

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00PM  
Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Gabe Fourchalk; Councillors Mandy Kilsby, Chris Cooley, Jordan Rohatynski and Ksenya Dorwart

**ABSENT:** NIL

**STAFF:** Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 8

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00PM**

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 25, 2020

**20-19 MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the agenda for Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 25, 2020, as amended to add 5.2- Appointment of Fire Chief to the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Carried Unanimously

**2.0 MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 11, 2019

**20-20 MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the minutes for Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 11, 2019, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**3.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

3.1 Letter to Mayor and Council from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board (WBCFB) regarding the waiving of an AGM and need for auditor

**20-21 MOVED** Chris Cooley, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board (WBCFB) regarding the waiving of an AGM and the need for an annual auditor; and

Directs staff to write a letter of resolution from Mayor and Council to the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board (WBCFB) consenting to the waiving of the AGM and annual audit for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years.

Carried Unanimously

#### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **4.1 Proposed 2020 District of Wells Provisional Budget**

*Julia Mackey spoke on behalf of the Sunset Theatre expressing her hopes that the District will be able to once again offer Grants-in-aid soon to its Community Non-profits.*

*Councillor Rohatynski motioned to review the Council remuneration and expenses. He feels that they should be lowered, or in the very least that the incidental amounts as per the bylaw be lowered especially given the recent financial challenges for accountability sake.*

**20-22 MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the proposed 2020 District of Wells Provisional Budget from the Chief Administrative Officer; and opens the gallery up for public input.

Carried Unanimously

**20-23 MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the 2020 District of Wells Provisional Budget as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**20-24 MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council agrees to bring forward the District of Wells Remuneration Bylaw No. 172, 2018 for review at the March 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

#### **5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**5.1 Wells Community Facility (School) Building Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) and Committee appointments.**

*Councillor Rohatynski inquired as to the Call Out Deadline for this Committee. He would like to see representatives from other organizations, such as Barkerville as well.*

*The CAO commented that the expression of interest to be on this Committee extends to March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The hope is that we see more interest.*

**20-25 MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the proposed Terms of Reference for the Wells Community Facility Building Committee from the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried Unanimously

**20-26 MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council appoints Mayor Fourchalk to be on the committee as well as Councillor Dorwart, and the Chief Administrative Officer to the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

**20-27 MOVED** Chris Cooley, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the appointments to the following interested committee members:

Judy Campbell  
Anne Laing  
Dawn Leroy  
Hayley Archer  
Rod Graham  
Josh Trotter-Wanner

Carried Unanimously

## **6.0 BYLAWS**

6.1 2020 to 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 179, 2019

**20-28 MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council gives Final reading to the District of Wells 2020 to 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 179,2019, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

## **7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 Council-

Council Rohatynski announced that the District was successful in receiving the grant through UBCM for the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade. Which is excellent news. He also thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Kilsby thanked Carrie Chard for stepping up to be the Fire Chief. She also thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Council Dorwart thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She reminded everyone that the Sunset Theatre is now playing movies.

Everyone can check out the Sunset Theatre's Facebook page for the movies playing. She also invites everyone to check out the "Whats Up in Wells" Website- her and Jillian Merrick have access if organizations would like to add events.

Councillor Dorwart announced that the Barkerville Café and the Gift Shop are open Friday thru Monday 11am to 4pm.

Councillor Cooley thanked everyone for coming out tonight and thanked everyone who had joined the Wells Community Facility Building Committee. He attended the Sunset Theatre for the showing of the movie, "Parasite", it was an excellent movie!

Mayor Fourchalk thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He also thanked Carrie Chard for stepping up to be the Fire Chief.

#### 7.2 Staff

The CAO announced that the District was also successful in being awarded the Grant Writing Funding through NDIT.

The Fire Chief stated that she and the brigade worked with the City of Quesnel Fire Department today. Moving Forward, she will be doing some pre-work with Wells' Businesses before conducting Fire Inspections. She stated it was great news for the brigade to have been awarded the grant. The Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade will continue to work with Barkerville Gold Mines and appreciates the tons of local support. Thank you to everyone!

#### 7.3 Public Gallery

Judy Campbell is hopeful that the Wells Community Facility Building Committee can have its first meeting at 8:30am Thursday February 27, 2020.

Josh Trotter-Wanner inquired about the CAO's email regarding the Green Infrastructure Committee. The Mayor explained that when the District advertised Call Outs, no one applied. The CAO agreed stating that the email was in efforts of getting others input with regards to the Grant funding the District has for Green Infrastructure. The funding was originally approved in 2018 for a BioMass system, however, that needs to be re-researched and time is of the essence, especially if we need to request a change of scope for the project agreement.

Julia Mackey thanked the CAO, Donna, for answering her questions regarding the 2020 provisional budget quickly. She also inquired as to what was required for the Sunset Theatre to also be approved for Permissive Tax Exemption. The CAO stated that she

believed that it was due to the theatre being privately owned. If the Sunset Theatre's Association were to transfer the building into its name, as a non profit it would then be able to come forward to Council and the Community for consideration.

Julia also announced that Jojo Rabbit was playing at the Sunset Theatre Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, Missing Link would be playing Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> as a matinee at 2pm, and Dr. Sleep would be playing the evening of March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Hayley Archer asked when the Community Fitness Centre would be open. The CAO responded that District Staff were picking up Donacona board to replace the ceiling from the flood on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and so the hope would be in the next week or so. Hayley announced that the Legion was open Friday's with food. And the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Responders Dinner would be hosted March 20, 2020 wherein raising proceeds for the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade. The first responders dine for free while everyone else pays and there would be a boot for donations as well.

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 25, 2020

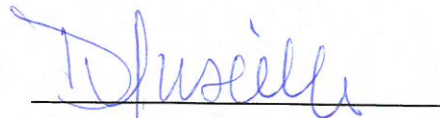
**20-29 MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council At 7:32PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 25, 2020.

Carried Unanimously



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Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor



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Donna Forseille, CAO