

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2020  
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 and Tyler Burnson, District Clerk  
PUBLIC GALLERY: 11

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05PM**

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 20, 2020

**20-148** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 20, 2020, as circulated.

**Carried Unanimously**

2.0 **MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October, 6, 2020

**20-149** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 6, 2020, as circulated.

**Carried Unanimously**

3.0 **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

3.1 Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee update

Judy Campbell stated there is a new program that the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee is applying for called the BC Economic Recovery Program due on October 29, 2020. It would not require Councils motion of support, just a signoff from the CAO. There will be a presentation regarding the business plan from the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee at the Sunset Theatre on November 19, 2020 from 6PM to 8PM. She also stated that the Modular Office was not included in the business plan and should the community choose to keep it, they would like to include it in the business plan.

**20-150** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT staff submit an application for grant funding application for the Wells-Barkerville Culture and Recreation Centre through the investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities; and THAT Council supports the project and commits to providing \$540,000 toward the project and any cost overruns.

**Carried Unanimously**

**20-151** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council request that the Select Committee and District of Wells Staff move forward with an application to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program for improvements to the outdoor ice-skating rink, including a new roof.

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Expression of Interest on the 2010 24x60 Modular Office**

The CAO asked if Council would like to table the subject for the next Council meeting on November 3, 2020 since there was only 1 expression of interest for the Modular Office.

Councillor Rohatynski agreed with staff and asked for the subject to be tabled for the November 3, 2020 Council meeting to receive as many bids as possible.

**20-152** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council tables the discussion of the expression of interest on the 2010 24x60 Modular Office until the next Council meeting on November 3, 2020.

**Carried Unanimously**

**4.2** District of Wells Conflict of Interest Policy and the Ombudsman fairness by siding policy as per resolution No. 20-132 of Tuesday October 6, 2020 Council meeting.

Councillor Rohatynski stated that the Conflict of Interest and the Wells Code of Ethics Policy seems fine to him but stated that the District of Wells is lacking a Conflict Resolution Procedure. Councillor Rohatynski also put forward a request to re-name the Wells Vision and Input Select Committee to something more universal or something with more zing.

Councillor Dorwart stated that the Ombudsman Fairness by Design Policy was very helpful and that the District of Wells should try and follow this guide for everyday business. Councillor Dorwart stated that there was a meeting on

October 19, 2020 with the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board and she would like the draft Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board Conflict of Interest sent back to the board for review.

- 20-153** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the Wells Code of Ethics Policy, the Ombudsman Fairness by Design Policy, the District of Wells Procedure Bylaw and the drafted Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board Conflict of Interest.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 5.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

### 5.1 District of Wells Snow Removal Contract

The CAO asked if Council would like to table the subject for the next Council meeting on November 3, 2020 so Council can do some more research on equipment.

Councillor Dorwart agreed and stated she would like to do more research into equipment.

- 20-154** **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the current situation of the snow removal contract and the recently placed tender for bids.

**Carried Unanimously**

- 20-155** **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council tables the discussion of the District of Wells snow removal contract until the next Council meeting on November 3, 2020.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 6.0 **INFORMATION AND ANNOUCEMENTS**

### 6.1 Council

Councillor Dorwart stated that we are in the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and wants to remind everyone to stay safe and follow the rules around COVID-19. She thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting and wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Councillor Cooley thanked everyone for coming out to the Council meeting. He reminded everyone to stay safe and to "keep doing what you are doing" to keep numbers down. "Wear a mask".

Councillor Kilsby thanked everyone for joining the Council meeting. She stated that winter is here and she hopes everyone has firewood, winter boots and snow tires on. She reminded everyone to stay safe.

Councillor Rohatynski thanked everyone for joining the Council meeting. He stated it's great to see such a good turn out. Councillor Rohatynski thanked his fellow Councillors and Mayor Fourchalk for the past 2 years and commented how great it is working with everyone. He stated that the Legion will be having a meeting on October 22, 2020 with Zone Commander and the Economic Development Officer for BC/Yukon.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He echoed Councillor Rohatynski and said what a great ride it has been over the past 2 years working with Council and he looks forward to the next 2 years. He reminded everyone to stay safe.

## 6.2 Staff

District Clerk, Tyler Burnson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a safe and Happy Halloween.

CAO, Donna Forseille thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and wished everyone a safe and Happy Halloween.

## 6.3 Public Gallery

Julia Mackey reminded everyone that Saturday October 24, 2020 is voting day. The Community Hall will be open from 8AM to 8PM. She stated that all PPE will be in place. She had the following questions for Council:

- *Asked if there was anyone interest in the Community Vision and Input Committee since extending the deadline.*
- *Asked about the potholes on Sanders Avenue and Dawson Street and if they are going to be filled before the real snow comes.*

The CAO confirmed that she has not received any interested parties at this time. She did confirm that Staff has reached out to the businesses and industry leaders in Wells.

The CAO stated that EMCON has been very busy with road repairs this summer. She stated that the grader was being used in town but is unsure if

EMCON got to it all or not. She stated that The District of Wells unfortunately doesn't have any equipment to take care of potholes. She confirmed that it is a work in progress.

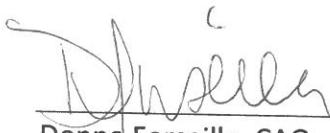
Judy Campbell stated that Councillor Rohatynski was right on point about the Community Vision and Input Committee. The call for people to be apart of the Committee kept referencing that this was in response to the Cariboo Gold Project development, which it is partly. She stated that the original letter that she wrote stated that it was much broader and it was about planning for the community. She stated that the Cariboo Gold Project being a major development is going to form a lot of the discussion but that should not be the only discussion. She believes the role of the Community Vision and Input Committee is to develop a vision for the community.

## 7.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

7.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of October 20, 2020

**20-156** MOVED Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT at 7:37pm Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 20, 2020.

**Carried Unanimously**

  
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Donna Forseille, CAO

  
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Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor