

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AT 7:00PM
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL:

Mayor Gabe Fouchalk, Councillors Jordan Rohatynski, Chris Cooley, Ksenya Dorwart and Mandy Kilsby

STAFF:

Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer, Tyler Burnson, District Clerk and Jorleen Russell, Economic Development Officer

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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER AT 7:01PM**

- 1.1 Agenda from the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 1, 2020
Mayor Fouchalk requested to add item 5.1 Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan as requested by Councillor Rohatynski.

20-96

MOVED Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday September 1, 2020 as amended to add item 5.1 (later amended to 5.2) – Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan, requested by Councillor Rohatynski.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 **MINUTES**

- 2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday August 11, 2020
Councillor Rohatynski requested to amend section 20-86 paragraph three from the August 11, 2020 minutes to read "Given Barkerville Gold Mine's sudden change in plans, Mr. Jorgenson plans on Barkerville Gold Mine offering power is the best argument regarding 3-phase power." He feels the current way it is written has him putting authority over one letter, over another. He commented that all letters are equal.

At 7:04pm Councillor Dorwart stated "Point of Privilege" that Councillor Kilsby was not connected via microphone or video and she would like to make sure she has her vote and say in the meeting.

Mayor Fouchalk stated that we would wait for Councillor Kilsby.

Councillor Kilsby was able to join via telephone at 7: 11pm- meeting resumed.

Councillor Rohatynski restated that he would like to request to amendment to the August 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Mayor Fourchalk repeated that 1.1 was amended to add item 5.1 - Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan, at the request of Councillor Rohatynski. That amendment was passed and added to New Business as 5.1.

Councillor Kilsby agreed.

20-97

MOVED Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday August 11, 2020, as amended to fix section 20-86 paragraph three to read "Given Barkerville Gold Mine's sudden change in plans, Mr. Jorgenson plans on Barkerville Gold Mine offering power is the best argument regarding 3-phase power."

Carried Unanimously

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Letter to Mayor and Council from Barb and Gary Cirotto regarding the Request for Qualifications: Project Manager – Learning Forest Trail – Phase One

Councillor Dorwart stated that she is the representative for the Community Forest Board for Council. She appreciates Barb and Gary's concerns. Cam Beck will be sending a letter shortly to Barb and Gary to address some of their questions and concerns. Mr. Beck will also be reaching out for a meeting request with Barb and Gary.

Councillor Kilsby asked the CAO, Donna Forseille, if she could give the definition of what an easement is.

The CAO gave a brief explanation of an easement which gives the District right of way access to properties, laneways etc without permission of others, generally for utility means. Between Barb Cirotto and Deb Mackay's properties the Districts' plans show Jones Avenue located between the two properties. Technically it is registered as a street belonging to the District. It does not look like a street and traditionally has not been kept as a street, but it is not a lane way or just an easement.

20-98

MOVED Chris Cooley, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from Barb and Gary Cirotto regarding the Request for Qualifications: Project Manager – Learning Forest Trail – Phase One.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee Minutes

20-99 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the update from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Furchalk stated that he made a mistake and should have made 5.2 the amendment and not 5.1, as it's already on the document.

Councillor Rohatynski put forward a motion to amend the agenda and to move the discussion of the Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan to item 5.2.

20-100 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council amends the agenda to move discussion of the Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community plan to item 5.2.

Carried Unanimously

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2020 UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) Convention

1. Receives the report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the District of Wells Ministerial Meeting requests.

General discussions by council were had regarding Ministerial meeting requests. Council decided to move forward with the CAO's suggested requests to the following:

- Ministry of Affairs and Housing- Covid 19 relief and affordable housing
- Ministry of Forests (FLNRO)- Wildfire Mitigation
- Ministry of Education – Education Preservation in the Wells and area

As well as the additional requests to request meetings with:

- Ministry of Energy and Mines – Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) proposed Cariboo Gold Project and the future of potential 3 phase power for Wells.
- Ministry of Affairs and Housing- Crown Land Releasing for potential housing developments
- BC Hydro- phase 3 power

- BC Housing- Potential funding for future housing developments

20-101

MOVED Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the District of Wells Ministerial Meeting requests.

Carried Unanimously

- 5.2 Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan.

Mayor Fourchalk put a motion forward to open the discussion regarding the Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan and invited Councillor Rohatynski to speak.

Council Rohatynski thanked Mayor Fourchalk for allowing a late agenda item. His hopes were to provide the community reassurance that the District of Wells is working closely with Barkerville Gold Mines to ensure human and community wellbeing. As well as help to establish with Barkerville Gold Mines that the District of Wells is ready to begin their part in the Technical Advisory Committee. To provide a community plan/draft conditions for the related effects of the upcoming detailed project description. Since the last Council meeting on August 11, 2020, he thinks that Barkerville Gold Mines has been very considerate with providing efficient transparency. On Wednesday August 19, 2020, Council and staff were invited to meet with Katherine St. James, EAO, where Council and staff were given clarity regarding the environmental assessment process and the difference between our role on the Technical Advisory Committee vs our individual community roles on the Community Advisory Committee. Fast-forward to August 23, 2020, he, and Mayor Fourchalk attended an underground tour at Bonanza Ledge. They were orientated underground and given the chance to ask questions. He is incredibly satisfied with Barkerville Gold Mines safety procedures as well as the heavy dedication to mitigating Environmental impacts. He did some calculations of what he thinks would be close to the decibel levels in the generator right in front of the tunnel opening, that is about 70-80 decibels. By the settling pond, it would be about 30 decibels. He feels there will always be a difference between nothing and a little bit. It seems within reasonable levels for an active mine. The community presentation last Tuesday August 25, 2020 was a helpful regurgitation of what was discussed last Sunday August 23, 2020. Very valid concerns were brought up with regards to the Barkerville Gold Mines legacy. He feels it would be best to transparently state that we are ready to begin the role in community outreach, pending the go-a-head from Barkerville Gold Mines or the Environmental Assessment Office. He was

hoping to make two motions explicitly, one to direct staff to notify Barkerville Gold Mines that we are ready to go pending their go ahead. The second request is to add himself as one of the District representatives on the Technical Advisory Committee.

Mayor Fourchalk stated that Council will start with the open discussion on 5.2 - Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan.

Councillor Dorwart stated that she feels the community is feeling that Council has not engaged enough. She said they could be right; she does think Council needs to have a little more community input on this. There is a lot of discussion around what Barkerville Gold Mines is doing, it is going to impact Wells in several different ways for years to come. She does not think this discussion should be taken lightly and input from the community is very important. She is hearing from several people that maybe there hasn't been enough involvement, if that's the case, Council will need to take some steps forward to rectify that.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked Councillor Dorwart for her comment.

20-102

MOVED Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council opens the discussion regarding Cariboo Gold Project Discussion on Technical Advisory Committee and Community Plan.

Carried Unanimously

5.2.2 – Motion from Councillor Rohatynski – Direct staff to notify Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) and the Environmental Assessment Office that the Council is ready to go-ahead with community outreach, pending their go-a-head. To show all interested parties that Council is ready to go. (MOTION FAILED)

Discussions pointed out to Councillor Rohatynski that the District does not need the approval of BGM to commence reaching out to the Community for their input on the future vision and potential legacy projects. Councillor Rohatynski revoked his motion.

5.2.3- Councillor Rohatynski's second motion request to be added to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (Seconded by Mandy Kilsby)

Mayor Fourchalk was under the understanding that the CAO, Mayor and Council were all invited to be on the Technical Advisory Committee.

Councillor Rohatynski doesn't think everyone is on the committee because he contacted Debra Lamash seeing if she could inform him on who the two District members were that are already on the Technical Advisory Committee. Her response was that he was to go to Mayor and Council to find out how he can get involved.

General discussions by Council were had regarding the need to appoint TAC representatives or not.

Kelsey Dodd from Barkerville Gold Mines joined the meeting and Mayor Fourchalk invited Kelsey Dodd to speak. Kelsey asked for clarification regarding the information Council wanted her to provide.

Councillor Rohatynski replied that the questions were, who is presently on the Technical Advisory Committee, how many members of the District and staff can be on Technical Advisory Committee and how times does the Technical Advisory Committee meet in a large group, in the case of accidental quorum.

Kelsey Dodd provided the following information about the Technical Advisory Committee:

- The Technical Advisory Committee has not been formed yet. There are currently approximately 40 people on the invite list including representatives from government agencies, Indigenous nations and local and regional government.
- As per Katherine St. James' email, all Council members, the CAO and the Mayor can be part of the Committee and appointments are not necessary. Kelsey asked Donna to send contact information for the Councillors to Katherine St. James.
- There is no quorum for the Technical Advisory Committee, members can join the meeting as it relates to items that they are interested in
- Most meetings are held as the full Technical Advisory Committee where everyone is included. If a person chooses not to go, they will still receive the information.
- The Environmental Assessment Office website has information on what the Technical Advisory Committee does and what their roles and responsibilities are
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/environmental>

Councillor Rohatynski thanked Kelsey Dodd for the additional information.

The CAO thanked Kelsey Dodd and apologised for the late added item.

Councillor Rohatynski said he was sorry for the late added item and would like to withdraw the second motion of requesting to add himself to the Technical Advisory Committee. Since Mayor and Council will receive an email with information from Katherine St James, he is fully content.

Mayor Fourchalk asked if that was okay with the seconder.

Councillor Kilsby confirmed it was okay.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked everyone for their input.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 District of Wells 2019 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report

1. Receives the report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the District of Wells 2019 Statement of Information (SOFI) Report

Councillor Rohatynski asked for clarification on if the \$141,000 to \$230,000 potential deficit depending on how much taxes are still in arrears at the end. He would like to clarify if that is added to the 2020 budget that has already been put in motion and any negatives that are carried forward from this year is now just moved to the 2020 budget and potentially the 2021 budget.

Donna Forseille confirmed that was correct.

Councillor Kilsby asked the CAO if she could remind everyone of how much the portable is worth.

The CAO replied that the purchase price with GST was \$134,000 with delivery plus additional set-up costs. The set-up costs were done as economically as possible.

Councillor Kilsby asked what the re-sale value is for the portable.

The CAO said she will investigate the re-sale value if council wants to entertain that idea.

Councillor Dorwart asked if the CAO wanted to speak to anything.

The CAO stated that she was a little taken back by the amount of deficit especially after all the cutbacks that were made. That was also taking into consideration that the District had liabilities with the contaminated site located at the Wells Community Facility Building. Which at this time, the liability of the contaminated land located at the Wells Community Facility Building has been remedied. Monitoring of the wells on the site will still need to be done. She also stated that not having revenue from the Community Forests has hurt the District of Wells. Plus, arrears in property taxes, grants that we could not collect and some grants that needed to be payed back were all factors. Moving forward those need to be taken care of as best as they can so we can assure they are done accurately, as the District of Wells can not afford anymore errors.

Councillor Rohatynski thanked the CAO for her incredible work. He commented that on number 17, examination of the subsequent period bank statements records shows that management has reduced expenditures and continues to be operating the District of Wells in a reasonable manner, and the going concern basis is appropriate in the circumstances. He stated that the District of Wells is defiantly no longer allowed any margin for error. "We're not out of game yet."

20-103 **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the update from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the District of Wells 2019 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report.

Carried Unanimously

20-104 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives and approves the District of Wells 2019 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI report).

Carried Unanimously

6.2 EFT TD Canada Trust Vadim cheque report for the period of January 1, 2020 to August 25, 2020 in the amount of \$596,522.58

Mayor Fourchalk asked if anyone had any questions or concerns.

Councillor Dorwart stated that since the District of Wells brought in the portable toilets for added tourism, is the District of Wells planning on removing them.

CAO commented that the portable toilets are only rentals and are being returned. They were added to meet all the new health and safety regulations. They were the best option at the time.

Councillor Dorwart understands the CAO's point and commented that Barkerville Historic Town and Park had to also put up extra hand washing stations and portable toilets thought out the park, to help manager the bottleneck of people into the bathrooms.

CAO stated that the Visitor Information Centre will be open until September 12, 2020 and after that the District of Wells will then shut down the Visitor Information Centre and return the hand washing stations and portable toilets back to All Haul.

Councillor Rohatynski asked if the "musical park" right beside the highway will also be removed for winter.

CAO confirmed that the "musical park" was made for winters in Wells. However, there is an option to remove them, they just pop off their bases. The musical instruments would last longer if that were to happen. That would also depend on what the community would want. If the musical instruments can be used during winter, then that is great.

The CAO confirmed she will find out how easy it is to remove the musical instruments.

20-105 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the EFT TD Canada Trust Bank Vadim report for the period of January 1, 2020 to August 25, 2020 in the amount of \$596,522.58.

Carried Unanimously

6.3 Vadim Year to Date Approved Budget Report

20-106 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the Vadim Year to Date Approved Budget report.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 Council

Councillor Rohatynski thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He apologised for the late agenda item and will make sure to keep within deadlines. He thanked Kelsey Dodd for joining the meeting and giving everyone more information.

Councillor Dorwart thanked everyone for joining the meeting and for their input. She apologised for the technical issues. She stated that if the Community is missing out on meetings or information, they can email Tyler Burnson, District Clerk at clerk@wells.ca to be added to the mail list. She also reminded everyone to not leave their keys in their vehicle and to protect themselves and their assets. She hopes that everyone is doing well and not feeling burnt out like she is coming into September. She would like to remind everyone to continue to follow orders from Dr. Henry, as the new school year starts and the flu season begins - "be kind to one another." She commented that she misses the community, the event and the socializing. She is feeling a loss at the moment from the "crazy summer" everyone has had. She commented that she fell in love with Wells and the Community when she attended events and socializing with the Community the last couple of years. "Hang in there, I miss you guys."

Councillor Cooley thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Councillor Kilsby thanked everyone for their patience during the technical issues. She stated that she knows ZOOM is not easy and anybody who has kids going back to school dealing with this, you have her sympathy. She would also like to thank staff for all the work they did for the audit.

Mayor Fourchalk Would like to echo his fellow colleagues' comments. He said it has been great having the District staff being so involved in getting the audit completed. He does not envy them for having to do so. He would also like to thank everyone who joined the meeting tonight. He confirmed that the technical issues will happen because of the new platforms for virtual meeting such as Skype, Zoom and Teams. He apologised for his personal technical glitches tonight. "Stay safe everyone."

7.2 Staff

Chief Administrative Officer, Donna Forseille would like to thank all staff at the District of Wells Office. Jorleen Russell, Economic Development Office,

launched the new District of Wells website. She commented that it looks great and is user friendly. More information will be added to the website moving forward. Jorleen has great ideas and is "rocking" her new Economic Development position. Clint Stroud, Public Works Superintendent, did a great job putting up the musical instruments at the parks and is doing great at maintaining properties around town. Clint is learning and he is doing well. Tyler Burnson, District Clerk is also doing very well and has been very busy, as we all have. If anyone has any questions moving forward, they are more than welcome to approach staff. The District of Wells is trying extremely hard to get the overhead streetlights around town fixed, especially given the recent events happening around town. BC Hydro has stated they will be replacing them with new LED overhead streetlights. "If community members need to reach out, we are always here to listen."

Economic Development Officer, Jorleen Russell thanked everyone for allowing her to attend the meeting tonight. She is enjoying her position as the District of Wells EDO and is having a lot of fun. Heritage signs and the new website is a few of the projects completed this year. "Everyone stay safe and listen to Dr. Henry."

District Clerk, Tyler Burnson thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

7.3 Public Gallery

Judy Campbell asked if Council could refer back to the motion 20-85 - formation of a Community Impact Assessment Committee, made at the last Council meeting on August 11, 2020. She asked if any progress has been made. She wondered if when Councillor Rohatynski was speaking if there was confusion about that. She was envisioning something independent of Barkerville Gold Mine and the Environmental Assessment Office that is run by the District of Wells and it involves community engagement. She stated the Technical Advisory Committee is not about community engagement and is about getting the information as opinions of experts. She is wondering where we are at with that motion of an independent committee.

Councillor Dorwart was hoping for an independent group as well, outside of the Technical Advisory Committee and the Environmental Assessment process. She asked Donna Forseille if anyone from the community is interested and how Council can move forward in a speedy process.

CAO stated that since the District of Wells was asked to attend the other meeting with the Environmental Assessment Office, Kelsey Dodd and Katherine St James, the District of Wells held off on doing call outs because the District needed to know what Council wanted their role to be and how they wanted to proceed with Barkerville Gold Mines.

Councillor Rohatynski thinks it's a good idea to move forward with a separate impact assessment committee but would like to wait to receive an email from Katherine St James so Council has a better understanding of what needs to be done.

Judy Campbell stated that there is no reason to do that. She stated that the community needs to organize and engage and that's Council's role to do that. She said that this has nothing to do with Katherine St James and the Environmental Assessment Office nor does it have anything to do with Barkerville Gold Mines, this would be "our process." She stated that in communities that have had to deal with major developments have all done this and that we are lagging behind in doing that, and she feels that Barkerville Gold Mines in many ways are asking for a "blue sky list" but are also asking for our community to get together with an organized concept of the community's vision for how they want to be during the operation of the mine and after the mine has moved out of the community. She wanted to remind everyone that we don't need the okay of the Environmental Assessment Office or Barkerville Gold Mine, we need the political will of Council to form a committee, invite the community to participate and have some community engagement around this.

Dawn Leroy agreed with Judy Campbell about engaging the community around a vision of what they want the community to look like before, after and during the mine as well as the legacy piece which is all about the big picture. She stated that she had a great conversation after the Community Engagement meeting with BGM.

Dawn Leroy clarified that the economic assessment piece is a little bit separate from the community engagement and visioning and the legacy piece. She said that Judy Campbell's comments around engaging the community, coming up with a vision and a plan and presenting it to Barkerville Gold Mines with what we as a community want to see while the mine is here, is very important.

Judy Campbell said that Dawn Leroy was right on point. She stated that there are going to be a bunch of parallel processes that are funneling into the mine development. Part is the Technical Advisory Committee; part is

the Environmental Assessment Office Community Advisory Committee. She thinks that the District of Wells needs to be clear that they are keeping that distinct. She would like to request for the community to have their own visioning process. A lot of the technical aspects that might form part of that visioning process, we can ask to have it completed like an economic impact assessment and other kinds of studies. She stated that the District of Wells needs to have a community engagement process and some visioning to decide what the community thinks is most important.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked Judy Campbell and said that he agreed with her statement.

Judy Campbell stated that she would like to go back to her original question and asked Council where they are at with that.

Mayor Fourchalk said that nothing was in place right now and he would get back to Judy Campbell once he had the answers.

Judy Campbell commented that was great and she looks forward to the call to the community for people who want to participate.

Councillor Rohatynski said he hopes that something unrelated to the economic impact of the Technical Advisory Committee, that they can provide some community outreach to their own visioning process.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked Councillor Rohatynski and invited Dorothea Funk to speak.

Dorothea Funk confirmed she sent a written comment but wanted to say verbally that she supports the comments made by Judy Campbell and Dawn Leroy in terms of how to proceed with community engagement regarding the vision and what the community sees as important in the legacy that is left by Barkerville Gold Mine. She stated that secondly, she would like to mention the alarming information on the audit and would like to know what happens here on in to deal with this.

Mayor Fourchalk stated that he didn't think anyone had the answer to that question at this time but asked the CAO if she had any light to shed.

The CAO stated that further cutbacks will need to happen and future revenue will need to be found. Those cutbacks are unknown as this time

and will need to wait to hear from the Province as the District of Wells is not allowed to run a deficit. With COVID-19 things are moving very slowly. The audit is usually completed by March and this year it has taken till mid August to get the final audit. With that, there are no set answers at this time. Council may have some difficult decisions to make in the coming future. What those decisions look like are unknown at this time. As stated in her report, it is recommended that the consideration for going back to core essential services be done. There are a lot of unknowns with future revenues and COVID-19 is not helping.

Dorothea Funk stated she appreciated Donna Forseille's comment and asked if the portable can be sold.

The CAO said her recommendation was to sell the portable. She said at the time it was not a poor decision. It was to proactively save students from any potential busing given the state of repair of the current building the classrooms are situated in, as a school is vital for the community. At this time, the portable has sat empty. We have a strong and dedicated group of community members working very hard on saving the Community Facility building, so that school would not have to leave that building. She stated that the 2019 audit could very well make it more difficult for the District of Wells to get future grants. If the portable is not going to be utilized, it would be a great asset to consider disposing of at this time. Again, she stated that Council has some challenging decisions coming up.

Dorothea Funk thanked Donna Forseille for the information and wished everyone good luck.

Mayor Fouchalk invited Julia Mackey to speak.

Julia Mackey asked Donna Forseille, CAO, if the property tax deadline was extended to September due to COVID-19 and will that make a big difference in the arrears.

The CAO replied that the new property tax deadline does not affect the arrears. The arrears that are in the audit, the \$94,000, is from prior years. Since she has been working for the District of Wells, every year the District of Wells runs into the \$90,000 mark, in arrears property taxes. She confirmed that September 30, 2020 is the due date for property taxes this year.

Julia Mackey informed Council that the Sunset Theatre has a new lighting and sound system and that the team at the Sunset Theatre has been

training on how to use the new system. They are hoping to move into more live performances as fall comes. They have all their safety protocols in place and is in contact weekly with ACT Safe and WorkSafe BC. She is grateful for the grant from Barkerville Gold Mine to purchase the equipment and for paying for the additional training costs. The Sunset Theatre will be offering one-on-one training for community members that are interested in learning how to use the new lighting and sound system. She will be sending out information on that by the end of September.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked Julia Mackey for the updated and said that was "awesome."

Mayor Fourchalk invited Dawn Leroy to speak.

Dawn Leroy asked Council to consider bringing in an external consultant to help through the process of community engagement. She stated there are some great platforms for community engagement, that are not only in person but are also online. Having someone who does that professionally would be very helpful. That person would be able to take that information and put it in an appropriate report. She stated that there is a lot of work that community members can do and thinks is great that community members are stepping up. She knows the District of Wells is not in a very good financial situation but thinks looking at some grant opportunities for hiring a consultant would be beneficial.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked Dawn Leroy for her comment.

Mayor Fourchalk invited Dorothea Funk to speak.

Dorothea Funk asked the CAO what would be considered core services.

The CAO replied that core services are essential services like First Responders (Fire Brigade), core operations (The Municipal Office) and public works (sewer and water). She stated that if we keep seeing financial loses on the heritage buildings that the District of Wells owns, it will be difficult to maintain and sustain those buildings.

Dorothea Funk made the comment if the portable can be sold and if arrears taxes can be paid, that would go along away to helping to immediate deficit. She knows there are some long-term issues with the financials at the District of Wells. She asked if she was correct with her superficial assessment.

The CAO confirmed that was correct.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked Dorothea Funk for her comment and question.

Mayor Fourchalk invited Kelsey Dodd to speak.

Kelsey Dodd said there will be another community meeting regarding the Cariboo Gold Project coming up and will keep everyone updated with information.

Mayor Fourchalk invited Julia Mackey to speak.

Julia Mackey offered the District of Wells the use of the Sunset Theatre for future council meetings.

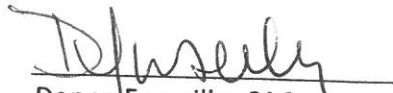
Mayor Fourchalk thanked Julia Mackey for the offer.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 1, 2020

20-107 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT at 9:00PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 1, 2020.

Carried Unanimously


Donna Forseille, CAO


Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor