

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:04 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: Gary Champagne, C.A.O., Jason Griffin, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; Margaret Inoue, Grant Writer; and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 13 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

13-221 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, November 19, 2013

13-222 MOVED Councillor Wright Councillor Seconded Wallace the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, November 19, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. David Harder, ArtsWells Festival Coordinator, Island Mountain Arts re: IMA School of the Arts Facility Improvements
Mr. Harder noted that IMA is applying for a \$48,000 grant to renovate the Wells Community School. Mr. Harder noted that renovations would include new blinds, lighting, track lighting for use in the summer, new walls and painting of all the walls, a total of 5300 square feet. IMA is requesting a letter of support from the District of Wells to take on the project if they do get the grant. IMA is also requesting in-kind lease fees for three years from the District of Wells for the upstairs of the school which IMA currently rents. Lastly, David Harder noted that the proposed start of the renovations was 2014.
Councillor Wilkins inquired if the school board would allow renovations to the Wells Community School. The Administrator replied that the District of Wells owns the building and would need to approve any work, although the District would desire to have the cooperation of the School District. Councillor Campbell inquired as to how detailed the grant application questions were in regards to the renovations at the school. Mr. Harder responded that once the grant was received could changes be made to the original application.
Councillor Wallace noted that he had no advance knowledge about this project and was uncomfortable supporting it.

13-223 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the presentation by David Harder, ArtsWells Festival Coordinator, Island Mountain Arts re: IMA School of the Arts Facility Improvements be received.

Carried Unanimously

13-224 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins to support the grant application by Island Mountain Arts (IMA) for improvements to the IMA School of the Arts Facility.

Carried Unanimously

2. Al Bennett, West Fraser Mills re: Proposed logging in Wells area
The presentation, in the form of a slide show, was to inform the District of Wells that West Fraser proposed, via the TFL Permit 539, that 88 hectares of logging would be done at the intersection of the Cornish Mountain Road and Sugar Creek Loop near the east flank of Cornish Mountain. The proposed logging would be done partly in February and March, 2014 (west half) and finished in the summer of 2014 (east half), taking four weeks to log the entire zone. Many suggestions were made by the public including possible reuse of the logging roads by the ATV Club (Dave Jorgenson); leaving trees along the ski trails (Sharon Brown); brushing Coronado Road (Dave Jorgenson) and higher retention along trails (Phil Leroy). The Marketing and Economic Development Officer suggested a one year delay in the proposed cut.

13-225 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the presentation by Al Bennett, West Fraser Mills re: Proposed logging in Wells area be received.

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cycling investment supports healthier B.C. communities
13-226 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the information included in the "Cycling investment supports healthier B.C. communities" News Release.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cost to purchase Council Chambers Recording System
13-227 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** the discussion surrounding funding of \$450.00 for the Council Chambers Recording System be brought forward to the next Administrative Planning Session, scheduled for January 2014.

Carried Unanimously

3. Cost to purchase SafePace 100 speed sign
RW suggested that there might be some organizations who could help pay..the groups who are speeding through town..mining, logging, etc
13-228 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the report and **THAT** the discussion surrounding funding of \$3700.00 for the additional SafePace 100 speed sign be brought forward to the next Administrative Planning Session, scheduled for January 2014.

Carried Unanimously

4. Statement of Significance for the United Church

13-229 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the Statement of Significance for the United Church report and **THAT** Council endorse the Statement of Significance for the United Church for status as a heritage building.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Public Hearing for Amending Bylaws No.124, 2013

Council received comments from the public including the fact that aesthetics is not part of the Bylaw; tiny houses are not mentioned; some measurable guidelines that fit with the vision of the town need to be included. Councillor Campbell compiled a list of people who would like to be part of the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting to discuss and modify Bylaw No. 124, 2013. The Mayor thanked the public for their input.

13-230 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the public's input re: Public Hearing for Amending Bylaw No.124, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

2. Bylaw No.124, 2013 to Amend the "District of Wells Zoning and Tree Protection Bylaw No. 26, 2000"

13-231 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council table Bylaw No.124, 2013 to Amend the "District of Wells Zoning and Tree Protection Bylaw No. 26, 2000" and refer to the Zoning and Planning Committee.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report

Jason provided a verbal overview of his report.

13-232 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 13.11.01 to 13.11.30

13-233 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 3106 to 3139 from Integris Credit Union for the period of November 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013 for a total amount of \$26,092.84.

Carried Unanimously

3. Outstanding Actions Item Report

Councillor Wright noted that 12-67 was a priority. The Administrator noted that the District of Wells is in the middle of a Canada Revenue Agency audit which has consumed his time for the past month. The Administrator also noted that he was working on an Adjudication Bylaw to change the way the District enforces Bylaws, which will be needed the Unsightly Premises Bylaw will be updated.

- 13-234** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 13-235** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended.

1. 13.10.22 Judy Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, Barkerville Historic Town re: Donation to Barkerville for purchase of fireworks.
3. 13.11.19 Rhona Martin, UBCM President re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment.
4. 13.11.26 Michael Howie, Director of Digital Content & Special Projects, Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals re: Wildlife issues in your Community .
5. 13.11.28 Day Care Task Force of the Wells and Area Community Association re: Update on Day Care planning and preparations.
Carried Unanimously

2. 13.11.14 Karen Felker, Coordinator, Honours and Awards Secretariat re: Order of British Columbia~2014 call for Nominations.

- 13-236** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Councillor Wright be nominated for the Order of British Columbia Award.
The Mayor will look into the nomination process to see what is involved.
Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Campbell noted that she spent two and a half weeks in China as Barkerville was invited to attend a conference in Guan Don. Nan was there to assist with translation. Part of the conference was the viewing of the Barkerville exhibit which was very well received. Councillor Campbell noted that this exhibit will draw scholars to Barkerville within a year. Councillor Campbell visited Jiangmen and she noted that all the Chinese who came to this area in the 1860's were from Jiangmen. The city of Prince George has a relationship with Jiangmen as Barkerville has given them an exhibit which Councillor Campbell helped set up and the Mayor of Prince George presented. Councillor Campbell met with the Canadian Consulate who are very interested in Barkerville. When Councillor Campbell left Jiangmen she had a small holiday around China. Lastly, Councillor Campbell noted that the outcome of her trip to China may result in groups of thirty scholars from China coming to our area to study, which will be a major step forward for Barkerville Historic Town.

Councillor Wilkins thanked Councillor Campbell for the description of her China trip and also noted that was a great write-up in the Quesnel newspaper about Councillor Campbell's trip.

Councillor Wright thanked everybody for coming out to the meeting.

Councillor Wallace noted that Barkerville Gold Mine finally has flush toilets.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk requested that Council approve the purchase of 50 return address envelopes from the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run organizers.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer suggested a letter be written to West Fraser, with a copy to the Ministry of Forests, strongly voicing concern by the District of Wells about the unacceptable and unreasonable time frame that West Fraser was proposing.

13-237 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** a letter be written to West Fraser stating that the District of Wells wanted to work with them but that in the future any notices West Fraser sends out in regards to proposed logging must give more time for consultation with the District of Wells and the Public.

Carried Unanimously

13-238 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** that the District of Wells purchase 50 envelopes from the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run organizers.

Carried Unanimously

3. Public Gallery:

Bill Horne noted that there is a serious lack of consultation from West Fraser. Bill Horne also noted that the Gourmet Ski was on February 15, 2014.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

13-239 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:28 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO