

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 AT 7:00PM
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk, Councillors Jordan Rohatynski, Chris Cooley, Ksenya Dorwart and Mandy Kilsby
STAFF: Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer
ABSENT: Tyler Burnson, District Clerk
PUBLIC GALLERY: 8

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER AT 7:02PM**

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday August 11, 2020

20-76 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the agenda for Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday August 11, 2020 as amended to add Item 5.3- Food Truck Festival Discussions.

Carried unanimously

2.0 **MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday July 7, 2020

20-77 **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday July 7, 2020, as amended to fix a spelling error located in section 3.1, removing “tax” and changing the word to “task” force.

Carried Unanimously

2.2

Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday July 29, 2020

20-78 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the minutes for the Special Council meeting of Wednesday July 29, 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.

20-79 **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the update from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter to Mayor and Council from Nori Cirotto regarding the potential renaming of the Wells-Barkerville Elementary School

20-80 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from Nori Cirotto regarding the potential renaming of the Wells- Barkerville Elementary School.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Letter to Mayor and Council from John Aitken regarding permission to access the lane at the end of Bowman Crescent

Mayor Fourchalk asked Mr. Aitken to speak to his letter of request. Mr. Aitken explained he would like to do some improvements to his property which would require lane access. The improvements include the moving of the current shed and installation of a chain link fence. Mr. Aitken would like to complete the improvements to his property before the snow flies. He stated that the reason he is seeking Council's approval for the lane access is that he feels his neighbor has laid claim to the lane and does not seem to be willing to share. The neighbor has a parking pad within the lane that is roughly 50% on the lane access, which is on District Property. The District has right of ways located on the lane and Mr. Aitkens property for utilities which run through there, such as, water, sewer and hydro. The Lot beside his neighbors is also owned by the District. Mr. Aitken stated that his concern is that his neighbor's pad for parking is impeding on the his ability to access the lane to his property to conduct the improvements needed, further to this the trespass of the pad on the District's property poses a risk (in his opinion) that utilities can not be properly accessed and repaired as needed by the district and/or utility companies. To conduct the improvements to Mr. Aitkens property from the other side of his property would require more work as he would have to take down the existing fence. Mr. Aitken feels that his neighbor, Mr. Tipman, has enough room on his own property to build his parking pad within his own easements. A lane is meant to be accessible for anyone's use, it is not meant to be someone's personal driveway for parking. Mr. Aitken requests a temporary allowance to access the lane for up to 90 days.

In response Mr. Tipman (neighboring property owner) responded that he has no problem with with Mr. Aitken accessing the lane. He asked Council if they received his original complaint from June 2020, to which council responded they had received the forwarded email with complaint letter from the CAO. Mr. Tipman agreed that half of his parking pad, which existed prior to his purchasing the property is on District property. The lane access is the only access to his property. His issue is with Mr. Aitken's claim that they park on District property. He does not want anything permanent done to the structure of the lane. He does not want half his parking pad removed or damaged. Mr. Tipman feels Mr. Aitken can easily access his property from the other side to conduct his work needed done. Mr. Tipman stated that the lane is a utility right of way but dead ends at the MacDonald's property, the lane does not run through to the next road. His survey completed in 2004 shows enough room between his parking pad and the Aitkens house, Mr. Aitken is encroaching on the laneway in his opinion.

Council asked Mr. Aitken to clarify what he was requesting. Mr. Aitken responded that he was requesting temporary access to the lane. His house is not on the District of Wells property and Mr. Tipman has room on his property to move his parking pad over as to not be half on the laneway which would open the access on the lane way.

Mayor Fourchalk asked staff to clarify the utility rights of way. The CAO responded that upon pulling each property in question's land titles, there are no current right of ways listed on the Topman's property which is beside a District owned lot, nor on the MacDonald's property which is located at the end of the lane. The laneway and Mr. Aitken's property however appear to have right of ways registered for District and BC Hydro utilities.

This means that the MacDonald's could potentially refuse the District to access the utilities through their premises should repairs or upgrades ever be needed, which would result in the District needing to access the lane and remove Mr. Tipman's parking pad as it sits right now depending on what the circumstances were at the time.

Council was in agreeance to allow Mr. Aitken a temporary impediment to the lane for up to 90 days to allow for Mr. Aitken to complete his land improvements with the understanding that no structural changes or alterations to the lane be done at this time.

20-81 **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the letter from John Aitken regarding his request to temporarily utilize the lane located on Bowman Crescent to conduct renovations to his property.

Carried Unanimously

20-82 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves a temporary impediment of the lane located on Bowman Crescent in between Mr. Aitken and Mr. Tipman's properties for a period of up to 90 days to Mr. Aitken With the understanding that no structural changes to the lane are permitted.

Carried Unanimously

4.3 Letter to Mayor and Council from Jillian Merrick regarding the recent proposed project for Barkerville Gold Mines

Councillor Rohatynski commented that Barkerville Gold Mines has no real light or noise mitigation and lack of quantification, he feels Ms. Merrick's concerns are legitimate concerns.

20-83 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the letter from Jillian Merrick regarding her concerns relating to the recent proposed project for Barkerville Gold Mines.

Carried Unanimously

4.4 Letter to Mayor and Council from Judy Campbell regarding the recent proposed project for Barkerville Gold Mines

Councillor Rohatynski really liked the impact assessment idea with the District having its own Committee idea. He also feels potential future tours through Bonanza ledge are a good idea. He recommends re-addressing the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade protection with Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) to reassess the current contract if there will be more burden on the firehall.

Councillor Dorwart agrees that an impact assessment could be done. She feels it is a great idea that she would like to see Council act on.

20-84 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the letter from Judy Campbell regarding her concerns relating to the recent proposed project for Barkerville Gold Mines.

Carried Unanimously

20-85 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council directs staff to investigate how the framework would work for the proposed Impact Assessment Committee and to place a call out to the community to see if there are volunteers interested on being on the proposed committee.

Carried Unanimously

4.5 Letter to Mayor and Council from Lindsay Kay regarding the recent proposed project for Barkerville Gold Mines

Councillor Rohatynski feels that this letter is similar to Ms. Merrick's letter, but he really sees a pattern of a verbal "carrot" but BGM not backing it up, he appreciates the point made by Ms. Kay.

20-86 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the letter from Lindsay Kay regarding her concerns relating to the recent proposed project for Barkerville Gold Mines.

Carried Unanimously

4.6 Letter to Mayor and Council from Dave Jorgenson regarding the recent proposed project with Barkerville Gold Mines

Councillor Rohatynski stated that given BGM's sudden change of the 3-phase transmission line plans, Mr. Jorgenson's point in his letter is one worth consideration. He is concerned about the Caribou Habitat and confused on notes regarding Cow Mountain and the Island Mountain portal replacement.

20-87 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the letter from Dave Jorgenson regarding his concerns relating to the recent proposed project for Barkerville Gold Mines.

Carried Unanimously

4.7 Letter to Mayor and Council from MIABC regarding this year voting delegate and alternates

20-88 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the letter from MIABC in request to update the appointments of voting delegates and their alternate(s).

Carried Unanimously

20-89 **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council appoints Mayor Fourchalk as voting delegate and Councillors' Mandy Kilsby and Ksenya Dorwart as his alternates.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Proposed grant application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

20-90 **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the proposed grant application to the Federal Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for funding to conduct a Municipal Asset Management Program for Wells.

Carried Unanimously

- 20-91** **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council approves the grant application for up to 90% of the \$50,000.00 maximum to the Federal Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for funding to conduct a Municipal Asset Management Program for Wells complete with GIS Software to help ensure the program is updated by District staff regularly.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 Appointment of the District of Wells Approving Officer

- 20-92** **MOVED** Chris Cooley, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council receives the verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Approving Officer's appointment.

Carried Unanimously

- 20-93** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council appoints Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer as the Approving Officer for the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 Discussions of the proposed Wells Food Truck Festival

Councillor Rohatynski stated that it was amazing how quickly the Wells Food Truck Festival went from an event idea to final stages of execution. He feels it is disappointing to see it cancelled and unfortunate that the District of Wells was left out. The District could have reached out to make it work better.

Councillor Dorwart stated that she wished the organizer would have waited until after this evening's council meeting to cancel. She did not know a lot of info and feels some key details were missed. She wishes she could have spoken more to the organizers in efforts to make this event happen. There was a lot of discussion that did need to happen, she wished it could have happened in a different way.

Councillor Kilsby stated "Kudos" to the organizers to decide to cancel. Given Covid and the BC Covid Regulations, this festival would have been in violation of Dr. Henry's orders. She looks forward to this event possibly happening in the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed here are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be received by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered either separately under another heading of the regular Agenda or immediately after the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

- 6.1 UBCM- Resolution sessions schedule
- 6.2 Letter of Support to the District of Wells from MLA Oakes
- 6.3 Letter from Minister Robinson
- 6.4 Letter from Premier Horgan

20-94 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the Consent Calendar as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Council

Councillor Rohatynski thanked Council, staff and the public gallery for showing up tonight.

Councillor Dorwart thanked everyone for joining in the meeting tonight. She hopes everyone stays safe, healthy and enjoys the few days of summer we have had.

Councillor Cooley thanked everyone for coming out tonight and stated "Wear a Mask".

Councillor Kilsby thanked everyone for providing input on the BGM Cariboo Gold Project. She feels there are a lot of people who are very articulate with great ideas within the Community.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked everyone for participating tonight. He commented on the strange times we have been enduring and the online meetings we are all still getting used to. He hopes everyone enjoyed the 3 days of summer we got this year.

7.2 Staff

No Comments

7.3 Public Gallery


No comments from the public gallery.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of August 11, 2020

20-95 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT at 8:36PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday August 11, 2020.

Carried Unanimously



Donna Forseille, CAO



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor