

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 AT 7:00PM  
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19

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MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk, Councillors Jordan Rohatynski, Chris Cooley, Ksenya Dorwart and Mandy Kilsby  
STAFF: Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer and Tyler Burnson, District Clerk  
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:04PM

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday July 7, 2020

**20-71** **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the agenda for Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday July 7, 2020.

**Carried unanimously**

2.0 MINUTES

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday June 9, 2020

**20-72** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday June 9, 2020, as circulated.

**Carried Unanimously**

3.0 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3.1 Presentation to Mayor and Council on behalf of the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski read through the two meeting notes and only had one slight concern that the green infrastructure grant has to have a job creation attached to it. The retro fitting for the school building might not be feasible as opposed to the year-round greenhouse that was recommended that would allow for a part time worker.

Council invited Judy Campbell to speak on behalf of the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee. Judy Campbell said that she has not heard if they can re-purpose that money yet. There would be job creation during the

construction phase of the project. As well as the indirect jobs that are created through the Barkerville School program that allows schools to rent the facility. There would also be jobs attached to Arts Wells. Judy has not done a thorough analysis of that information yet. There will be significant job creation.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski commented that this is definitely something to be considered. It's all indirect as this point, although construction is more direct, it's only temporary and would not be a year-round position.

Judy Campbell confirmed Councillor Jordan Rohatynski's comment was true.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski looks forward to the report and said everything is looking amazing and is very glad about what the task force is doing.

Judy Campbell thinks the notes are complete and had nothing further to add.

Mayor Gabe Fourchalk apologizes for missing the last two meetings. The first meeting was missed due to days being crossed and the second meeting was missed because the eye doctor scheduled him that day for an appointment. Mayor Fourchalk looks forward to the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee meeting tomorrow, July 8, 2020.

**20-73**            **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the presentation.

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **4.0    INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **4.1    Council**

Councillor Ksenya Dorwart would like to thank everyone for attending or listening to the recording. She hopes everyone is staying safe, healthy and sane at this time. She would like to remind people to continue to make good decisions for their family, while we move into a time where more tourists are coming into town. She would like to remind people to be respectful to others who are practicing social distancing and taking extra precautions for themselves. She would like to thank Shannon and Curtis at the Jack O Clubs who are taking on managing the Nugget Hill RV Park. The Nugget Hill RV Park is a much-needed amenity in the community. Nugget Hill RV Park has just launched a new website and Facebook page. Barkerville Historic Town and Park is now in their phase 2 of re-opening. Open 7 days a week from 9AM to 5PM. The shops and restaurants are now open with some interpretation. The interpretation program looks a little different this year due to COVID-19. It's

more of a discovery style than a scheduled tour style. The interpreters will be stationed around Barkerville, they will be taking one family or house hold at a time. Lowhee and Forest Rose are the campsites open at Barkerville Historic Site and Town this year. Make sure to buy tickets in advance online. There will be a 200 head count in the park at any given time.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski would like to thank everyone for showing up to the meeting. He would like to remind everyone to be safe as we enter a new phase of re-opening. He also would like to thank Mark Dawson at the Jack O Taco stand for being open on Canada Day. He said "it's always amazing to have food celebration". Personal thanks to Mark Dawson.

Councillor Mandy Kilsby said that Councillor Dorwart covered it all and would like to thank everyone for their patience with the weather and for tuning in.

Councillor Chris Cooley would like to thank everyone for coming out and wants to remind people to stay safe.

Mayor Gabe Fourchalk would like to echo everything that was said. He would also like to give an update on his eye. He has been struggling with his left eye and was scheduled to go see the eye doctor before COVID-19 hit. But due to COVID-19, he was not able to see the eye doctor. The good news is that the liquid that developed behind his left eye has gone down to almost nothing. The bad news is, due to the prolonged part of that, he has now been removed from the surgery list, which is good. Due to the lack of blood flow to that area, his vision (particularly his colored vision) may be permanently affected. The doctor did say that the color may come back but he's not sure. He hopes for the best but otherwise, it is what it is. He said "life always takes its course the way it does", he will deal with it as it goes. It's a touch blurry in the left eye, but has 2020 vision in the right eye. He hopes everyone is staying safe and barring with us during the lovely weather. He said "we will be boating from our yards soon enough and if the fish come up through the water, it will be nice easy fishing".

#### 4.2 Staff

Chief Administrative Officer, Donna Forseille has no comments at this time.

District Clerk, Tyler Burnson has no comments at this time.

#### 4.3 Public Gallery

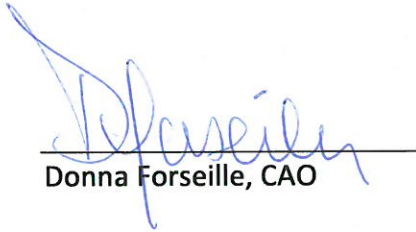
No comments from the public gallery.

5.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

5.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of July 7, 2020

**20-75** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Chris Cooley THAT at 7:16PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday July 7, 2020.

**Carried Unanimously**



Donna Forseille, CAO



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor