

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, October 1, 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.; Jason Griffin, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; Thomas Cheney, Renewable Energy Intern and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 5 People

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:**

**13-179 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

H. 3 Cheque Register 13.08.01 to 13.08.31  
Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, September 10, 2013

**13-180 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, September 10, 2013 be adopted as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

1. Lindsay Read, President, Wells and Area Community Association  
Lindsay Read provided a verbal report in regards to the Community Garden and the planned Daycare.  
Ms. Read noted that the Community Garden had twelve members and that even though the garden space was expanded, there was still more demand than space. Ms. Read also noted that the new windows in the greenhouse helped the tomatoes; there was a mural painted on the north wall of the greenhouse; the potato project produced two hundred pounds of potatoes; the Community Garden had a Harvest Market with proceeds going towards the School and the Daycare; and, lastly, there were two Garden Workshops in the spring of 2013. Lindsay Read thanked the District of Wells for partnering with the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) for the application to the Vancouver Foundation for a grant for a Daycare in Wells. Lastly, Ms. Read noted that the WAACA had secured a daycare consultant.  
Lindsay Read presented a basket of garden produce to Mayor and Council as a token of appreciation for their support of the Community Garden and the upcoming Daycare. Councilor Wilkins inquired as to the progress of the Daycare. Ms. Read responded that the two greatest hurdles were finding a space for the Daycare and funding for wages. One of the plans is to apply for a Careers Focus Grant, which is specifically for a graduate living in the North who is under the age of thirty.

- 13-181** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the presentation by Lindsay Read, President, Wells and Area Community Association.

Carried Unanimously

2. Thomas Cheney, Renewable Energy Intern and David Dubois, Project Coordinator, Wood Waste Two Rural Heat Project re: District of Wells Biomass District Heating Business Case  
David Dubois, assisted by Thomas Cheney, provided a verbal/power point presentation.

- 13-182** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the presentation by Thomas Cheney, Renewable Energy Intern and David Dubois, Project Coordinator, Wood Waste Two Rural Heat Project re: District of Wells Biomass District Heating Business Case.

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Announcement of the winners of the Most Improved Property Contest :

The Deputy Clerk noted the following:

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of \$500 in the Residential Property Category is Margaret Inoue for her property located at 4252 Margaret Avenue.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of \$250 in the Residential Property Category are Tyler Doerksen and Caroline Anders for their property located at 2333 Bowman Crescent.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of \$500 in the Commercial Property Category is the Mountain Thyme Getaway owned by Dave Jorgenson and Cheryl Macarthy.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of \$250 in the Commercial Property Category is the Wells Hotel owned by Mark Norman.

Cheques will be mailed to the winners.

- 13-183** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive the announcement of the winners of the Most Improved Property Contest.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells 2014 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.128, 2013  
Councillor Wallace provided a verbal presentation in which he noted that the Legion is a legally recognized non-profit charitable organization. Councillor Wallace suggested that the 50% tax relief currently in place for the Legion be raised to 100% tax relief. Councillor Campbell spoke in favour of this proposal, noting that the Legion needs revenue to continue their service. Councillor Wilkins noted that the Legion's Poppy Fund paid a lot of medical, grocery, rent and food expenses. Councillor Wilkins further noted that the Legion is not always busy and therefore relies on volunteers in the winter and pays wages in summer. The Administrator noted that in the past the BCAA had rejected the attempt by the District of Wells to grant a 100% tax relief to the Legion, and

that he and Mayor Hendrixson had negotiated the current 50% exemption with them. The Administrator noted that Quesnel gives a tax break on the Legion building but not on the land; Williams Lake gives a partial exemption and 100 Mile House gives no tax exemption to their Legion.

**13-184** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the presentation by Councillor Wallace re: Property Tax Exemption-Wells Legion Branch #128.

Carried Unanimously

**13-185** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give the fourth and final reading to the District of Wells 2014 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No.128, 2013 as amended to read that the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #128 receive 100% tax exemption. Councillor Wright brought up the issue of Conflict of Interest. Following a short discussion Councillor Campbell and Councillor Wilkins left the room, citing a Conflict of Interest. Councillor Wright inquired about the status of back taxes owed if exemptions were granted. The Mayor noted that the Legion would still have to pay the arrears due, even if they got a 100% break next year. A vote was put forward with the remaining Mayor and Councillors.

Carried Unanimously

#### H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 13.09.01 to 13.09.31

**13-186** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3000 to 3027 from Integrus Credit Union for the period of September 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013 for a total amount of \$32,686.45.

Carried Unanimously

2. Outstanding Actions Item Report

**13-187** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. Cheque Register 13.08.01 to 13.08.31

**13-188** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 2942 to 2994 from Integrus Credit Union for the period of August 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013 for a total amount of \$43,773.64.

Carried Unanimously

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**13-189** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 13.09.06 Fire Chief Timothy Pley, President, Fire Chiefs' Association of BC re: Smoke Alarms Save Lives.
4. 13.09.21 Shelly Burich, Manager of Communications, Cariboo Regional District re: Another Banner Year for CRD at UBCM.
5. 13.09.25 Dan Adamson, Sustainability Consultant to the 2015 Canada Winter

Games re: Sustainability and Legacy Summit, Prince George Canada Games 2015.

6. 13.09.26 Galina Durant, Mayor, District of Stewart, UBCM Small Communities Representative re: UBCM.

Carried Unanimously

2. 13.09.17 Dave Jorgenson, Director, 7 Summits Bike and Hike Challenge re: Seventh Annual Seven Summits, September 2013.  
Councillor Wright proposed that the District of Wells send out letters of thanks and acknowledgement to the organizers and volunteers of such events as the Seven Summits and the Geek Weekend, which was held in Barkerville on the weekend of September 27 to 29, 2103. Discussion followed in regards to how to acknowledge the organizers and volunteers when a local event is executed.

**13-190** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council send a letter to the Bear's Paw thanking them for the Seventh Annual Seven Summits Bike and Hike Challenge; and **THAT** staff prepare and send certificates to the various groups who put on events in Wells and Barkerville.

Carried Unanimously

3. 13.09.19 Shelly Burich, Manager of Communications, Cariboo Regional District re: Cariboo governments and Esk'etemc win UBCM Excellence Award.  
The Mayor noted that all the communities in the Cariboo were included in the Award and he showed Council the trophy that was presented to Wells. The Mayor noted that the trophy will be displayed in the District Office.

**13-191** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Consent Calendar Items 2 & 3 be received.

Carried Unanimously

#### J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

**Councillor Wright** noted that he would be away for Council Meeting on October 15, 2013. Councillor Wright also noted that it was fantastic to have the Geek Weekend in Barkerville and that it was a good weekend.

**Councillor Campbell** noted that she will be absent from the November 5, 2013 meeting as she will be in China on Barkerville business.

**Councillor Wallace** noted that he did the Bowron Lake Chain and that the weather was perfect for the duration of the trip. Councillor Wallace also noted that UBCM was excellent and that he had lunch with people from Barkerville Gold Mine head office.

**Councillor Wilkins** stated that seventy-fifth anniversary of Ducks Unlimited was fabulous and that the prizes were excellent. Councillor Wilkins noted that Ducks Unlimited had been held in Wells for 25 years and that this year all the volunteers got medals. The Mayor was acknowledged for twenty-five years of service. Councillor Wilkins also noted that the retirement party for Judy Campbell and Bill

Quackenbush was wonderful with great food and good company.

**The Mayor** noted that he attended the volunteer meeting for the Gold Rush Trail Dog Sled Mail Run and that the Mail Run will take place on January 24, 25, and 26, 2013. The organizers would like to put on some kind of event for the dash to Barkerville. The Mayor noted that the routes for the Mail run have not been finalized and that the organizers still need volunteers. Next meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October at the A&W on the Two-Mile Flats.

2. Staff:

**The Marketing and Economic Development Officer** noted that the Community Directory is out and people are giving their feedback so that it can be updated and changed.

**The Deputy Clerk noted that** she recently discovered that Barkerville would not be hosting Halloween this year. This news has been passed on to the WAACA and the Wells-Barkerville School, who will collaborate.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**13-192 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:54 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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Robin Sharpe, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO