

**DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, April 5, 2022
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Ed Coleman, Councillors Dorothea Funk, Mandy Kilsby, Jenn Lewis, and Shannon McDonagh

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

PUBLIC GALLERY: 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:01 PM

Mayor Coleman acknowledged that we are physically and electronically on the indigenous unceded territory for this meeting. He stated he would like a moment of silence for Glen Escott known as the Barkerville Horseman, Randy Moore co-owner of Becker's Lodge and Shashone Topham, who have recently passed away.

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 5, 2022

22-39 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 5, 2022, as amended to add Item 6.3 Green Infrastructure Environment Quality Program which is related to sewer system.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 MINUTES

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 22, 2022

22-40 Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council approves the Regular Council meeting minutes of Tuesday March 22, 2022, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS- NIL

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter of Request from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board (WBCFB)

22-41 MOVED Councillor Funk, seconded Councillor Lewis THAT Council receives the letter of request from the Wells-Barkerville community Forest Board (WBCFB) to Waive the appointment for an annual auditor and to waive the requirement for an Annual General Meeting.

Resolves:

That the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board have an annual financial review with PMT; and
That the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board have an annual general meeting in the Fall of each
year.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Letter of Request from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board – UBCM Resolution

22-42 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Funk THAT Council receives the letter and sample resolution regarding Stumpage rates for the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

Carried Unanimously

4.3 New Pathways to Gold Society Letter of Request

22-43 MOVED Councillor Kilsby, seconded Councillor Lewis THAT Council receives the letter from New Pathways to Gold regarding a request for support; and

Resolves:

That pursuant to the request of the New Pathways to Gold Society (NPTGS) in their letter dated March 2, 2022, Council send a letter of support for the NPTGS work and investments in the region's Gold Rush/Spirit Trails heritage tourism corridor to Premier John Horgan, TACS Minister Melanie Mark and Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Minister Murray Rankin urging them to continue providing the NPTGS with the stable, ongoing core funding needed for them to continue providing this valuable service.

Carried Unanimously

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Barkerville Gold Mines

22-44 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council receives the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District of Wells and Barkerville Gold Mines.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 Staff Report and update on the Development Applications submitted for zoning amendments

22-45 MOVED Councillor Funk, seconded Councillor Lewis THAT Council receives the staff report for update and information regarding the submitted Development applications for requested zoning amendments with potential Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw amendments as well.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 Change of Co-Chair appointment to the Select Vision and Planning Committee

22-46 MOVED Councillor McDonagh, seconded Councillor Funk THAT Council considers Councillor Lewis's request to change the co-Chairs of the Select Vision and Planning Committee meeting from being

herself and Councillor McDonagh to Mayor Coleman and Councillor McDonagh, allowing Councillor Lewis to stay as a visitor to the Gallery.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Mayor's Written (Draft Concise Business Plan) and Verbal Report (Emergent Items)

Mayor Coleman stated regarding the emergent items he has been meeting with specific leadership partners, examples are the RCMP, overall framework for them, the EMCON regional manager regarding our contract and services, BC Hydro regarding the number of power outages and the shortage of power to our community and the corridor including Barkerville. He stated this has resulted in a meeting with Mayor Simpson, John Massier director of our area of the Cariboo Regional District and there are future meetings with School District 28 for April 25th with board members and two senior administrators and then another School District meeting with the PAC president Dawn Leroy and any members that want to meet. He stated the Draft Concise Business plan is in version 1.9 with version 2.0 being posted soon which will have a lot more refined updated detail. He thanked staff, councillors, and community for helping to refine the document it is becoming a useful tool to communicate with. He referenced Appendix G in the Draft Concise Business Plan and the emergency investments for each of the facilities and factoring the emergent items into our budget and will be having a public meeting on the budget on Tuesday April 19 2022.

22-47 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Funk THAT Council receives the Mayor's written and verbal report.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board Appointment

22-48 MOVED Councillor Funk, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council appoints Councillor Lewis to the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board.

Carried Unanimously

6.3 Green Infrastructure Environment Quality Program for sewer system

Mayor Coleman stated we have had support from Barkerville Gold Mines with support of an Engineer as it is known that Wells is currently challenged with a non-compliant Sewer Treatment Facility.

CAO, Forseille added that the Infrastructure Canada program is maxed at 73.33 percent of what the funding amount is approved at, which the municipality hopes to partner with Barkerville Gold Mines to assist with the matching funds in regards to this project.

Councillor Funk questioned about the timeline.

CAO, Forseille stated that the application has already been submitted and we need a resolution to finalize the application then the next step is to support the application is to conduct a sewer treatment feasibility study. That study will also help guide us on what plant is best suited for our needs. That report is in the process of accepting bids right now and is estimated to cost approximately \$200,000. Barkerville Gold Mines is also generously assisting with that cost as

well. It is most likely going to take up to three (3) years to complete this process if we are approved. It could be up to one (1) year to find out if our grant application process has been successful.

22-49 MOVED Councillor Funk, seconded Councillor Lewis THAT Council accept the Green Infrastructure Environment Quality Program grant application and

Resolves To:

Support the grant application to Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure and Environmental Quality in the sum of \$6.2 million for the replacement of sewer treatment facility plant.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Council

Councillor Lewis stated that Pickleball hours are changing to Thursdays 6-8 pm and Sundays from 4-6 pm.

Councillor Funk stated we should all check Facebook for a collaboration with the Sunset Theatre and Island Mountain Arts music event this weekend on April 9, 2022. As well as excited the fitness center should be opening again, please contact District staff of get your membership.

Mayor Coleman stated he hopes that in May the District will be back to in chambers council meetings with a zoom hybrid mix.

7.2 Staff

CAO Forseille stated the fitness center will be open on April 13, 2022, and staff can be contacted to get memberships. She mentioned the District of Wells is looking for staff for positions of Janitor, Public Works-supervisor, and helpers. She has asked that everyone please share the information. Clerk Cripps thanked everyone for coming.


7.3 Public Gallery – Questions relating to the agenda.

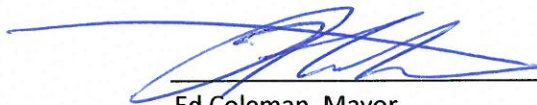
No comments.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 5, 2022.

22-50 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council at 7:41 PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting for Tuesday April 5, 2022.


Donna Forseille, CAO


Ed Coleman, Mayor