

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Robin Sharpe; Councillors Mandy Kilsby, Lorraine Kozar and Virginia Wilkins

ALSO PRESENT: Katrina Leckovic, C.A.O.; Margaret Inoue, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; John Aitken, Public Works Superintendent and Deborah McKay, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 5 People

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

15-239 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E. 3 2016 Auditor

F. 2 5-Year Review of the RCMP Police Service Agreements

F. 3 Friends of Barkerville re: Logging in the Williams Creek Watershed.

I. 1 Emergency Planning

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, November 17, 2015

15-240 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, November 17, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. West Fraser Referral

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer (EDO) provided a verbal overview of her report.

15-241 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the West Fraser Referral report.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adjudicator

The Administrator provided a verbal overview of her report.

15-242 MOVED Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the Adjudicator report and **THAT** Council permit staff to enter into a two-year contract with APEX Dispute Resolution for the provision of bylaw adjudication services.

Carried Unanimously

2. Suspension of Fire Services

Councillor Wilkins noted that she is very worried about the fire services being suspended over the Christmas holidays. Fire Chief Margaret Inoue noted that attendance at fire practice is low with very few firefighters trained. The Mayor inquired as to the minimum number of firefighters required to attend a fire to which the Fire Chief responded four (4).

The Mayor suggested that a serious recruitment drive should be undertaken to enlist more members in the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade. Lastly, the Mayor noted that if anyone has any ideas about how to solve this unfortunate situation to please come forward. Staff will put a notice out to the community to let them know that the fire services will be suspended from December 17, 2015 to January 4, 2016.

15-243 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council receive the Suspension of Fire Services report.

Carried Unanimously

3. 2016 Auditor

The Administrator noted that a Request for Proposal for an Auditor for the District of Wells has been advertised with the deadline for submissions being 4:30PM on December 21, 2015. The Administrator requested that Council hold a special meeting to appoint a new Auditor, so that schedules can be established.

15-244 MOVED Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** Council receive the information re: 2016 Auditor.

Carried Unanimously

15-245 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** a special meeting of Council be held on December 21, 2015 at 5 PM to appoint an Auditor for the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 15.11.20 North Cariboo Healthier Communities Committee re: Request for the approval of Marketing & Economic Development Officer to serve as the District of Wells representative to the North Cariboo Healthier Communities Committee for the 2016 year

15-246 MOVED Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 15.11.20 letter from North Cariboo Healthier Communities Committee re: Request for the approval of Marketing & Economic Development Officer to serve as the District of Wells representative to the North Cariboo Healthier Communities Committee for the 2016 year be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. 15.12.15 Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, UBCM, Co-Chair LGCMC re: 5-Year Review of the RCMP Police Service Agreements

15-247 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the 15.12.15 letter from Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, UBCM, Co-Chair LGCMC re: 5-Year Review of the RCMP Police Service Agreements be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. 15.12.15 Friends of Barkerville re: Logging in the Williams Creek Watershed
15-248 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the 15.12.15 letter from Friends of Barkerville re: Logging in the Williams Creek Watershed be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 15-249 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** staff write a letter in opposition to the Ministry's decision to reject the efforts by West Fraser to have constraining zones within the headwaters of the Williams Creek valley exchanged with an area along the Swift River.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report
15-250 MOVED Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Report
15-251 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Public Works Superintendent report be received.
Carried Unanimously
3. Cheque Register 15.11.01 to 15.11.30
15-252 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 4412 to 4453 from Integris Credit Union for the period of November 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015 for a total amount of \$63,956.26.
Carried Unanimously
4. Outstanding Actions Item Report
15-253 MOVED Councillor Kozar Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Emergency Planning
The Administrator noted that Councillor Wright has called an Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) meeting on January 18, 2016. The meeting will consist of two meetings- one for ArtsWells and one for Emergency Plan review, specifically with regards to the Lowhee Dyke.
15-254 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Emergency Planning Committee information be received.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 15-255 MOVED** Councillor Kilsby Seconded Councillor Kozar **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 15.11.13 Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services re: Grant-in-lieu of Property Tax Payment
2. 15.11.20 Selina Robinson, MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville, Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government, Sports and Seniors re: Selina's update from Victoria
3. 15.11.20 David Guscott, PRIMECorp CEO re: PRIMECorp's Annual Report (see Deputy Clerk for a copy of the report)
4. 15.11.26 Selina Robinson, MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville, Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government, Sports and Seniors re: Selina's update from Victoria
5. 15.11.26 Mark Blenheim, Communications Manager, Small Businesses BC re: Wells Business Nominated for Small Businesses BC Awards
6. 15.12.01 Northern Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) re: Annual General Meeting & Convention Request for Bids (2017)
7. 15.12.07 Patricia Heintzman, Mayor, Squamish re: Transit challenges in active and growing communities.
8. 15.12.07 Gordon Ruth, Auditor General for Local Government re: Upcoming Performance Audit Report Release.

Carried Unanimously

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Kilsby wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked everyone who came to Victorian Christmas at Barkerville, noting that it was the busiest one since 1997.

Councillor Kozar wished everyone Happy Holidays and all the best in 2016. Councillor Kozar also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councillor Wilkins noted that on December 14, 2015 a logging truck drove by her so fast on Highway 26 that it almost knocked her into the snow bank. Councillor Wilkins also noted that the craft sale at the Jack O Clubs on the Victorian Christmas weekend hosted sixteen tables and was a huge success. Lastly, Councillor Wilkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The Mayor noted that the new signs and maps are up at the new bridge on Blair Avenue, the Blair Street Bridge, and that everything looks good. The Mayor also noted that the trail to the Jack is well defined. The Mayor further noted that both the Sunset Theatre and Barkerville received grants from the Fabulous Festivals & Events grant program. The Mayor brought nomination forms for the BC Achievement awards which he will leave at the front desk. Lastly, the Mayor thanked Council and Staff for a great year. The Mayor thanked the Administrator for her many accomplishments and the Public Works Supervisor for stepping in and getting things done. The Mayor also thanked the following people for all they do to support the community: the Marketing & Economic Development Officer; the Deputy Clerk; Bill Horne & Claire Kujundzic; and Jody Hunter, Paramedic.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that, in accordance with policy, the District office will be closed December 24, 2015 to January 4, 2016.

The Deputy Clerk thanked everyone that was involved in making the tree lighting a success: the Public Works Superintendent; the Marketing & Economic Development Officer; the Administrator; the Wells Community School; the Mayor. The Deputy Clerk also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

3. Public Gallery:

Jody Hunter noted that the beavers are busy building dams in the meadow between the Bridge and the Y.

Bill Horne noted that the 2015 Barkerville Victorian weekend was the busiest one for Amazing Space Gallery. Mr. Horne also displayed the thank you sign for the trails repair project that will be put up in the meadow. Lastly, Mr. Horne noted that the new bridge, maps and signage look great.

Claire Kujundzic thanked the Mayor, Council and Staff for their work and dedication and wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

15-256 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Kilsby **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Carried Unanimously

Robin Sharpe, Mayor

Katrina Leckovic, CAO