

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2020  
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk, Councillors Jordan Rohatynski, Ksenya Dorwart and Mandy Kilsby  
ABSENT: Councillor Chris Cooley  
STAFF: Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer and Tyler Burnson, District Clerk  
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:01PM

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 6, 2020

Mayor Fourchalk requested to add items:

- 4.1B Letter from Julia Mackey
- 5.1M Letter from Oryanna Ross
- 6.3 Topic of Furnace replacement at the Wells Firehall

**20-127** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 6, 2020 as amended to add items 4.1B letter from Julia Mackey, 5.1M letter from Oryanna Ross and 6.3 topic of furnace replacement at the Wells Firehall, requested by Mayor Fourchalk.

**Carried Unanimously**

2.0 MINUTES

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 15, 2020

**20-128** **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 15, 2020, as circulated.

**Carried Unanimously**

3.0 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3.1 Wells Community Facility Building Committee update and presentation  
*Mayor Fourchalk read out the following opening statement:*

*“As you may know, the District of Wells has been working with the Facility Select Committee to develop a business plan and look for potential resources to help with the rehabilitation and development of the existing school building and surrounding greenspace.*

*With the financial support of local community groups, we were able to successfully complete the business plan. This plan will soon be available to public and further refinement will take place once we engage community and stakeholders for feedback. Thank you to the the Wells Barkerville Parent Advisory Committee, Island Mountain Arts, The Wells and Area Community Association, The Wells Historical Society, Wells and Area Trails Society, and the Wells Barkerville Community Forest for their contributions to the preparation of the business plan.*

*The committee has also completed an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Community Culture and Recreation Program for a total project cost of \$2,016,300. This application required the District to raise the 27% matching funds. We’re extremely thankful to Barkerville Gold Mines for sponsoring this project with a contribution of \$512,000 towards the matching funds. With very little notice to come up with such a large amount of funds, we approached BGM and they immediately recognized the importance of this facility to the community and were happy to partner on this project. This submission would not have been possible without the contribution from BGM.*

*I would also like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Facility Select Committee who have worked very hard over that last few months to get us to this point. There is still a ways to go, but by working together, once again we have shown what our community can do.”*

Judy Campbell stated that the Community Facility Building is lacking approximately \$30,000 annually in revenues to ensure sustainability of the building. Now that there is a working business and financial plan, the committee would like to go out to the community to develop ideas about the use of the building and where the \$30,000 potentially might come from.

Dawn Leroy stated that the next application the committee would like to apply to will be funded 100%, they will try and achieve all three phases with this application.

Judy Campbell stated that the grant approval might take up to a year.

Councillor Dorwart thanked the Wells Community Facility Building Committee for their hard work and thanked Barkerville Gold Mine for their contributions.

*Judy Campbell has requested the following motions –*

*THAT staff submit an application for grant funding application for Project ICO349 The Wells Barkerville Culture and Recreation Centre through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation; and THAT Council supports the project and commits to its share \$537,747 of the project.*

*THAT Council supports the Wells Community Facility Building Committee engaging with the community.*

- 20-129** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives an update and presentation from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

**Carried Unanimously**

- 20-130** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT staff submit an application for grant funding application for Project ICO349 The Wells Barkerville Culture and Recreation Centre through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation; and THAT Council supports the project and commits to its share \$537,747 of the project.

**Carried Unanimously**

- 20-131** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council supports the Wells Community Facility Building Committee engaging with the community.

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 4.1** Letter to Mayor and Council from Barb Cirotto regarding the Learning Forest Trail

Councillor Rohatynski has requested the following motion –

*THAT Council following the principles of fair process, fair decision and fair service that the District of Wells and its subsidiary boards and corporations adhere to the guidelines of fairness by design administrative fairness resolutions, and to direct Council and Staff to review and update the current conflict of interest policy for the October 20, 2020 Council meeting.*

Councillor Dorwart asked if they could table the fairness portion of the motion because she has not read into it yet or could they amend the motion and revisit it at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Rohatynski amended his motion to –  
*THAT Council requests a review of the Conflict of Interest policy and the Fairness by Design Administrative Fairness Resolutions for the October 20, 2020 Council meeting.*

Councillor Dorwart suggested to table the motion as Councillor Rohatynski requested and motioned to move the portion of the fairness and conflict policies to next Council meeting, allowing Council more time to review the policies.

Councillor Rohatynski asked if Jones Avenue is registered as a highway.

CAO stated that its registered as a street.

**20-132** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council requests a review of the Conflict of Interest policy and the Fairness by Design Administrative Fairness Resolutions for the October 20, 2020 Council meeting.  
**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Dorwart stated that she feels its okay to move forward with the Learning Forest Trail Project. She stated that it's a great asset for the community and will add value to the community.

Cam Beck stated that he respects Barbs concerns and thinks more can be addressed and the project can more forward. He also stated that it ties into the Community Facility Building and their goal of becoming a Community Cultural and Recreational facility.

Julia Mackey stated that she supports the project but would also like to acknowledge Barb and Gary's concerns. Councillor Rohatynski and Cam met with herself, Gary and Barb on September 24, 2020 and Cam met again with herself and Barb on September 28, 2020. She stated that if Barb and Gary are apart of the project moving forward and if they feel their concerns are being addressed, that is a great way to start with the acknowledgement. She is still in support of the project but wanted to send a letter in support of her neighbor.

**20-133** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letters from Barb Cirotto and Julia Mackey regarding the proposed learning forest trail project.  
**Carried Unanimously**

4.2 Letter of request to Mayor and Council from Cindy Davies

Councillor Dorwart asked how long the temporary extension is valid for.

Councillor Rohatynski stated that the temporary extension with Councils approval is valid until October 31, 2021.

- 20-134** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from Cindy Davies of the Wells Hotel requesting support to extend the Municipal approval for the temporary expanded services during COVID-19.

**Carried Unanimously**

- 20-135** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council supports the policy directive 20-26 and policy directive 20-27 for extending the Temporary Service Area to October 21, 2021 as well as the food product offsite sales authorizations to March 31, 2021 for the Wells Hotel.

**Carried Unanimously**

- 4.3 Letter to Mayor and Council from the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) regarding Huckleberry Daycare

Councillor Dorwart asked if there was a new daycare.

Mayor Fourchalk stated that Wildflower Childcare is the new daycare.

Councillor Kilsby thanked the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) for getting it up and running.

- 20-136** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from the Wells and Area Community Association (WAACA) regarding Huckleberry Daycare.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1 Proposed Community Vision and Input Committee Callouts

The CAO stated that there were 12 people who showed interest in being on the committee. Staff would like to extend the deadline to reach out to businesses in the various industry sectors as to get a well-rounded group of individuals for discussions and input.

Councillor Rohatynski thinks extending the deadline would be a good idea. A general discussion was had by Council regarding the deadline for the extension.

Councillor Rohatynski stated that the detailed project description from Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) would be given prior to the next Council meeting so he was concerned that the proposed Vision and Input Committee would miss out on any BGM input deadlines, if appointments to the committee were not made by October 20, 2020.

Kelsey Dodd stated that there is no deadline for community input. The draft detailed project description and the community input are separate, and her suggestion is to keep them separate as they are not related. She recommends not putting any of the processes together.

**20-137** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the proposed implementation of a Community Vision and Input Select committee to seek public comments and input regarding the proposed Barkerville Gold Mines Cariboo Gold Project.

**Carried Unanimously**

**20-138** **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council directs staff to extend the deadline for the committee callouts and approach representatives of the local businesses and non-profits.

**Carried Unanimously**

**5.1M** Letter from Oryanna Ross regarding the proposed Community Vision and Input Committee

**20-139** **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council receives the letter from Oryanna Ross regarding the proposed Community Vision and Input Committee.

**Carried Unanimously**

**5.2** Proposed grant application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for Asset Management and Geographical Information System (GIS) software update.

The CAO stated that she recently was made aware that the grant will not fully cover the software and training programs. Its anywhere from \$58,000 to \$64,000 for both the Asset Management and Geographic Information System (GIS) software. She stated that it was also not explained to staff in advance

that it would be approximately \$8000 a year for the software. She stated that due to financial restraints, she would re-consider applying for funding at this time. It maybe possible to consider the funding in a year or two.

The CAO mentioned that the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) has a Geographic Information System (GIS) and has the District of Wells mapped on their website.

- 20-140** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the re-consideration of grant application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for implementing Asset Management and Geographic Information System (GIS) software for the District of Wells.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1** Staff Report – Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2020 Ministerial Meeting updates

The CAO stated that Council did a great job representing the community at the ministerial meetings. They had positive meetings with most ministries with exception to Ministry of Education because their hands are tied to help financially since the Community Facility Building which houses the school classrooms is owned by the municipality and not the School District. She stated that there will be another staff report coming up for the proposed grant application that the Ministry of Forests had recommended Council apply for to fire smart the community. There also will be upcoming reports on continued meetings with BC Housing.

A general discussion was had by Council regarding attending the meetings via online and not in person and how well it went and that Council got six meetings this year with Ministers.

Councillor Rohatynski stated that there is a lot of potential and vision in the Wells Community Facility Building Committee business plan and he thinks that is one aspect to show BC Hydro that the District of Wells has a huge capacity for growth and the lack of power will defiantly be an issue sooner then later.

- 20-141** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2020 Ministerial Meeting.

**Carried Unanimously**

6.2 Staff Report – Consideration of the disposition of the modular office

Councillor Rohatynski asked if there are any limitation to who the District of Wells can sell it to.

The CAO responded that anyone can bid.

**20-142** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the proposed consideration of the disposition of the modular office building.

**Carried Unanimously**

**20-143** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski and Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council direct staff to place a public notice and write a formal request letter to the School District 28 for the proposed disposition of the modular office building.

**Carried Unanimously**

6.3 Staff Report – Proposed Grant application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for a Wells Community Fire Smart Program.

The CAO stated that the grant funding from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) has a deadline of October 9, 2020. Staff are working hard on finalizing the worksheet.

**20-144** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the proposed application for funding from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to their Community Resiliency Investment program for a Wells Community Fire Smart program.

**Carried Unanimously**

**20-145** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for up to \$150,000.00 with the Community Resiliency Investment program to implement a Wells Community Fire Smart program.

**Carried Unanimously**

6.4 Furnace replacement at the Wells Firehall

The CAO stated that the sump pump at the Wells Firehall was turned off this Spring which led to a flood and the furnace circuit board was fried. Contractors



have stated that It would be cheaper to replace the furnace. Staff have received a quote from Canadian Western for \$6445.05.

Councillor Rohatynski stated that it would be a benefit to have a warm firehall, especially to keep equipment warm. As a member of the Fire Brigade he would like to personally apologize for the issue and he is committed to not letting this happen again.

Mayor Fourchalk suggested a cover over the sump pump switch so it couldn't be accidentally turned off again.

**20-146** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the replacement of the furnace at the Wells Firehall.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 7.1 Council

Councillor Rohatynski thanked everyone for coming out. He looks forward to working with everyone during the Fall. He is currently in Alberta visiting family and has been invited to visit the Indigenous camp. He will be wearing a mask and might take a two-week quarantine when he gets back to Wells.

Councillor Dorwart thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Barkerville Gold Mine (BGM) for their donation and the Wells Community Facility Building Committee for all their hard work. She also thanked the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board for all their work on the community boardwalk project. She is very impressed with the community. She stated that Thanksgiving is coming up and reminded everyone to make wise chooses and stay in their bubble and to listen to Dr. Bonnie Henry. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councillor Kilsby echoed what Councillor Dorwart said with an extra special thanks to the people who are doing the work behind the scenes for the reports that are in the agendas.

Mayor Fourchalk echoed what his fellow Councillors had said. He thanked everyone for their hard work and commented that is great seeing things move ahead in a positive manner. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

### 7.2 Staff

District Clerk, Tyler Burnson thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

CAO, Donna Forseille thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

### 7.3 Public Gallery

Dawn Leroy congratulated Council on making it through UBCM. She thanked Mayor, Council and staff for their support. She stated that it would be helpful to clarify what the purpose of the Community Vision and Input Committee is and what the role of the committee would be. She stated that it would be helpful to clarify that the role of the committee would be part of the community planning process as opposed to the Cariboo Gold Project.

Kelsey Dodd stated that in regards to agenda item 4.2, a motion was made for just the Wells Hotel, but the wording of the email from the liquor policy directive says that if you are supporting an extension of authorization in your jurisdiction, it would cover anything in the jurisdiction. She is not sure if other business have the TESA. She also thanked Mandy Kilsby, her team at Barkerville Historic Town and Park and anyone else who wrote in letters and provided support to help save the Navy Jack House.

Julia Mackey thanked Council for adding the late agenda item. She welcomed Elyssia Sasaki who is the new head of Island Mountain Arts. She stated that on October 9, 2020 the Sunset Theatre will be hosting the Gratitude Café at 7:00PM which will include local writers, musicians and anyone who is interested in expressing their thoughts about what they are thankful for during this difficult year.

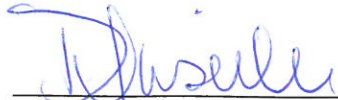
Oryanna Ross welcomed Elyssia Sasaki to Island Mountain Arts and commented that she will be a great fit in the community. She also stated that Island Mountain Arts is running Northern Exposure virtually this year and it will be running from October 22, 2020 to October 25, 2020.

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of October 6, 2020


**20-147** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT at 8:44PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 6, 2020.

**Carried Unanimously**



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Donna Forseille, CAO



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Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor