

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, April 9, 2013 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, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 5 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

13-49 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

F. 2 13.04.08 The Day Care Task Force of the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) re: Non-profit Day Care in Wells
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, March 19, 2013
13-50 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, March 19, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells Grants-in-Aid Request and Recommendation (2013 Fiscal)
Councillor Wright inquired as to the reason the Recreation Society could get tax relief when there is a for-profit business on the property and noted that this seemed unfair. Councillor Wallace noted that Island Mountain Arts (IMA), a non-profit society, also makes money. Councillor Campbell noted that a non-profit society was allowed to make money.
13-51 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the District of Wells Grants-in-Aid Request and Recommendation (2013 Fiscal).
Carried Unanimously
2. Garbage Collection Contract Extension
13-52 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive and approve the current contract for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage in the District of Wells with Grizz Mobile Services be extended for a further two year period ending 31 May 2015 at an adjusted cost of \$13,600.00 per year.
Carried Unanimously

3. IG MicroMed Environment Inc. Certificate of Analysis
The Superintendent of Public Works reviewed the report and noted that the sulfur reducing bacteria is below the detectable level, which is desirable.

13-53 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the IG MicroMed Environment Inc. Certificate of Analysis.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 13.04.04 Charles Jago, Chair, Northern Health re: NCLGA Annual General Meeting, Quesnel, BC, May 2-3, 2013

13-54 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 13.04.04 invitation from Charles Jago, Chair, Northern Health re: NCLGA Annual General Meeting, Quesnel, BC, May 2-3, 2013 be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. 13.04.08 The Day Care Task Force of the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) re: Non-profit Day Care in Wells
Councillor Campbell noted that it was important to be informed as to Island Mountain Arts (IMA)'s response to the request to use the play group room for daycare during the summer months and also what the implications were of constructing a washroom in that classroom. Councillor Campbell and Councillor Wright both agreed that day care is important and that the District should support opening a daycare centre in Wells. Councillor Wallace noted that more time was needed to review the letter to which Mayor and Council agreed.

13-55 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 13.04.08 letter from the Day Care Task Force of the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) be received.

Carried Unanimously

13-56 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 13.04.08 letter from the Day Care Task Force of the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) be referred to staff for further investigation and tabled to the next Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Fees and Services Bylaw No.119, 2013

13-57 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council give the final reading to and approve the District of Wells Fees and Services Bylaw No.119, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No.120, 2013

13-58 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give the final reading to and approve the District of Wells Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No.120, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 13-59** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as circulated.
1. 13.03.11 Clayton Pecknold, Chair, PRIMECorp Board of Directors re: New Strategic Direction for PRIMECorp.
 2. 13.03.13 Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, UBCM re: Completion of Operational Fuel Management Treatment Project (New Barkerville, 2011).
 4. 13.03.18 Don Peterson, President, Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC re: 2013 Freshwater Angling and the BC Economy Report (original report available from Deputy Clerk).
 5. 13.03.21 Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, NCLGA Convention Chair re: NCLGA Convention Presentation on Conflict of Interest.
 - 6 13.03.22 News Release, NCLGA re: NCLGA Executive Director to Step Down Following 2013 Convention.
 7. 13.03.27 Basia Ruta, CPA, CA, Auditor General for Local Government re: Auditor General for Local Government Annual Service Plans Available on Website.
 8. 13.04.02 IPAC Victoria and Vancouver Regional Groups re: Call For Nominations: 2013 Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal for Public Service Excellence.

Carried Unanimously

3. 13.03.15 Gerry Taft, Mayor, District of Invermere re: UBCM Executive needs to take action on the concept of towns with no people and appointed councils. Councillor Wilkins would like the staff write letter to support the town of Invermere. Councillor Campbell noted it was a manipulation of the law.

- 13-60** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** a letter of support be written re: UBCM Executive needs to take action on the concept of towns with no people and appointed councils.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wright noted that it was good to be back in Wells after his holiday. Councillor Wright learned while in the United States that there was huge cutbacks in regards to staffing in the National Parks, noting that many paid positions from the past were now volunteer positions. Councillor Wright also noted that RV sites have limited their overnight stays because of all the homeless people in America.

Councillor Campbell noted that everything was on track for the May 16, 2013 opening of Barkerville Heritage town.

Councillor Wilkins noted that it was time for spring to arrive.

The Mayor noted that he, along with Councillor Campbell and the Marketing and Economic Development Officer, attended the Economic Development

Collaborative in Quesnel at which many projects that could go ahead were discussed including the 3100 Road, Three Phase Power, Purden Lake Connector, a ten year plan for Barkerville and Tourism. The Mayor also noted that he would attend another Economic Development seminar in Prince George on April 11, 2013.

2. Staff:

The Superintendent of Public Works noted that burning restrictions begin on April 15, 2013.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the Superintendent of Public Works was turning 60 on April 12, 2013. She also noted that there was a Nutrition Workshop on April 12, 2013 and a Community Potluck on April 18, 2013. Lastly, the Deputy Clerk noted that the Bursary letter would be sent out now that the Grant-in-Aid has been approved by Council.

3. Public Gallery:

Dave Jorgenson clarified that Invermere is not asking for support but rather they are asking for local government to write to UBCM Executive encouraging them to take action on the concept of towns with no people and appointed councils.

On behalf of the Wells Community Association, Elsie Wiebe apologized for being late with the daycare letter, but thanked Council for supporting the idea of a Day Care in Wells. Ms. Wiebe also thanked Council for the grant-in-aid approved for the Wells Community Association. Buffy Rummel noted that there is often a bathroom in the classroom for the little children in kindergarten.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

13-61 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO