

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:00 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.; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

**13-83 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, May 21, 2013

**13-84 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, May 21, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 13.05.08 David Majcher, Manager, Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition re: Application from the District of Wells to Join the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition

The Administrator noted that Mr. Majcher would be attending the Council meeting on June 4, 2013 to make a presentation in regards to the Rural BC Project. Mw asked who the governing body was of the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition. Councillor Campbell noted that the major funding came from the Provincial and Federal Government. Councillor Wright suggested that Council ask David Majcher to discuss the application from the District of Wells to join the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition. Councillor Wright also requested that the 13.05.06 letter from Mr. Majcher be attached to the June 4, 2013 agenda.

**13-85 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the letter from David Majcher, Manager, Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition re: Application from the District of Wells to Join the Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 13.05.10 Lance Loggin, Silviculture Coordinator Quesnel Division, West Fraser Mills re: West Fraser's Planned 2013 Herbicide Program Council

(Maps are available from Deputy Clerk).

- 13-86** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the 13.05.10 letter from Lance Loggin, Silviculture Coordinator Quesnel Division, West Fraser Mills re: West Fraser's Planned 2013 Herbicide Program be received.  
Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports  
The Superintendent of Public Works provided an oral presentation of his reports. The Mayor inquired if the soil sample digging at the gas station was completed and the Superintendent of Public Works noted that, up to this point, no contamination was discovered in the soil, which he noted was positive.  
**13-87** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief reports be received.  
Carried Unanimously
2. Outstanding Actions Item Report  
Councillor Wright noted that it would be beneficial to have Items 12-67 (Unsanitary Premises Bylaw) and 13-04 (Fireworks Bylaw) moved forward. The Administrator noted that the current ticketing system to enforce Bylaws is a problem if challenged. The Administrator noted that the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System would work for Wells because it is clear, goes to collection agency and could possibly be tied into the tax process. Lastly, the Administrator noted that he would bring a preliminary Unsanitary Premises Bylaw to the June 18, 2013 Council meeting.  
**13-88** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.  
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 13-89** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1. 13.05.03 Lorraine Copas, Executive Director, SPARC BC re: Access Awareness Day - June 1, 2013 (Deputy Clerk has material enclosed with letter).
  2. 13.05.06 Karen Martin, Emergency Preparedness Project Coordinator, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities re: National Emergency Preparedness Week (Deputy Clerk has accompanying booklet).
  3. 13.05.07 Craig Daniell, C.E.O. BC SPCA re: Strategic Planning Survey for 2014 to 2018.
  4. 13.05.10 Susan Fennell, Mayor of Brampton re: FCM AGM May 31-June 3, 2013.
  5. 13.05.16 Dean Fortin, Mayor, City of Victoria re: Reducing Default Speed Limits for Municipal Roads
- Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

**Councillor Wilkins** noted that the road crews were still working on Highway 26 and speculated that they would be working all summer.

**Councillor Campbell** noted that the Barkerville Rush Relay (BRR) was a huge success and thanked all the volunteers. Councillor Campbell also noted that Barkerville was now open and that the opening weekend went very well with both attendance and donations up from 2012.

**Councillor Wright** noted that the Barkerville opening weekend went very well for Theatre Royal. Councillor Wright also noted that there have been a lot of groups in Barkerville attending the Theatre Royal and that the cast had performed at the Seniors' Centre in Quesnel. Councillor Wright noted that he would be calling an Emergency planning Committee meeting soon. Lastly, Councillor Wright noted that "Wild to Riches" a very good show about historic and modern gold mining, would be airing on CBC on July 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

**The Mayor** noted that he drove down the 2300 road for 11 kilometers, near where it merges with the 2400 Road, when he came across a huge water hole rendering the road impassable at this time. The Mayor further noted that he attended the St Joseph's commemoration project in Williams Lake on May 16 and 17, 2013 which was a very emotional event with approximately 400 people in attendance. The Mayor sat on a discussion panel during the commemoration project for which he was given a framed eagle feather. Lastly, the Mayor noted that "Orange Shirt Day" will be on September 30, 2013 as a symbolic gesture to commemorate the loss of Phyllis Webstad's orange shirt at St Joseph's residential school.

2. Staff:

**Thomas Cheney** noted that he was the Renewable Energy Intern at the District of Wells for the summer of 2013. Thomas also noted that he will research particular solutions for the buildings in regards to heat, geothermal heating and energy efficiency. When asked by Councillor Campbell, Thomas noted that his position is being funded by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

**The Superintendent of Public Works** announced that Thursday, June 6, 2013 was Spring Clean Up Day.

**The Administrator** gave a brief update on the gas station in which he noted that there was about 1000 litres of premium gas selling at the regular gas price and that the regular gas had run out. The Administrator noted that the cement is supposed to be poured on May 22, 2013 at the new gas station located at the casino. Councillor Campbell and Councillor Wright noted that the gas station cannot run out of fuel during tourist season. The Administrator noted that the gas station would also need to be staffed on the weekend. Councillor Campbell and the Administrator will discuss the gas station issues on May 22, 2013

**The Deputy Clerk** noted that she was terribly sorry that she did not volunteer at the BRR this year due to family visiting. The Deputy Clerk also noted that she is

looking forward to attending the Theatre Royal show this year as she had heard many positive comments about it.

3. Public Gallery:  
No comments.

K. CLOSED MEETING:

**13-90** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

**13-91** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:28 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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Robin Sharpe, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO