

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, December 17, 2012 at 7:02 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Robin Sharpe and Councillors Judy Campbell, Mike Wallace, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

**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:** 26 People

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

**12-273 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, December 4, 2012

**12-274 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 4, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

1. ATV Trails Presentation by Tyler Doerksen

Tyler Doerksen read a prepared statement, a written copy of which was included in the Council agenda package. He proposed, and presented in detail, an alternative ATV trail development to replace the route currently being considered. Discussion followed and Mr. Doerksen responded to questions from Council in regards to his proposal. The Mayor noted that a meeting should take place with the various groups involved in trails to discuss Mr. Doerksen's proposal. The Mayor thanked Tyler for his presentation.

**12-275 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the ATV Trails Presentation by Tyler Derkson.

Carried Unanimously

2. Presentation to Mayor and Council by Lindsay Read, President of the Board, Island Mountain Arts

Lindsay Read read a letter to Council on behalf of the Board of Island Mountain Arts (IMA) in which she noted that IMA had a successful year that wouldn't have been possible if not for the ongoing support of the District of Wells. Mrs. Read noted that a large amount of money was generated in Wells in 2012 by IMA and the ArtsWells Festival. Mrs. Read presented an original painting by Elizabeth Holmes to the District of Wells as a token of IMA's appreciation. The painting, which is of the District of Wells building, is to be on permanent loan to the District. Councillor Wright suggested that IMA find out from the local hotels and businesses some specifics in regards to financial improvements during

ArtsWells. Councillor Wallace noted that the Legion's business was very successful during ArtsWells.

**12-276**

**MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the presentation to Mayor and Council by Lindsay Read, President of the Board, Island Mountain Arts.

Carried Unanimously

3. Presentation of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Councillor Judy Campbell by Bob Simpson, MLA.

Bob Simpson noted that the Medal presented to Councillor Campbell was for exemplary service and in recognition of those who, year after year, gave to their communities in meaningful ways. Mr. Simpson noted that Councillor Campbell had lived in the Cariboo for 39 years. Bob Simpson also noted that he first met Councillor Campbell through Community Futures. The MLA provided an overview of Councillor Campbell 's long list of community service history including her volunteer work with the Wells Historical Society, Wells Save our School Committee, Wells Restructure Committee, Friends of the Wells Community Hall as well as her many Awards and her service as a Councillor for the District of Wells and as a member of the Barkerville Task Force. Lastly Bob Simpson noted that Councillor Campbell had worked in many capacities at Barkerville since 1974 and that she was currently the CEO of Barkerville Heritage Town.

**12-277**

**MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve the presentation of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Councillor Judy Campbell by Bob Simpson, MLA.

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**12-278** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 12.12.03 2012 Board of Directors, Friends of the Wells Community Hall re: Thank you for supporting New Year's Eve fundraiser.
2. 12.12.03 Mary Sjostrom, President Gas Tax/Public Transit re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment.
3. 12.12.11 Jamie Burke, Regional Communications Manager, Western Diversification Canada-BC Region re: Harper Government Invests in Improvements to Community Infrastructure in Wells.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Campbell noted that she was overwhelmed to be awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Councillor Campbell further noted that as the community of Wells survived because of volunteering, perhaps she was awarded the medal simply because she had been here the longest and had the most grey hair. Councillor Campbell wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Councillor Wilkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Councillor Wilkins gave a hearty congratulations to Councillor Campbell and thanked her for all she had done, especially for the Wells Community Hall.

Councillor Wright congratulated Councillor Campbell. Councillor Wright noted that he had just returned from London and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Mayor wished Councillor Campbell congratulations and he also thanked Bob Simpson, MLA for nominating Councillor Campbell. The Mayor noted that his first year as Mayor was completed and thanked everyone for a successful year.

Councillor Wallace wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

2. Staff:

The Administrator stated for the record that he did not think Councillor Campbell had more grey hair than anyone else in town. The Administrator also noted that the District Office will be closed for Christmas holidays and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Superintendent of Public Works offered congratulations to Councillor Campbell and also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer wished a Merry Christmas to everyone.

The Deputy Clerk wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

3. Public Gallery:

Aleta Wallace congratulated Councillor Campbell and she also requested that Council make a motion to strike a committee to look at Tyler Doerkson's proposal.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**12-279 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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Robin Sharpe, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO