Award.

2. Staff:

The Superintendent of Public Works asked Councillor Campbell asked if both Rueben Berlin and Chapman Construction would be in Barkerville on October 3, 2012.

The Deputy Clerk noted that Lindsay Read, President of the Wells Community Garden had brought a basket of vegetables harvested from the community garden to thank Council for their ongoing support. The Deputy Clerk also noted that once again Barkerville Historic Town would not be hosting Halloween because of construction and therefore the celebration would occur at the Wells Community School as it did last year .

3. Public Gallery:

Janice Duggan noted that her daughter's wedding at the Wells Community Hall was lovely. Mrs. Duggan suggested a bulletin board be installed at the Wells Community Hall which would leave the windows free of posters. Mrs. Duggan inquired as to the reason the Wells Service Station was closed on weekends and she noted that there should be sign on Highway 26 warning people that there is

no gas in Wells. Mrs. Duggan said that we need to have the service work even if it means paying more taxes. Councillor Campbell explained that the Barkerville Heritage Trust was in the red for a substantial amount of money at the gas station. Councillor Campbell further noted that a possible solution in regards to the gas station was in the works.

Kelleigh Marshall noted that she is interested in getting the ice skating rink covered and wondered how would she go about starting to raise money. Discussion ensued in regards to the difficulties encountered with the clearing of the skating rink. Councillor Wallace suggested creating the ice rink on the tailings across from the ball diamond but it was noted that this property was privately owned. It was suggested by Councillor Campbell that the Economic Development Officer look at possible recreational grants that were available.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

12-222 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO