

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:07 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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: 5 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

13-01 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E.2. Water

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, December 17, 2012

13-02 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 17, 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. Emergency Safety Planning Committee Minutes December 18, 2012.

Councillor Wallace inquired as to why no one was informed about the meeting on December 18, 2012. Councillor Wallace noted that he was opposed to parking and camping at the airstrip. Councillor Campbell noted that the helipad is no longer the helipad and the highways yard is fenced and has been used in the past as a helipad and that we needed to find a helipad to be used now. Councillor Wilkins suggested that as a safety feature, during ArtsWells the helipad be closed off and opened the rest of the year. Councillor Wright noted that the pilots need to know when they can or cannot land. Councillor Wallace noted that camping at an airport is a recipe for disaster. Councillor Wallace further noted that the helipad should be gated and used by no one and that the District of Wells needed to come up with a new helipad. Councillor Campbell noted that it is up to the pilots to find a new helipad as it is no longer even considered a helipad.

Councillor Wright reviewed some issues that were brought up at the Nov 8, 2012 Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) meeting including parking, blockage of emergency vehicles, water shortage, camping, policing and the fact that the

helipad was completely blocked. Councillor Wright noted that the second meeting, December 18, 2013, was held to review notes from the November 8, 2012 meeting and to formulate a fireworks bylaw. Councillor Wright further noted that the EPC must identify issues and work with other groups to find solutions which may involve having a meeting with a broader group to discuss the issues.

Some potential solutions involve using the old highways yard as a place for emergency vehicles and parking across from the ball diamond, implementing a shuttle and/or temporary parking permits.

Councillor Wright noted that even though ArtsWells has been great so far that problems must be anticipated ahead of time. He also noted that both of the local RCMP Constables had stated that there were a lot of attendees at ArtsWells (1500) for just 2 Officers to handle and that perhaps more security was needed at the Festival

Councillor Wright noted that fireworks were of great concern to the Fire Chief and the Emergency Planning Committee. Councillor Wright suggested that a Bylaw was needed to regulate the setting off of fireworks.

Councillor Wright noted that the water levels in the reservoir were going continually down during ArtsWells and he questioned if the town of Wells had reached its water capacity. Councillor Campbell noted that the new reservoir was designed and made for an expansion to 1500 people and if it ran out in two days with 1500 people that this was a problem that needed to be addressed. The Superintendent of Public Works responded that the District was pumping water at half the capacity than it did prior to the installation of the new filtration system. The Superintendent of Public Works explained that the ability of the filter system was designed so that only half of the potential pumping was used, with the option of the other half being installed if the town grows substantially in the future. Councillor Campbell inquired if the unfiltered water could be used if there was a fire. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the water that the town had access to was four hour's worth. Councillor Wallace inquired if there was any way the tank reservoir could be filled more in the case of special events to which the Superintendent of Public Works responded that he did raise the level last year. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that any small community that had a massive fire would run out of water.

Councillor Wright noted that these issues need to go forward to some kind of committee. Lastly, Councillor Wright noted that the next meeting of the Emergency Planning Committee was on January 23, 2013 at 3:30 PM.

13-03 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the minutes from the Emergency Safety Planning Committee on December 18, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

13-04 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** staff prepare a fireworks bylaw which included: 1) A permit must be applied for; 2) All permits for fireworks to be issued by Fire Chief; 3) Fire Chief to determine the location and

time that the fireworks are permitted.

Carried Unanimously

2. Water

Councillor Wallace noted that the water coming out of his hot water tank is horrible. Councillor Wallace further noted that a number of people in his area of residence had noticed that their water got terrible just before Christmas. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the water was switched to go through Gardner before freeze up, but that nothing else had changed. Councillor Wallace noted that he would like staff to look into this problem. The Administrator noted that he also had some problems at about the same time and, as a solution, he added chlorine to his hot water tank and flushed it to eliminate the odor and has had no problem since. The Administrator pointed out that the solution may be to increase the chlorine levels at the water treatment plant. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that he would be taking in water samples for the annual potability test. Lastly, the Superintendent of Public Works suggested that the pigging of the water lines be budgeted for in the upcoming year.

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 13.01.08 Dave Jorgenson, Owner, Bear's Paw Cafe re: Park Radio in Wells
The Mayor noted that he is willing to write a personal letter to support the proposed radio station in Wells. Councillor Wilkins noted that the radio could also be used in case of emergencies. Dave Jorgenson noted that Park Radio is a community project run by a non-profit society. The Mayor recommended that everyone write a personal letter to the CRTC in support of the proposed radio project.

13-05 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the letter from Dave Jorgenson, Owner, Bear's Paw Cafe re: Park Radio in Wells.
Carried Unanimously

13-06 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve that a letter be written by staff on behalf of the District of Wells to the CRTC in support of Park Radio in Wells.
Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal overview of his report including the Trails Project Synopsis which he reviewed in detail. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that the map at the front desk was outdated and had to be changed. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that the new Trail Maps have received a lot of positive feedback from other groups. In closing, the Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that Thomas Schoen did a very good job of building the trails with a limited budget. Councillor Wright inquired as to the dangers on the Cow Mountain ditch trail to which the Marketing & Economic Development Officer replied that the trail

was a rough and long multi-purpose wilderness trail, potentially including bears, to be used at your own risk. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that if you used the trails map that you would easily find the trails and trail heads. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer also noted that he intended to give a copy of the report, along with the trail maps, to other groups in town. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer envisioned having another meeting with the local groups, coming up with a direction, then contacting Desi through Council. Councillor Wallace suggested that the Marketing and Economic Development Officer approach Tyler Doerkson to form a committee. Councillor Campbell noted that after the last meeting with local groups there was a consensus and therefore the decision was made and should be pursued. The Mayor suggested that perhaps Mr. Doerkson should approach the ATV club.

13-07 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.
Carried Unanimously

2. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports
The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the sewer lagoon blower contactors had the wrong overloads and these have been replaced with the correct ones. The Superintendent of Public Works also noted that the snow plow is a very useful piece of equipment. In his report, the Fire Chief noted Barkerville's tanker truck cannot off load the water quickly enough. Councillor Campbell suggested that the Fire Chief talk to John Messier in regards to the funding for the retrofit for the tanker truck.

13-08 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief reports be received.
Carried Unanimously

3. Cheque Register 12.12.01 to 12.12.31
- 13-09** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 2528 to 2586 from Integris Credit Union for the period of December 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 for a total amount of \$172,952.10.

Carried Unanimously

4. Employee Cheque Report 12.01.01 to 12.12.31
- 13-10** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Employee Cheques from Integris Credit Union for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 for a total amount of \$259,910.35.

Carried Unanimously

2. Outstanding Actions Item Report
Councillor Wright noted that Item 12-124 could be removed as the problem had rectified itself.

13-11 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

13-12 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as circulated.

1. 12.12.06 Daisy Foster, CEO, BC Water & Waste Association re: New Date for Drinking Water Week 2013 (May 20 to 26, 2013) and NEW Small Community Grants Program.
2. 12.12.12 Robyn G. Anderson, City Clerk, City of North Vancouver re: Return to the PST.
3. 12.12.12 Galina Durant, Small Community Representative, District of Stewart re: Small Communities Update.
4. 12.12.13 Mayor Mitch Campsall, President, North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: Ridley Terminals.
6. 12.12.18 Mayor Mitch Campsall, President, North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: Proposed sale of Ridley Terminals.
7. 12.12.19 Government House, Victoria, BC re: Biography, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia (photo available from Deputy Clerk).
8. 12.12.20 Bill Holmberg, Mayor, District of Houston re: Potential sale of Ridley Terminals.

Carried Unanimously

5. 13.12.14 Steve Thomson, Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations re: Purden Lake Road.
Councillor Wright noted that there was not a lot of money required to complete the Purden Lake Road and therefore the District of Wells must be diligent in communication with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

13-13 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the letter from Steve Thomson, Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations re: Purden Lake Road.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that she hoped everyone had good holidays.

Councillor Wallace also noted that he hoped everyone had good holidays.

Councillor Campbell noted that she would miss the next three Council meetings.

Councillor Wright noted that he was tentatively away until March 5, 2013.

Councillor Wright also noted that he hoped everybody had a good holiday.

The Mayor noted that, as reported in the Wellspring, there would be a small fun-run event between Wells and Barkerville for the Dog Sled weekend of January 26 and 27, 2013. The Mayor also noted that he would be attending a meeting on January 16, 2013 at the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) in regards to the Gold Rush Trail.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that the Council Planning Session would be a restricted meeting and take place on Thursday January 24, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

The Deputy Clerk noted that Barb Cirotto donated the cakes to the Council Christmas party. The Deputy Clerk also noted that the February community potluck may be at the curling rink at the request of the Wells Curling Club.

3. Public Gallery:

Bill Horne noted that he did some work on the local trails and had heard many positive comments about our trails and maps. Bill Horne also noted that our product was superior and that is had created a new perception in the marketing world of what Wells had done. Lastly, Mr. Horne challenged people to get involved in the trails and see for themselves.

Dave Jorgenson noted that the local trails had started out as a mountain bike project but had grown to include many other groups. Mr. Jorgenson further noted that the Wells Mountain Trails Map serves as a reference guide for ATV's, snowmobiles and every other type of use along with being Ministry approved.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

13-14 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:23 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO