

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, December 17,
2013
at 7:00P.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., Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works; Jason Griffin, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; Margaret Inoue, Grant Writer; and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 16 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

13-240 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

D.3 Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC).

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, December 3, 2013

13-241 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 3, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Yael Wand, Day Care Task Force of the Wells and Area Community Association re: Proposed Location of Wells Daycare in 2014
Ms. Wand provided a verbal review of the proposal that was put forward by the Daycare Task of the Wells and Area Community Association . Ms Wand noted that the consultant recommended the Banquet Room in the Wells Community Hall as the most accessible, adaptable and child/caregiver-friendly location for a Daycare.
Councillor Wilkins noted that the Wells Community Hall is a heritage building and therefore could not have hooks and doors. Councillor Wilkins further noted that other groups use the nooks in the Banquet Room. Elsie Wiebe noted that it is common for a daycare to be used for other purposes. Yael Wand noted that she envisioned sliding doors on the nook(s) that the Daycare used. Councillor Wright inquired as to how much the banquet room is being used and he also noted that the banquet room is not being used for conferences. The Administrator noted that Fridays would be the biggest issue as a "set-up" day is part of the Hall rental package and also the fact that the Masons come in to set up right when ArtsWells is over, causing the Community Hall to be unavailable for almost two weeks. Ms. Wand noted that the Daycare could work with ArtsWells. Ms. Wand also stated that from 4:30 PM on the banquet room would be available for rentals. Councillor Campbell noted that the interior of the Hall is

covered by the Bylaw, although sliding doors were always part of the plan for the nooks in the Banquet Room. Councillor Campbell further noted that the best building for a Daycare Centre would be the curling rink since it is underused and has washrooms and a kitchen. Councillor Wallace and Councillor Wright agreed with Councillor Campbell. Ms. Wand noted that the budget for the Daycare was tight and that ideally a no-rent situation was needed. Councillor Wallace noted that curling rink costs would be minimal during summer months and that perhaps the Curling Club could consider donating space. Councillor Wright suggested that possibly the District could help out with costs. Ms. Wand stressed that the Daycare Task Force needed to know what space they should pursue. The Administrator suggested that if the Curling Rink is used as the Daycare Centre the school groups already booked there could be accommodated in the Wells Community Hall.

13-242 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the presentation by Yael Wand, Day Care Task Force of the Wells and Area Community Association re: Proposed Location of Wells Daycare in 2014 be received.

Carried Unanimously

13-243 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** staff investigate further into the possibility of using the Curling Rink as the Daycare.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Streetlight Removal Update

Staff will investigate the LED street lights that are used in Lethbridge, Alberta.

13-244 **MOVED** Councillor Wright 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.

Carried Unanimously

13-245 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the streetlights, located on the corner of Lowhee and Gardner and in the Wells Community School yard, remain in place.

Carried Unanimously

2. Order of British Columbia~2014 call for Nominations

13-246 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the report regarding the nomination of Councillor Wright to the Order of BC.

Carried Unanimously

3. Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC)

The Mayor reported that he received a letter on December 3, 2013 in regards to the District of Wells' desire to hold a seat on the board of the CCBAC. The letter noted that a motion was made to include Wells as a member of CCBAC. The motion was defeated. The Mayor noted that he was asked to sit on the CCBAC Board as an alternate for a CRD representative.

13-247 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council

receive the report regarding Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC).

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2014 Appointment of Acting Mayor Schedule
13-248 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Virginia Wilkins be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of January, February and March, 2014; and **THAT** Councillor Judy Campbell be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of April, May and June, 2014; and **THAT** Councillor Richard Wright be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of July, August and September, 2014; and **THAT** Councillor Mike Wallace be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of October, November and December, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

2. 2014 Regular Council Meetings Schedule
13-249 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve the 2014 Regular Council Meetings Schedule.

Carried Unanimously

3. Utility Fees assessed on Properties with Permissive Tax Exemptions
13-250 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the information regarding municipal utility fees assessed to properties with permissive tax exemptions.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Wilkins noted that she was a Director at the Wells Legion and therefore left the room during the vote due to conflict of interest.

- 13-251** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Wells Legion be exempt from municipal utility fees.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Wilkins returned.

4. Appointment of Auditor for 2013 Audit
13-252 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the firm of PMT Chartered Accounts of Quesnel, B.C. be appointed to undertake the annual municipal audit and prepare the District of Wells Audited Financial Statements.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 13-253** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 13.12.09 Fairlith Harvey, Special Events and External Promotions Coordinator, Barkerville Historic Town re: Barkerville Halloween project; thank you!
Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

The Mayor thanked everybody for the last year and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Mayor noted that the logging planned in our area by West Fraser has been deferred for at least a year. The Mayor gave credit to the Marketing and Economic Development Officer, Jason Griffin as well as Bill Horne and Dave Jorgenson for their part in the meetings with West Fraser.

Councillor Campbell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Wilkins noted that possibly there should be more snowmobile corridors implemented in Wells. The Administrator responded that there is a clause in the Bylaw that allows people to snowmobile directly to and from their homes and the corridor. The Mayor noted that there should not be snowmobiling on the Highway. Lastly, Councillor Wilkins wished congratulations to Al Richmond for his re-election as Chair of the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) as well as a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Councillor Wright wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. noted that there seemed to be snowmobile use on the highway which the RCMP could check into it.

Councillor Wallace wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2. Staff:

The Administrator wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and noted that the District Office would be closed from noon on Christmas Eve to 8:30 AM on January 2, 2014.

The Superintendent of Public Works wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Deputy Clerk thanked the Marketing and Economic Development Officer and his lovely family for decorating the District Office for Christmas and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Grant Writer noted that her current contract had expired and thanked Mayor, Council and staff for the last year. The Grant Writer also noted that she is going to continue her work on the grants for Daycare.

3. Public Gallery:

Dave Jorgenson noted that there was a very important meeting planned by the

Bowron Lake Enhancement Society at 1:00 PM on January 11, 2014 in the District Office.

Danette Boucher noted that she had issues with cars idling on Pooley street for forty to seventy minutes.

Lindsay Read thanked Mayor and Council for their support in regards to the formation of a Daycare Centre in Wells.

Elsie Wiebe noted that she appreciated the spirit that we all have and hopes the church is still a possibility some day.

Bill Horne thanked Council and Staff for all their work.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

13-254 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO