

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, December 4, 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.; Jason Griffin, Marketing & Economic Development Officer; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 3 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

12-257 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E. 3 Wells Recreation Society re: Curling Rink - Brine Chiller

E. 4 Changing Council Meeting from December 18, 2012 to December 17, 2012
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, November 20, 2012

12-258 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, November 20, 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. 2013 Appointment of Acting Mayor Schedule

Councillor Campbell noted that she would be away in February and March, 2013.

12-259 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Councillor Campbell be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of January, February and March, 2013 AND THAT Councillor Virginia Wilkins be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of April, May and June, 2013 AND THAT Councillor Richard Wright be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of July, August and September, 2013 AND THAT Councillor Mike Wallace be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of October, November and December, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

2. 2013 Regular Council Meetings Schedule

12-260 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the 2013 Regular Council Meetings Schedule.

Carried Unanimously

3. Dianne Andreesen, Secretary/Treasurer, Wells Recreation Society re: Curling

Rink – Brine Chiller

Councillor Campbell inquired if the amount being requested by the Wells Recreation Society was over and above the \$10,000 originally granted by the District of Wells to which the Administrator responded that it was an additional request. Councillor Campbell also inquired as to what the current obligation was from the District of Wells to the Wells Recreation Society to which Mrs. Andreesen replied that the District of Wells has fulfilled its obligation to the society. Mrs. Andreesen noted that the Curling Club had covered some very large costs. Mrs. Andreesen further noted that, since the 2% Hotel Tax is freed up in 2013, perhaps it could be used as a loan since the Curling Rink was a draw to tourists and does benefit the motels and hotels of Wells. Councillor Campbell inquired as to where the money for a loan to the Wells recreational Society would come from to which the Administrator responded that the operational costs for the District of Wells were showing a \$40,000 surplus, some of which could be used for the purchase of the brine chiller.

- 12-261** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the letter from Dianne Andreesen, Secretary/Treasurer, Wells Recreation Society re: Curling Rink – Brine Chiller.
Carried Unanimously

- 12-262** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Wells Recreation Society be supported by District of Wells with a grant covering 50% of the requested amount combined with a loan covering 50% which would be repaid by using the annual 2% Hotel Tax.
Carried Unanimously

4. Changing Council Meeting from December 18, 2012 to December 17, 2012
12-263 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the regular Council meeting be changed from December 18, 2012 to December 17, 2012.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal review of the report. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that the Age-Friendly kiosk was planned for the east bank of Willow River near Highway 26, since this was originally part of the Wells beatification plan which also included parking and pathways,
12-264 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports
The Superintendent of Public Works verbally added to his report the fact that the dock at the Jack of Clubs Lake was taken out for the season. The

Superintendent of Public Works noted that there had been a lot of activity in the dock area in the summer of 2012, which was good to see. The Mayor inquired about the cost and possibility of installing a dock at the boat launch. Councillor Wilkins inquired in regards to the District of Wells purchasing another speed sign. Mrs. Andreesen noted that she spoke to some loggers about slowing down as there had been many complaints in regards to logging trucks speeding on the highway through Wells. Councillor Campbell inquired as to how long the charged battery lasted in the speed sign. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the speed sign collects useful data that can be passed on to the RCMP. Discussion ensued in regards to purchasing another speed sign. Mrs. Andreesen inquired if the red sand near the lake was dangerous. Councillor Campbell noted that a study in the 1970's concluded that airborne arsenic was a danger and the affected areas were covered with twenty-eight inches of dirt and sand as part of a mitigation program.

- 12-265** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief reports be received.
Carried Unanimously

3. Cheque Register 12.11.01 to 12.11.30
12-266 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Cheque Register 12.11.01 to 12.11.30 be received.
12-267 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 2488 to 2526 from Integris Credit Union for the period of November 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012 for a total amount of \$62,027.34.
Carried Unanimously

4. Outstanding Actions Item Report
12-268 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 12-269** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as circulated.

1. 12.11.20 Lori Ackerman, Mayor Fort St. John re: Community Mail Box Installation Fees.
2. 12.11.22 Jane Dyson, executive Director, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities re: Thank you for support of the Disability Without Poverty Network
3. 12.11.21 Christy Clark, Premier re: Support for Person With Disabilities.

Carried Unanimously

4. 12.11.21 Bill Quackenbush, Curator Barkerville Historic Town re: Wells 80th Anniversary.
Councillor Campbell wondered if the District of Wells should follow up on the 80th Anniversary as 1933 was when the first gold brick was poured. Councillor Wilkins suggested that perhaps we could use the town bar-b-q as a celebration of Wells' 80th birthday party. Aleta Wallace noted that the Wells Community Hall was turning 75 in 2013. Dianne Andreesen noted that the Hubs was 50

years old in 2013 and that the curling rink may be 75 years old. It was suggested that the District of Wells could have a big birthday party to celebrate all the birthdays/anniversaries.

- 12-270 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the letter from Bill Quackenbush, Curator Barkerville Historic Town re: Wells 80th Anniversary be received.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins announced that the Preschool Christmas Party was at the Wells Legion on December 13, 2012 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM. Councillor Wilkins noted that the Wells Community School concert was in the evening on December 13, 2012.

Councillor Wallace noted that things were moving ahead on the curling rink and he further noted that when the curling rink is completed it is going to work well.

Councillor Campbell noted that the Barkerville Victorian Christmas was from December 8 to 10, 2012. Councillor Campbell further noted that the following events were scheduled for December 8, 2012: Write for Rights in the Wells School library at 4:30 PM; Pooley Street Cafe Christmas dinner at 5:00 PM; Wells Works at Island Mountain Arts at 7:00 PM. Lastly Councillor Campbell spoke about the Chinese exhibit, created by the curatorial staff of Barkerville, which will open in Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Vancouver on December 13, 2013. The exhibit, which is interactive and houses over one thousand displays, will move to Hong Kong on February 26, 2013 and will continue to tour China throughout 2013.

The Mayor brought a copy of the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) agenda document to the meeting. The Mayor also brought a copy of the Northern Health master planning. Lastly, the Mayor noted that the Northern Development Initiative (NDI) had discussed putting funding into one pot so the money can be freed up and used more efficiently. The Mayor noted that most towns thought this was a good idea as millions of dollars were sitting in accounts and not being used.

2. Staff:

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that he had approached the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) in regards to funding for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Cariboo Wagon Road in 2013. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer also noted that he had proposed a regional property beautification program to the CCCTA .

The Deputy Clerk noted that there would be a Community Potluck and a Bingo on December 6, 2012. She also extended a sincere thank you to Orly Griffin and Fox Read (and their mothers) for decorating the District Office Christmas tree.

3. Public Gallery:

Aleta Wallace extended a thank you to the District of Wells from the Friends of

the Wells Community Hall (FOWCH) for the donation to buy turkeys for the New Year's Eve dance. Aleta Wallace also noted that dance tickets are now available at the BNC Mercantile.

Dianne Andreesen thanked the District of Wells for their support of the Wells Recreational Society in regards to the curling rink.

K. CLOSED MEETING:

12-271 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (c) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

12-272 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:39 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO