

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Jay Vermette and Councillors Judy Campbell, Neil Ferrier Virginia Wilkins, and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, CAO; Dennis Manuel, Supervisor of Public Works; Carol McGregor, Marketing and Economic Development Officer; and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 1 Person

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

07-01 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 19, 2006
07-02 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Report from Chair of Special Mayor's Committee on Community Gym
Councillor Ferrier reported on the results of the first Special Mayor's Committee on Community Gym meeting. He noted that the committee toured both proposed locations for the new Community Gym; the Wells Community Hall and the Wells Community School. He said that the committee thought that the proposed location in the Wells Community Hall was too small, and that making the location larger would not be possible due to structural limitations. Councillor Ferrier noted that the committee was leaning towards placing the Community Gym in the school basement, with the understanding that the issue of handicap access would need to be addressed. According to Councillor Ferrier the favourable aspects of the Wells Community School location noted by the committee included the size of the area, and the fact that showers were already installed in the washrooms. Councillor Ferrier noted that another factor in the committee's assessment was the flooring in the two locations. He said that the committee was concerned about the flooring in the Wells Community Hall, as it is wood, as opposed to the school basement, which is concrete. Councillor Campbell asked about the current users of the basement, and after-hour use at the facility. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer answered the questions, including noting the option of card locks for after-hour access. She also said that the teacher at the Wells Community School was in favour of having the gym at the school, and that she didn't believe that there would be a negative impact on any

groups in the community. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer also noted that she had found an affordable handicap chair lift. Councillor Ferrier said that there would be another committee meeting scheduled, and then, after all issues were looked at, a recommendation for the location of the Community Gym would be brought forward to Council.

07-03 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the report from the Chair of Special Mayor's Committee on Community Gym be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Water Quality Upgrade Project

07-04 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council authorize District staff to apply for a Rural Infrastructure Grant for a point of use water quality upgrade project in the amount of \$140,000 and include the project in the 2007 Capital Program.

Carried Unanimously

D. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

07-05 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

2. 06.12.14 City of North Vancouver re: Motion in regards to "Cage Free Eggs"

3. 06.12.18 Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re: Towns of Tomorrow Capital Grant Program (Second grant synopsis letter in Correspondence)

4. 06.12.18 City of North Vancouver re: Resolution supporting renewal for funding for the National Homelessness Initiative

5. 06.12.20 Richard Harris, MP Cariboo-Prince George, BC, re: Response to our letter in support of continued funding for Katimavik

6. 06.12.27 Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re: Community Opportunities Task Force Report (Report available from Deputy Clerk)

7. 07.01.03 UBCM President re: 2007 UBCM Membership

8. 07.01.05 Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing re: Response to District of Wells letter re: Martin Mars Water Bombers

Carried Unanimously

1. 06.12.05 NDP Caucus re: NDI reconsidering its funding formula to help smaller communities receive funding from the Trust
Councillor Campbell noted that the topic deserved some attention, and agreed with the content of the letter, noting that the loosening of the NDI funding formula restrictions would be beneficial.

07-06 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells write a letter to Mayor Chist'l Roshard, Mayor of Lillooet, noting that the District of Wells supports the 06.12.05 NDP Caucus letter re: NDI reconsidering its funding formula to help smaller communities receive funding from the Trust.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 06.12.18 Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re: Launch of Towns of Tomorrow, Local Motion and Spirit Squares grant programs
The Marketing and Economic Development Officer noted that she is looking for input from Council as to what grants to apply for. The Administrator noted that the letter was for Council's information, and that more detailed discussion would take place at the Administrative Planning Session to be held on January 26, 2007.

07-07 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 06.12.18 Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues letter re: Launch of Towns of Tomorrow, Local Motion and Spirit Squares grant programs be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. 07.01.03 UBCM President re: Report on involvement and opportunities for UBCM-Administered Programs
The Administrator gave an overview of the information noted in the 07.01.03 UBCM President letter re: Report on involvement and opportunities for UBCM-Administered Programs, including outlining grants that the District of Wells has already applied for or received and possible grant opportunities for the future.

07-08 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 07.01.03 UBCM letter re: Report on involvement and opportunities for UBCM-Administered Programs be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. 07.01.03 Linda Rummel re: The possibility of turning the United Church into a place of worship into perpetuity
The Administrator gave an update on the state of the current agreement with the United Church. The Administrator noted that Council could pass a motion that the United Church building be used for religious purposes, as opposed to placing a covenant on the title. General discussion took place as to the benefits of a motion as opposed to a covenant. It was noted that a letter outlining Council's decision should be sent to Linda Rummel.

07-09 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the United Church building be designated for community worship and related activities.

Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2007 UBCM Convention attendees
General discussion took place in regards to UBCM. It was noted that Councillor Ferrier, Councillor Wilkins, Councillor Campbell and Mayor Vermette will be attending UBCM along with the Administrator.
2. Conversation on Health Regional Forum in Prince George on March 17, 2007

General discussion took place in regards to the Conversation on Health Regional Forum and who, if anyone, would be attending from the District of Wells. It was decided that the Marketing and Economic Development Officer should attend.

07-10 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer attend the Conversation on Health Regional Forum in Prince George on March 17, 2007.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Public Works Report
Verbal report provided by the Public Works Superintendent.
2. Fire Chief Report
Verbal report provided by the Fire Chief.

07-11 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Public Works Report and Fire Chief Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report
Written report provided to Council.

07-12 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. 2006 Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 82, 2006

07-13 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the 2006 Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 82, 2006

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wilkins noted that the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be holding Bingos in January, February and March of 2007, and that they would be donating the money to the Wells Community School, the United Church, the Wells Fire Brigade and the Wells Curling Club. The Bingos will be held at the Wells Curling Club.

Councillor Ferrier noted that the Wells Community Forest Group would be reforming in January of 2007.

Councillor Campbell noted that the Wells and Area Trails Society (WATS) Annual General Meeting would be taking place after the Community Potluck Dinner on January 18, 2007. Councillor Campbell noted that the WATS Snowman Gourmet Ski Loppet was confirmed to take place on February 11, 2007 with a Yael Wand Concert taking place the night before.

Councillor Wright noted that the planning for the Theatre Royal Spring Tour is going extremely well, with a large number of bookings and excellent media exposure. He also said that Barkerville Historic Town and the Theatre Royal were looking for additional sponsorship for the tour, and he broached whether the \$780.00 remaining in the gas money marketing fund from the summer could be used to help fund the tour. The Marketing and Economic Development Officer noted that the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce would have to consult with its members before any funds could be allocated. Councillor Wright also noted that the Theatre Royal was willing to hold a fund raising performance in Quesnel and donate half of the door proceeds to the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade if they organized the event.

- 07-14** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the District of Wells supports transferring the remaining money from the gas money marketing fund to support the Spring 2007 Theatre Royal Tour.
Carried Unanimously

2. Staff:

The Administrator gave an update in regards to the dates for the Administrative Planning Session, which will be held on January 26, 2007 as well as the Cariboo Regional District Townhall Meeting, which will take place on February 21, 2007. The Administrator also provided an update on the former Deputy Clerk, who moved to Powder King.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the winners of the Wells Light-Up Contest were Daniel Cloutier and Doug Schmode in the residential category, with Grizz and Carol at the Wells General Store winning in the commercial category. The presentations of the \$50.00 cheques to the winners will take place at the Community Dinner on January 18, 2007. He also noted that the Community Dinner was a firefighter recognition dinner.

The Marketing and Economic Development Coordinator noted that the dates for the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) AGM in Wells had been set for April 11 and 12, 2007, with the venues and Conference Agenda to be confirmed closer to the conference date.

3. Public Gallery:

A member of the public asked when the tickets would be available for the Gourmet Ski Loppet. General discussion also took place in regards to tourism related customer service in the community of Wells.

The mayor called a 10 minute recess prior to entering into the In-Camera session.

K. CLOSED MEETING

- 07-15** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (a) and (c) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

Council adjourned back into public session.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

07-20 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO