

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, September 28, 2021, at 7pm
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk, Councillors Mandy Kilsby, Jordan Rohatynski, and Chris Cooley

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, Donna Forseille; Fire Chief, Carrie Chard; and District Clerk, Lala Cripps

PUBLIC GALLERY: 13

ABSENT: Councillor Ksenya Dorwart

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM

- 1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 28, 2021

21-153 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council Approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 28, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 MINUTES

- 2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of September 14, 2021

21-154 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 14, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Wells Community Facility Building Update

Jordan Rohatynski questioned if there were only four responses to the Wells Community Facility Building survey.

Donna Forseille responded that the survey was meetings with the four different user groups, it was before the community consultation at the Sunset theatre.

21-155 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Jordan Rohatynski That Council receives the summary of Feedback on the Wells Community Facility Building Business Plan.

Carried Unanimously

3.2 Letter and email/s to Mayor and Council from Julia Mackey
Jordan Rohatynski thanked Julia Mackey for the letter.

21-156 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council Receives the Letter from Julia Mackey regarding the Consultants for any negotiations on a Community Benefit Agreement.

Carried Unanimously

3.3 Letter to Mayor and Council from Dorothea Funk
Jordan Rohatynski thanked Dorothea for the letter.

21-157 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council Receives the Letter from Dorothea Funk regarding the Terms of Reference for the proposed Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) Committee.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Staff Report- Proposed Wells Community Benefit Agreement Committee

Jordan Rohatynski expressed how happy he was at the bottom sentence "Both consulting firms have stated that it would be disrespectful to expect something like an Impact Benefit Agreement as these are in the legislation to respect and reconcile with first nations who do not have the same luxury of collecting taxes each year.", as it cleared up his view of an IBA.

Mandy Kilsby mentioned the call out was just extended today and questioned if it has been sent out to the community.

Donna Forseille stated yes callout was sent out and the deadline is October 7th 2021.

21-158 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council Receives the staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding an update the proposed Community Benefit Agreement Committee, expressions of interest and meetings with consulting companies.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Staff Report- 2021 UBCM Ministerial meeting report out

Jordan Rohatynski questioned if need to apply for each lot individually or can the lots be grouped together in the application.

Donna Forseille stated it would have to be for each lot individually.

Mandy Kilsby questioned what the cost is applying for the lots individually.

Jordan Rohatynski asked if there are maps that are accessible to see the Crown lots available.

Donna Forseille stated that the District maps differ from the maps FLNRO has and she is working with in collaboration with FLNRO to see which lots are available as well as which lots will be sustainable for future developments.

Gabe Fourchalk commented that there may be many different agencies that are involved in the search of suitable, sustainable lots as many different agencies in many different areas may have to reached out to gain all the needed information due to being once run by the CRD and now being Municipal.

Jordan Rohatynski stated it was unfortunate to hear from Minister Ralston that we are unlikely to have an endorsed Memorandum of Understanding unless we are the government providing the memorandum. Councillor Rohatynski feels that the District is in need of an expert. He stated he believed that the ministry is happy to help the District of Wells to have cell coverage but to his understanding there will be no help for the remainder of Highway 26.

Donna Forseille clarified that the Ministry will commit to continued funding for cell service areas, Highway 26 is a possibility in the future.

Gabe Fourchalk stated that when the Minister was first appointed, she traveled many long roads in Cariboo and made note of the lack of cell service in many areas and hopes to fix that but that it is a work in progress.

Jordan Rohatynski questioned if the cell tower is stated to go up before end of September or risk losing funding.

Donna Forseille answered that to the best of her knowledge by end of October the tower is supposed to be functional.

Gabe Fourchalk seconded the opinion that the tower should be functional by the end of October.

Mandy Kilsby stated she has seen work going on and the Telus building and is presuming Telus has been working on the tower.

Jordan Rohatynski stated he is hopeful that ArtsWells will happen in 2022.

Gabe Fourchalk stated he agreed and is hopeful for ArtsWells in 2022.

21-159 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council Receives the staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding reporting out the 2021 UBCM Ministerial meetings and their outcomes to the Community

Carried Unanimously

21-160 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council Directs staff to issue a letter of support to Island Mountain Arts and Sunset Theater for an application to the Fairs, Festivals and Events Recovery Fund, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

4.3 Staff Report-Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Articles of Incorporation updates
Jordan Rohatynski stated with the risk of insolvency for most of his term in office he questioned the Forest Board on how it is possible that they were able to purchase property for \$75,000 that will eventually fall into the District's hands, why was another property added that will need to be maintained when the District struggles to maintain its current infrastructure.

Donna Forseille stated that only Forest Board member in tonight's meeting is Jordan Rohatynski who was just appointed at the last Regular Council meeting of September 14, 2021.

Gabe Fourchalk stated that Jordan Rohatynski may need to pose that question at the next Community Forest Board meeting and share the results at the next Council meeting.

Jordan Rohatynski stated he will pose the question at the next Community Forest Board meeting and will have an answer for the next Council meeting October 12, 2021.

Mandy Kilsby stated she would also like to know why the property was purchased and what the relationship between the owner of the property is with the Community forest Board and questioned why Council was unaware of the purchase.

21-161 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council Receives the staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Articles of Incorporation, the need to update the Articles of Incorporation and the revenue sharing agreement of the Community Forest.

Carried Unanimously

21-162 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council Directs staff to bring forward discussions of the updates to the Articles of Incorporation and legal costs to update the legal documents at the next Council meeting of October 12, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

5.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar may be considered either separately under another heading of the Regular Agenda or immediately after the adoption of the consent Calendar.

5.1- BCCFA- Press Release Indicators Report

21-162 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the Consent Calendar.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6.1 **Council**

Mandy Kilsby thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Chris Cooley thanked everyone for coming out tonight and thank you to Julia Mackey for suggesting Firelight.

Jordan Rohatynski thanked everyone for coming out and Mayor Fourchalk for the enlightening meeting. He stated that the Community Forest Board meeting will have UBC Faculty of Forestry Master of International Forestry Program scheduled to visit October 7th and Caroline Shores, FLNRO Cariboo specialist is scheduled on the October 8th. He stated there should be a public engagement on October 13, 2021, from the Vision and Planning Committee look for a public posting coming soon.

Gabe Fourchalk stated Donna Forseille and himself had a call with the Northern Health Mayors, Minister Adrian Dix, Dr. Bonnie Henry and their colleagues with updates on the COVID19 numbers. The North has had a climb in numbers, but all stressed the need to talk to community members about getting vaccinated and to get the unvaccinated people vaccinated. He thanked all committee members, volunteers, first responders, staff, and council.

6.2 **Staff**

Lala Cripps thanked everyone for coming out.

Carrie Chard thanked everyone for coming out, she wished everyone to stay safe and be nice to each other.

Donna Forseille had no comments.

6.3 Public Gallery

Julia Mackey thanked Donna Forseille for the letter of support to the Sunset Theatre for the BC Arts Grant application for the Fairs, Festivals and Events Recovery Fund for the programming that they will be doing between October and September of 2022. As part of the Truth and Reconciliation Day the Sunset Theatre will be showing the film Beans with Tracey Penelope Tekahentakwa Deer on Friday night at 8 pm. On Saturday our current exploration series artists are in Wells and will be presenting an excerpt of that work at 4 pm as there the old Amazing Space Donna Williams is having her presentation of Cerra at 7pm. Ms. Mackey stated she had heard from Ginger about reaching out to the district.

Donna Forseille stated that herself and Ginger have been engaged in telephone tag, but she hopes to talk to her soon.

Julia Mackey posed a question to Carrie Chard about the directional lights at the firehall.

Carrie Chard stated she has been talking to James and Son Electric about the lighting and they are working getting similar lighting in all the places that need and to have long term lighting with cost efficiency and energy efficiency. For the short term it may be possible to put a shroud around the current light depending on heat the light produces to help reduce the offensive light. She stated that the contractors that come to town are very under sourced and there is a lot of work to be done so while it is not the top priority at the moment it is still in the scope of work to be completed.

Julia Mackey reminded everyone that when coming to the Sunset for a film or live performance you must provide proof of vaccinations. There will be a scanner for the vaccine passports. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to talk.

Elyssia Sasaki thanked mayor, council and district staff for support in developing some arts programming for next summer. It currently seems a full festival next year is not possible but planning on doing a series of concerts that will help bring in artists from far away that are starting to tour again. IMA has been working with other festivals in the area to help get that started. There are many beautiful locations within town that IMA believes they can do this kind of work. There is show in the IMA gallery right now, she stated there will be a free workshop with Marleen at the end of October, and to please contact herself at IMA for more details.

Jenn Lewis questioned council if there is an update on the noise complaints to Osisko (BGM).

Donna Forseille stated Osisko (BGM) was sent a letter and violation ticket via email and mail for the violations of the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw, they were

given copies of the complaints made which the District is keeping on file. Paul Ratte, General Manager of Osisko (BGM) responded they are taking the complaints seriously and looking into every complaint.

Dorothea Funk thanked Jenn Lewis for asking about the noise complaints and thanked staff for issuing the ticket to let Osisko know they are not exempt from the bylaw as they had portrayed in the virtual open house they recently had.

Dawn Leroy thanked the Community Forest Board for the amazing projects they have been doing in town, from the boardwalk to the shelter building. She stated they have helped the facility committee and donated to the business plan and the ice-skating rink project and has full confidence that the land purchased is to help the community and grow the board. She stated she feels they have been an incredible asset to our community.

Dorothea Funk stated she wanted her remarks from the September 14, 2021 Council meetings to reflect that her comments about the Community Benefit Agreement be that the CBA should be paid for by the resource company as per Julia Mackey's conversation with the Firelight Group and that Julia's comment that she spoke with Ginger Gibson reflects her response to myself about who she spoke to.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

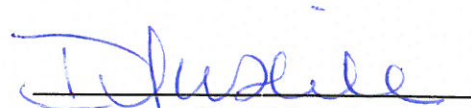
7.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 28, 2021.

21-163 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council at 7:50 PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday September 28, 2021.

Carried Unanimously



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor


Donna Forseille, CAO