

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, November 20, 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 Virginia Wilkins

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

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

12-249 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

F. 2 12.11.15 Sharon Brown, President, Friends of the Wells Community Hall Society re: Donation Request

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, November 6, 2012

12-250 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, November 6, 2012 be adopted as circulated

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wells Fuel Project- Weekend Operating Hours

Councillor Wallace noted that the price at the Wells Gas Station was much higher than the price at Barkerville Gold Mines . Councillor Wallace questioned why the Wells Gas Station could pay off the \$30,000 owed to the Wells Fuel Project before and cannot pay it now. Councillor Campbell responded that when Jay Vermette ran the service station he donated the employees, phone line and Interac costs. Councillor Campbell further noted that visitation to Wells has dropped and that the loss to Barkerville was between \$6,000 and \$9,000 in 2012. The Administrator noted that for the gas station to be open for four hours a day, staff costs were \$1280.00 per month. The Administrator further noted that the Post Office paid approximately \$1400.00 per month which covered this basic cost. Any extra hours would have to be covered by the profit from the fuel project. Discussion ensued about the costs and responsibilities.

12-251 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the report re: Wells Fuel Project Weekend Operating Hours.

Carried Unanimously

12-152 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council

approve the recommendation in the report for additional operating hours from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM on Saturday and Sunday **AND THAT** Council approve the amended start date of November 24, 2012.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 12.11.01 Hon. Stephanie Cadieux re: "Adoption Awareness Month"
12-253 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the letter from the Honorable Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development, regarding Adoption Awareness Month.
Carried Unanimously

2. 12.11.15 Sharon Brown, President, Friends of the Wells Community Hall Society re: Donation Request
Councillor Wilkins noted that in the past the turkey was one of the donations by the residents attending the New Year's Eve dance. Sharon Brown responded that times have changed .
12-254 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the letter from Sharon Brown, President, Friends of the Wells Community Hall Society re: Donation Request.
Carried Unanimously

- 12-255 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the District of Wells donate \$200.00 to the Friends of the Wells Community Hall Society for their New Year's Eve fundraiser dance.
Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR: NIL

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wilkins noted that the new gas pumps at Four Mile Store would be operated by Husky while the Store would continue to be operated by the current owners.

Councillor Wallace noted that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 was offering free memberships, which are worth \$50.00, to permanent members of the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade as an incentive for people to join the Fire Department.

It was noted that Councillor Campbell would be receiving a medal, to be presented by Bob Simpson, perhaps at the Council Christmas party meeting on December 18, 2012.

The Mayor noted that he went to the Cariboo Joint Planning Committee meeting

in Quesnel at which many of the topics were related to Quesnel. The Mayor noted that the Quesnel RCMP had reported that there was a 60% increase in crime in the city centre but that, following the arrest of two people, the crimes all but disappeared.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that Todd Hubner, Regional Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure would be inspecting the Purdon Lake road in June 2012. The Administrator also noted that the contract between the Province of BC and HMC Inc. for highways maintenance would be extended until 2019.

The Deputy Clerk noted that she had been away due to her father's illness and she expressed many thanks to the Administrator for being so kind and understanding.

Public Gallery:

2. Sharon Brown and Aleta Wallace both thanked Council on behalf of the Friends of the Wells Community Hall (FOWCH) Society for the New Year's fundraiser donation.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

12-256 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:27 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO