

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 4, 2014 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: Gary Champagne, C.A.O.; Jason Griffin, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 3 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

14-31 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- E 1. Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) Announcement - Blasting at the Bonanza Ledge Pit at 3:00 PM daily, seven days a week.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 18, 2014

14-32 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, February 18, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) Announcement -Blasting at the Bonanza Ledge Pit at 3:00 PM daily, seven days a week.
Councillor Wallace noted that the blasts will occur once per day within ten minutes of 3:00 PM.

14-33 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the information about the Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) Announcement -Blasting at the Bonanza Ledge Pit at 3:00 PM daily, seven days a week be received.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 14.02.21 Candice Connor, Event Coordinator re: Lindsay Read Fundraiser Candice

Candice Connor noted that the Wells Community Hall would not be needed for a fundraiser on March 29, 2014. Mrs. Connor also noted that it may be more beneficial to have another fundraiser for Lindsay Read at a later date.

14-34 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 14.02.21 letter from Candice Connor, Event Coordinator re: Lindsay Read Fundraiser be

received and **THAT** Council donate the cost of the rental of the upstairs of the Wells Community Hall if needed for a future fundraiser for Lindsay Read.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal overview of his report and also spoke about a video project for which Margaret Inoue was contracted to make videos to be used for marketing in the future.

14-35 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports

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

14-36 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief reports be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

14-37 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 14.02.11 Ryan Broughton, Fraser Bevs Broughton Chartered Accountants re: 2013 Audit.

2. 14.02.24 Northern Health Communications re: Imagine Grants to Northern Interior BC Partners.

3. 14.02.19 Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: Various matters.

4. 14.02.25 Municipal Finance Authority of BC re: 2014 Financial Forum & Annual General Meeting.

5. 14.02.26 UBCM re: Province Announces Four Year Terms.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wallace noted his appreciation of the fact that the Superintendent of Public Works worked for twelve hours on Sunday, March 2, 2014 dealing with the frozen water main at the one-bedroom apartments. Councillor Wallace also noted once again that Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) would be blasting at the Bonanza Ledge Pit at 3:00 PM daily, seven days a week.

Councillor Wilkins noted that the Marketing & Economic Development Officer has done a very good job and that she is sad to see him leave. Councillor Wilkins also thanked Candice Connor for her great job of organizing the fundraiser events for Lindsay Read.

Councillor Wright noted that there is still a speeding problem within the town limits. Councillor Wright further noted that the data gathered from the speed sign showed that a lot of speeding took place in the early morning and that the RCMP need to be notified in regards to the speeding. Councillor Wright would like a meeting to be set up with the RCMP, which the Administrator will arrange. Councillor Wright thanked Candice Connor for all the fundraising she is doing for Lindsay Read and family. Lastly, Councillor Wright noted that he had a good holiday.

The Mayor thanked Candice Connor for everything she is doing to raise money for Lindsay Read and her family. The Mayor noted that compost buckets were for sale at the District Office and that all proceeds would go to Lindsay Read. Lastly, the Mayor thanked the Marketing and Economic Development Office, Jason Griffin, for the years of work Mr. Griffin did for the District of Wells.

2. Staff:

The Deputy Clerk stated that she would miss the Marketing Economic Development Officer very much. The Deputy Clerk gave a huge thank you to Candice Connor for all she is doing for Lindsay Read. Lastly, the Deputy Clerk noted that two "Idling" signs have been ordered for Pooley Street.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer thanked Mayor and Council for everything.

The Superintendent of Public Works wished Jason Griffin, the Marketing and Economic Development Office, good luck and thanked him for everything.

3. Public Gallery:

Dave Jorgenson wondered if the Ministry of Highways representative had gotten back to the Administrator in regards to signs and speed change to which the Administrator replied that he was still waiting to hear from him. Councillor Wilkins inquired if Mr. Jorgenson took photos or videos on his tours of the back country that the District could use and Mr. Jorgenson noted that he did regularly contribute photos to the District.

K. CLOSED MEETING:

14-38 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

14-39 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:09 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO