

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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, Tyler Burnson, District Clerk and Carrie Chard, Fire Chief
PUBLIC GALLERY: 19

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

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday December 8, 2020

20- 191 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday December 8, 2020, as amended to add item 5.5 letter from Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) regarding a Street Use Permit for an upcoming Santa Clause Parade on December 23, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 **MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday November 24, 2020

20- 192 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday November 24, 2020, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 **PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS**

3.1 Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee update

The Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee will be applying for a grant through Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Covid-19 Resilience Stream and is requesting a motion of support from Council.

20- 193 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the update from the Wells Community Facility Select Committee.
Carried Unanimously

20- 194 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council supports the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee application for grant funding to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Covid-19 Resilience Stream.
Carried Unanimously

3.2 **Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) presentation**

Council received a brief overview from Victor Gauthier from Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd regarding Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) Cow Bulk Sample. A general discussion was had regarding light and sound pollution and how a green belt can be developed for added sound proofing.

20- 195 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the presentation from Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) regarding the Cow Bulk Sample.
Carried Unanimously

4.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 Letter from Dave Jorgenson regarding Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) Cow Bulk Sample.

20- 196 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the letter from Dave Jorgenson regarding Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) Cow Bulk Sample.
Carried Unanimously

5.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Grant application to the Northern Initiative Development Trust (NDIT) funding programs for Economic Capacity and Grant Writing support.

20- 197 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding resolution of support for two (2) grant applications to Northern Initiative Development Trust (NDIT).
Carried Unanimously

20- 198 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the grant application with Northern Initiative Development Trust (NDIT) for Economic Capacity Building Funding for up to \$50,000.00.

Carried Unanimously

20- 199 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the grant application with Northern Initiative Development Trust (NDIT) for the Grant Writing Support funding for up to \$10,500.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 Barkerville Gold Mines request to extend their Temporary Use Permit

Councillor Rohatynski would like to amend the motion to approve a one-year Temporary Use Permit extension for Barkerville Gold Mines to expire January 16, 2022 instead of January 16, 2023.

20- 200 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the staff report and attachments from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Barkerville Gold Mines application of extension for their current Temporary Use Permit.

Carried Unanimously

20- 201 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the Temporary Use Permit extension for Barkerville Gold Mines to expire January 16, 2022.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 Official Community Plan and Infrastructure prioritizing update for the District of Wells

A general discussion was had by Staff and Council regarding COVID-19 protocols and making sure they are followed during consultation.

20- 202 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the proposed update to the Official Community Plan and recommended consultant.

Carried Unanimously

20- 203 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council supports staff in contracting Urban Systems as the District's consultants to update the Official Community Plan.

Carried Unanimously

5.4 District of Wells snow removal and portable disposition update

20- 204 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the staff report updating Council and the public on the District of Wells snow clearing contract and modular office complex disposition.

Carried Unanimously

5.5 Letter from Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) regarding a Street Use Permit for a Santa Clause Parade

20- 205 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) and approves the Santa Clause Parade on December 23, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 **BYLAWS**

6.1 District of Wells Fire Service Bylaw No. 181, 2020

20- 206 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council gives final reading to the District of Wells Fire Service Bylaw No. 181, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 District of Wells Zoning and Tree Protection Bylaw No. 26, 2000 and OCP – proposed amendments to the Wells Institutional (S) Zoning schedule as well as amendments to the Wells Official Community Plan

The CAO stated that the District of Wells is looking at partnering with Barkerville Historic Town to develop a community housing project in Wells. Barkerville would be the non-profit applying for the grant funding that is 100% capital funding. This would welcome much needed housing in Wells. The area picked is a central location close to amenities and is ready for ground breaking.

20- 207 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the staff report and supports the proposed Zoning and Tree Protection Bylaw No. 26, 2000 Amendments and the proposed Official Community Plan amendments to support a Low-Income Family, workforce and Seniors housing development project in the “Institutional” Zoning (Parcel B and Parcel C Block A Jones Avenue PID: PID: 024-633-313 and PID: 024-633-321).

Carried Unanimously

20- 208

MOVED Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council directs Staff to bring back to Council the proposed amendments for potential first and second readings, directs staff to conduct referrals in support of the proposed housing development project, and directs staff to advertise for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed housing development project and amendments to the Wells Zoning and Tree Protection Bylaw No. 26, 2000 and Official Community Plan.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Council

Councillor Kilsby thanked Staff and Committee members for all their work. She stated that the Caribou are outside of their range and are being seen between Wells and Barkerville. She reminded everyone to stay safe and drive slowly.

Councillor Cooley thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded everyone to stay safe during the holidays.

Councillor Dorwart thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked Staff and Committee members for all their work. She reminded everyone to do their part to bend the curve and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Councillor Rohatynski thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also thanked Staff and Committee members for all their work. He reminded everyone to stay safe during the holidays.

Mayor Fourchalk echoed his fellow Councillors. He thanked everyone for their hard work during these challenging times. He wished everyone a happy holiday and reminded everyone to stay safe.

7.2 Staff

Fire Chief, Carrie Chard reminded everyone to stay safe during the holidays and to check in on their neighbours. She reminded everyone to take a walk, look at the lights and look for the green check marks.

District Clerk, Tyler Burnson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a happy holiday.

CAO, Donna Forseille thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a happy holiday. She stated that the Public Works team will be around the office during Christmas break and if needed, emergency contact information is listed at the front window of the District of Wells Office.

7.3 Public Gallery

Dorothea Funk thanked the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee for all their work. She also stated that the proposed housing development in Wells sounds exciting.

Judy Campbell thanked Staff, Mayor and Council for all their work for keeping the District of Wells going. She stated that Staff, Mayor and Council are underpaid and under loved and she appreciates all the work that is being done.

Dawn Leroy thanked the District of Wells for dropping off gingerbread houses for the kids at the Well-Barkerville School. It was a big hit in her house.

Julia Mackey asked when the portable was put out for public input.

CAO, Donna Forseille stated that the portable was put out for public input back in October 2020.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday December 8, 2020

20- 209 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Chris Cooley THAT at 8:28PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday December 8, 2020.

Carried Unanimously



Donna Forseille, CAO



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor