

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, November 5, 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: Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 1 Person

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

13-203 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

I. 2 13.10.28 Danyta Welch, Policy and Programs Officer, UBCM re: 2012 Age-friendly Community Projects and Planning (Workshops, community services guide, Kiosk and trail accessibility improvements).

I. 3 13.11.01 Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development re: November Proclaimed Adoption Awareness Month in British Columbia.
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, October 15, 2013

13-204 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, October 15, 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. Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Grant

13-205 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council support the application by the District of Wells to apply for a grant under the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Grant for repairs to the United Church for use as a day care and performance space.
Carried Unanimously

2. Streetlight Removal

The Mayor noted that he is conversation with Dave Mosure from BC Hydro in regards to streetlights that are more efficient and directional. Councillor Wilkins requested that notices about the streetlights be posted around town and in the Wellspring.

13-206 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive

the report regarding the removal of two streetlights, located on the corner of Lowhee and Gardner and in the Wells Community School yard; and **THAT** Council approve the removal of these streetlights on the condition that there is no opposition to their removal by the public.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Wells Sewer Specified Area User Rates Amending Bylaw No.129, 2013
The Mayor noted that both the Sewer and Water rates would be increased by 5%, the first increase since 2006.

13-207 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the Wells Sewer Specified Area User Rates Amending Bylaw No.129, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

2. Wells Water Specified Area User Rates Amending Bylaw No.130, 2013

13-208 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the Wells Water Specified Area User Rates Amending Bylaw No.130, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports
The Superintendent of Public Works/ Fire Chief provided a verbal overview of his reports. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the Marketing and Economic Development Officer is doing a very good job on the gazebo. The Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports noted that five danger trees in the Barkerville Cemetery and three danger trees on Bowman Crescent were removed. Councillor Wilkins noted that the damage to two of the trees on Bowman Crescent was caused by the contractor, Jim Behler.

13-209 **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 Item 12-67, the Untidy and Unsightly Premises Bylaw being redrafted to include vacant lots, needed to be dealt with. The Mayor responded that the Administrator is working on the redraft. The Mayor asked if there were any updates on Item 11-139, Air Brake Endorsement training for up to four Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade members. The Fire Chief noted that at least one member of the Fire Brigade had expressed interest and that he would ask the Fire Brigade once again.

13-210 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. Cheque Register 13.10.01 to 13.10.31

- 13-211** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3033 to 3105 from Integris Credit Union for the period of October 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 for a total amount of \$140,949.89.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 13-212** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 13.10.30 UBCM Secretariat re: 911 Services in British Columbia - Introduction of a Province Wide Call Answer Levy. (Please note that a pdf copy of the complete Report has been emailed to Council with this agenda.)
2. 13.10.28 Danyta Welch, Policy and Programs Officer, UBCM re: 2012 Age-friendly Community Projects and Planning (Workshops, Community Services Guide, Kiosk and trail accessibility improvements).
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Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wallace noted that he would bring a representative from Roktec to a Council meeting to do a presentation in regards to the upcoming blasting. The Mayor suggested that, when the date was ascertained, the District of Wells send out a notice that blasting would commence on a certain date. Councillor Wallace also noted that the potholes were getting horrendous in South Wells.

Councillor Wilkins inquired as to who was dumping trees and logs at the dump. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that this wood at the dump could not be open-burned. The Superintendent of Public Works further noted that he had called the CRD but has not heard back from them and he further noted that the CRD stated that if people don't start using the dump properly, an attendant would be brought in and the dump would only be open three days a week. Councillor Wallace suggested that a letter be written to the CRD and our MLA .

Councillor Wright noted that he would not be attending the Council meeting on November 19, 2013 as he would be working in 100 Mile House. Councillor Wright stated that the time had come to discuss obtaining a recording device to be used at Council meetings, an item he noted was discussed by Council at the Planning Session in January, 2103. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that he could do research in regards to appropriate recording devices. Councillor Wright further noted that he would like to be informed as to how much rock hauling would be done per day. Lastly, Councillor Wright noted that, as there are many speeding logging trucks, perhaps it was time to install another speed sign on the other side of the highway and also move the sign off of Councillor Wright's property. Discussion took place in regards to the speeding of logging trucks and the use of engine brakes. The Mayor noted that he would speak to the RCMP in regards to the speeding logging trucks.

The Mayor noted that he was at out of town meetings on November 6 and November 7, 2013. The Mayor noted that he would be at the Legion for the laying of the wreath on November 11, 2013.

13-213 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** staff be directed to present a feasibility report in regards to possible recording devices to be used during Council meetings.

Carried Unanimously

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk requested that Mayor and Council sign Christmas cards to be mailed out.

3. Public Gallery:

Dave Jorgenson thanked Council and staff for the help with the computer for his radio station.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

13-214 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO