

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, February 9, 2021
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 Carrie Chard, Fire Chief
PUBLIC GALLERY: 7

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

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 9, 2021

21-01 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 9, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 **MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of December 8, 2020

21-02 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday December 8, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

3.1 Wells Community Facility Building Committee update

21-03 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the update from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Letter to Mayor and Council from School District 28 (Quesnel)
- 21-04 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from School District 28 regarding their request to have the municipality to supply potable water to the Wells Community Facility (school) building.
Carried Unanimously
- 21-05 **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council directs staff to provide potable water to the user groups of the Wells Community Facility (old school) building.
Carried Unanimously
- 4.2 Wells Community Vision and Planning Committee terms of reference
- 21-06 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the amended terms of reference for the Wells Community Vision and Planning Committee.
Carried Unanimously
- 21-07 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the terms of reference for the Wells Community Vision and Planning Committee, as amended, to add "to make all feasible efforts to support Mayor, Council and staff".
Carried Unanimously
- 4.3 Update on the proposed Community Housing Project and rezoning
- 21-08 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives an update from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the BC Housing funding application and proposed zoning changes to allow for the proposed housing development.
Carried Unanimously
- 5.0 **NEW BUSINESS**
- 5.1 Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board treasurer resignation
Councillor Dorwart announced that board member, Tony Benstad, was currently in training to step into the role of treasurer.

21-09 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the resignation from Paul Galliazzo, treasurer of the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board (WBCFB).

Carried Unanimously

5.2 Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade Fire Chief Report

21-10 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the update report regarding the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade from the Fire Chief.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Calendar and considered either separately under another heading of the Regular Agenda or immediately after the adoption of the consent Calendar.

Councillor Rohatynski requested to pull forward item 6.1 for separate discussions. He is not in favour of supporting this at this time.

21-11 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the consent Calendar Items:

- 6.2 BC Utilities Commission;
- 6.3 City of Nelson: Vaccination Priority;
- 6.4 Softball BC- COVID Relief Fund request; and
- 6.5 NCLGA re: Aeronautical Study Process.

Carried Unanimously

21-12 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the consent calendar item:

- 6.1 Letter to Minister Heyman regarding Implementing a province wide ban on anticoagulant rodenticides.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 Councillor Kilsby hopes everyone stays warm.

Councillor Rohatynski also hopes everyone is staying warm and thanks everyone for taking the time to join the Council meeting.

Councillor Dorwart thanks everyone for joining the meeting tonight, stating stay safe and warm, check on your neighbors.

Councillor Cooley hopes everyone is doing alright and thanks everyone for joining the meeting tonight.

Mayor Fourchalk stated that he echoed all his colleagues. He says it is great to see the Community members staying safe and healthy. He sees the smoke coming from all the chimneys in town so he hopes that means everyone is staying warm.

7.2 Staff

Donna Forseille, CAO- No Comments

Carrie Chard, Fire Chief, wished to remind everyone to clean their chimneys and stay safe. She stated that the fire brigade is still struggling with maneuvering around Bowman Crescent due to the snow, so please let your neighbors know. She wishes everyone to continue staying safe and warm.

7.3 Public Gallery

Judy Campbell asked if Council could shed light on the proposed TELUS Tower. She would like to know if this is a cell tower.

The CAO responded that it would be a cell tower, but that she should check with the consultants, Cypress, for any further information she would like.

Carrie Chard stated that MLA Oakes encouraged this tower, it will provide some much needed safety communications to highway 26.

Judy Campbell asked if there was an update on lead in the water.

The CAO responded that further investigations are continuing, more testing is needed.

Dorothea Funk asked if the cell tower was tied to the gold mine project.

The CAO stated that she did not feel that was the case, it was to provide better communications and safety to the area. She noted that Cypress is really who can answer the questions one might have.

Mayor Fourchalk stated that cell coverage has been a priority for all rural communities.

Dorothea Funk inquired about the proposed Community Housing and if we knew when the next intake would be yet.


The CAO responded that the next intake is still unknown at this time.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**


8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 9, 2021.

21-13 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council at 7:36PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 9, 2021.

Carried Unanimously



Donna Forseille, CAO



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor

