

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 7:00 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.; Katrina Leckovic, C.A.O. Designate; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works; Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk.

PUBLIC GALLERY: 1 Person

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

14-67 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, April 15, 2014

14-68 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, April 15, 2014 be adopted as amended as follows:

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION: should read

14-51 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as circulated..

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Wells Marketing Videos

14-69 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the presentation Wells Marketing Videos by Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer be received.

Carried Unanimously

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells Chief Administrative Officer Appointment

14-70 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** pursuant to Section 147 of the Community Charter that Katrina Leckovic be appointed to the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Corporate Officer Appointment

14-71 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** pursuant to Section 148 of the Community Charter that Katrina Leckovic be appointed to

the position of Corporate Officer for the District of Wells.
Carried Unanimously

3. District of Wells Financial Officer Appointment
14-72 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** pursuant to Section 149 of the Community Charter that Katrina Leckovic be appointed to the position of Financial Officer for the District of Wells.
Carried Unanimously

4. District of Wells Approving Officer Appointment
14-73 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** pursuant to Section 149 of the Community Charter that Katrina Leckovic be appointed to the position of Approving Officer for the District of Wells.
Carried Unanimously

5. Appointment of Electoral Officers
14-74 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** pursuant to Section 41(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act, Katrina Leckovic be appointed Chief Election Officer for the District of Wells, to conduct the 2014 general local elections, with power to appoint other election officials as required, AND THAT Deborah McKay be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the District of Wells for the 2014 general local elections.
Carried Unanimously

6. Appointment of Signing Authorities for the District of Wells
14-75 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer of the District of Wells (herein called the "Corporation", be and is hereby Authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation to negotiate with, deposit with, or transfer to INTEGRIS CREDIT UNION OR ROYAL BANK OF CANADA (the "Bank"), for credit to the Corporation's account only and any cheques and other orders for the payment of money, and for that purpose to endorse the same on behalf of the Corporation either in writing or by rubber stamp;

AND THAT all cheques of the Corporation be drawn in the name of the Corporation and be signed on its behalf by either Mayor Robin Sharpe, or any Councillor (one of Judy Campbell, Mike Wallace, Virginia Wilkins or Richard Wright) AND either Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer or Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk, or Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works;

AND THAT Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer, be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation from time to time to receive the said Bank statement of account of the Corporation together with all relative vouchers and all unpaid bills lodged for collection by the Corporation and all items returned unpaid and charged to the account of the Corporation, and to sign and deliver to the Bank the Bank's form of verification, settlement of balance and release;

AND THAT Katrina Leckovic, Chief Administrative Officer, be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation to obtain delivery from the Bank of all and any stocks, bonds and other securities held by the Bank in safekeeping or otherwise for the account of the Corporation and to give valid and binding receipts therefore;

AND THAT this resolution be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until written notice to the contrary shall have been given to the Manager for the time being of the branch of the Bank at which the account of the Corporation is kept and receipt of such notice duly acknowledged in writing.

Carried Unanimously

7. Feral cats in Wells
14-76 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council receive the update on the feral cat situation in Wells.

Carried Unanimously

- 14-77** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council pay up to \$250 toward veterinarian costs and send a letter of thank you to Kelleigh Marshall and her partner, Robert for all the work they have done with the feral cats.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Financial Plan Bylaw No. 132, 2014
The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the report . The Administrator noted that this was the first utility tax increase in five years and that it would probably not raise again for another five years. The Administrator also noted that the District has completed some large projects due to receiving various grants. The Mayor noted that he will be meeting with Minister Coralee Oakes at which time he will ask her about the future of the Small Community Grant which, as the Administrator pointed out, Wells relies on. Councillor Wright noted that the Administrator did a great job with the finances for the District of Wells.
14-78 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the presentation from Gary Champagne, Chief Administrative Officer of the District of Wells Five Year Financial Plan with opportunity for public input be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 14-79** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells Financial Plan Bylaw No. 132, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Tax Rates Bylaw No.133, 2014
14-80 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give the first three readings to the District of Wells Tax Rates Bylaw No.133, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS: NIL

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

14-81 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

2. 14.04.16 Claude Dauphin, FCM President re: Your FCM Membership -District of Wells.
3. 14.04.29 Basia Ruta, Auditor General for Local Government re: Release of Performance Audit Report and Perspectives Series Booklet.
Carried Unanimously

1. 14.04.16 Derek Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby re: Resolution in Response to the Alteration of the ALR by the Provincial Government.

14-82 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council send a letter of support to the Mayor of Burnaby supporting the Resolution in Response to the Alteration of the ALR by the Provincial Government, with a copy sent to UBCM.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Campbell noted that the cross country skiing was still fantastic.

Councillor Wilkins noted that she was leaving on May 7, 2014 to attend the NCLGA Convention in Fort St. John.

Councillor Wright noted that rehearsals at the Theatre Royal began on May 7, 2014 and that the entire cast and crew had already arrived. Lastly, Councillor Wright noted that a number of school groups that were to visit Barkerville had cancelled

The Mayor welcomed Katrina Leckovic, the new Administrator and thanked Gary Champagne for all he had done for the District of Wells. The Mayor noted that he was also leaving on May 7, 2014 to attend the NCLGA Convention in Fort St. John followed by meetings and a holiday.

2. Staff:

The Administrator thanked the past and present Council for being so great to work for. The Administrator also congratulated the new Administrator, Katrina Leckovic and noted that he felt completely comfortable leaving the town in her capable hands. Lastly, the Administrator noted that he would stay to train the new Administrator until the end of May and possibly longer.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer requested that the Mayor speak to Coralee Oakes about the Community Forest when he meets with her. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer noted that the province had

not renewed funding agreements with the CCCTA and the other regional tourism groups beyond September, 2014. The Mayor noted that he would speak to Coralee Oakes about this issue. Councillor Wright requested that the Mayor also talk to Ms. Oakes about any updates on the BC Ferries service cuts.

The Deputy Clerk congratulated and welcomed the new Administrator, Katrina Leckovic.

The Superintendent of Public Works congratulated and welcomed the new Administrator, Katrina Leckovic and also thanked Gary Champagne, noting that Mr. Champagne will be missed.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

14-83 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO