

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, September 10,
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, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works; Margaret Inoue, Grant Writer; Thomas Cheney, Renewable Energy Intern and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

13-166 MOVED VW Seconded JC **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- E. 1 Energy Study Grant Applications
- E. 2 Vancouver Foundation WAACA Day Care Application
- E. 3 District Office Foundation Repair
- E. 4 UBCM 2013 Briefing Papers

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, August 20, 2013

13-167 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, August 20, 2013 be adopted as amended as follows:

J. 1 should read: Councillor Wright also noted that ArtsWells *had fewer issues* this year and that the debriefing meeting with IMA went very well.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- 1. Maryke Dick, Training Coordinator, Targeted Skills Shortage Program
Maryke Dick provided a presentation of the Targeted Skills Shortage Program which included brochures and intake forms. Councillor Campbell inquired if carpentry students in Barkerville would be eligible for the program and was informed by Ms. Dick that, yes, they would. Ms. Dick noted that the Targeted Skills Shortage Program provided training for staff in the Tourism and Hospitality industries such as cafes, hotels, motel and museums (not grocery stores) which included administrative training as well as training for Occupational First Aid and Serving it Right. Ms. Dick pointed out that there was a user friendly website. Maryke Dick noted that the Targeted Skills Shortage Program training could be taken online or at schools in Quesnel such as the Helen Dixon Centre and the College of New Caledonia.

13-168 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the presentation by Maryke Dick, Training Coordinator, Targeted Skills Shortage Program.

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Energy Study Grant Applications

13-169 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the submission of grant applications to funding agencies such as the Provincial Infrastructure Planning Grant Program and Northern Development Initiative Trust Application (NDIT) to fund formal studies into the viability of biomass based district heating and the expansion of the geoexchange (geothermal) systems.

Carried Unanimously

2. Vancouver Foundation WAACA Day Care Application

The Grant Writer noted that this grant from the Vancouver Foundation is for start up and operating costs, but not for repairs. The Grant Writer further noted that District of Wells was a necessary partner because the **Wells And Area Community Association (WAACA)** is not an established donee while the District of Wells is. Lastly, the Grant Writer noted that the District of Wells was invited to apply and that the funding would arrive in 2014. Councillor Wright requested that the Grant Writer publish an article in the October 2013 Wellspring informing the public of this partnership between the District of the Wells and the WAACA.

13-170 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council support the application by the District of Wells for a grant from the Vancouver Foundation on behalf of WAACA for day care startup & year one operation costs.

Carried Unanimously

13-171 Moved Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells formally enters into partnership with Wells And Area Community Association (WAACA) outlining that WAACA will be primarily responsible for managing the project, securing the necessary licensing, location and staff acting with the support of the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

3. Town Hall Foundation

The Superintendent of Public Works provided a verbal overview of his report.

13-172 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the information re: Town Hall Foundation.

Carried Unanimously

13-173 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council approve reallocating \$13,000 initially approved for reservoir cleaning in the 2013 budget to the costs of the Town Hall Foundation Repair and enter into a contract with Vachon Construction for \$72,480.

Carried Unanimously

4. UBCM 2013 Briefing Papers

Councillor Wright noted that a map of all the Crown Lots within Wells would be useful to have at the meeting with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources at the 2013 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. Councillor Wright suggested that the words "Emergency Route" be used when discussing the Barkerville/Highway 16 Connector with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources at UBCM.

13-174 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive and approve the UBCM 2013 Briefing Papers report .

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 13.08.27 Dave Jorgenson, President, Wells Community Radio Association re: Computers

The Grant Writer will look at the computers and see what needs to be done.

13-175 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive and consider the letter from Dave Jorgenson, President, Wells Community Radio Association re: Computers.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells 2014 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.128, 2013

13-176 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells 2014 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.128, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

13-177 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 13.08.20 Wendy Laluk, Northern Community Relations, BC Hydro re: 2013 Community Champions Program.
2. 13.08.27 Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: UBCM.
3. 13.09.01 Civic Info re: 2013 UBCM Convention - Minister Meeting Request Confirmation With Coralee Oakes.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright noted that, for personal reasons, he would not be attending UBCM 2013. Councillor Wright further noted that he would prepare the Small Talk Forum paper to send down to UBCM. Lastly Councillor Wright spoke about the second ArtsWells debriefing meeting which Julie Fowler, the Superintendent of Public Works and the RCMP attended. Councillor Wright reported that, according to the RCMP, there were a couple of minor incidents, one involving a

skateboard, some parking issues and late nights at the Sunset. The RCMP are going to try to have one more member of the force present next year and they are also considering giving out drinking fines (\$230). Councillor Wright noted that, all in all, ArtsWells had improved over last year.

Councillor Campbell noted that the Barkerville Cowboy and Drover weekend was a success and a lot of fun. Councillor Campbell also noted that the attendance at Barkerville is climbing back up after being down from 2012.

Councillor Wilkins noted that she was in the middle of moving and that it was a long process. Councillor Wilkins also noted that the Wells Community Hall was a very bright yellow but she confirmed that it is the same colour as last time it was painted because Cloverdale Paint still had the paint number on record.

The Mayor noted that the volunteer meeting for the Gold Rush Trail Dog Sled Mail Run was on September 25, 2013 at the A&W on Two Mile Flat. The Mayor also noted that the Mayor of Clinton and several other people heard how wonderful ArtsWells was in 2013 and passed this sentiment on to Mayor Sharpe. The Mayor reviewed his upcoming week which included attending a *Ducks Unlimited* executive meeting on September 13, 2013 at which he noted that he would ask for signage for the District of Wells meadows as there was an increase in wildlife. Lastly, the Mayor noted that he was attending the BC Mayors' Caucus in Vancouver on Monday September 16, 2013, just before the UBCM Convention began.

2. Staff:

The Superintendent of Public Works noted that he was talking to a Highways employee at Robert's Roost who stated that the plan was to straighten the road and pave it.

The Grant Writer noted that she had applied for a grant to repair the meadow trails.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed with Councillor Wilkins that she would be flying down to UBCM.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

13-178 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:02 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO