

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC GALLERY: 1 Person

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

13-24 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E. 2 Water Quality to be changed to D.1 under BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 5, 2013

13-25 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 5, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Water Quality

Councillor Wright noted that this was an excellent report submitted by the Superintendent of Public Works. Councillor Wallace also noted that it was an excellent report. Councillor Wallace further noted that the onus is on the homeowner and he takes objection to this. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that flushing of the water lines would begin on February 20, 2013 and would hopefully bring results. After the flushing of the water lines is completed the Superintendent of Public Works will submit a report to Council with the results as well as the results he is expecting from ALS Labs in Kamloops in regards to iron, manganese and arsenic levels in the water. The Administrator noted that the water is good coming out of the water treatment plant and that it is not a problem across the whole town but site specific and appears to be with the hot water tanks in most instances. The Administrator further noted that the report submitted by the Superintendent of Public Works put forth a step-by-step action plan which included flushing, checking water mains and cleaning hot water tanks and and/or replacing the anodes. The Mayor noted that the Superintendent of Public Works is doing a logical job of dealing with this issue. Councillor Wright asked if there was a way to test the water before it reached the apartments and gradually isolate the problem to which the Superintendent of Public Works replied that

there was not. Councillor Wallace requested that, as soon as the pending water results arrive from ALS Labs, the Superintendent of Public Works send them out immediately.

- 13-26** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the Water Quality report submitted by the Superintendent of Public Works.
Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. All Terrain Vehicle Operation on Public Roads
13-27 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the report and approve the submission of the All Terrain Vehicle Operation on Public Roads resolution to NCLGA and, consequently, UBCM.
Carried Unanimously
2. NCLGA AGM and Convention May 1-3, 2013
The Mayor along with Councillor Wallace and Councillor Wilkins will be attending the Convention in its entirety. Councillor Wright and Councillor Campbell will possibly attend for one day.
13-28 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the information in regards to registration for the NCLGA AGM and Convention May 1-3, 2013 in Quesnel, BC.
Carried Unanimously
3. Proclamation of March as Kidney Health Month
13-29 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council declare March 2013 as Kidney Health Month.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 13-30** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1. 13.01.15 Mayor Mary Sjostrom, UBCM President re: UBCM Membership.
 2. 13.01.28 Karen Felker, Coordinator Honours and Awards Secretariat re: Order of British Columbia ~2013 Call for Nominations.
 3. 13.01.31 John Van Laerhoven, Mayor, District of Kent re: Draft Public Health Plan.
 4. 13.02.01 Lisa Matthaus, Co-Chair, Green Jobs BC re: BC Green Jobs Plan Launch March 2013.
 5. 13.02.12 Bill Horne and Claire Kujundzic re: Sunset Theatre's Grant-In-Aid application.
 6. 13.02.14 Basia Ruta, Auditor General for Local Government re: Auditor General for local Government-Audit Planning for 2013/14.
Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that there are donation cans out for Grizz to assist him in his battle against cancer and asked that people please donate.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk noted that she spoke to Dave Mosure from BC Hydro who informed her that Wells was operating at 60% of load capacity and that repairs need to be made to stabilize the voltage. Mr. Mosure noted that once the voltage was stabilized, later in 2013, the load capacity in Wells could increase by 40%.

The Administrator noted that the Jack O' Clubs Inc. representatives needed a letter from the District of Wells, regarding the use of the Casino site for a fuel station, before the Barkerville Heritage trust could transfer the pumps to them. The Administrator also noted that Canada Post was waiting for the District of Wells to notify them that the District wished to cancel the current contract before they (Canada Post) would consider a new contractor. Councillor Wilkins noted that a Canada Post employee told her that the post office would have to go to an established business if the District of Wells gave it up.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

13-31 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO