

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 6, 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, and Virginia Wilkins

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: 6 Persons

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

07-60 MOVED Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows.

G.3 Proposed Council Schedule for Financial Reports and Approvals
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 20, 2007

07-61 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Megan Topham re: Community Garden

Megan Topham, spokesperson for the Wells Community Garden committee, provided Council with details on the Wells Community Garden proposal, including a request for use of District of Wells land.

07-62 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells provide the Wells Community Garden committee with use of the District of Wells owned lot at the corner of Sanders Ave and Dawson St. free of charge as a space for the Wells Community Garden, and that this lot be made available until such time as the District of Wells determines that it needs the location for other purposes.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells unnamed lanes

The Administrator noted that, as per Council's request, staff had identified the usable unnamed lanes within the District of Wells as highlighted on the map. Council reviewed suggestions as to what to do with the lanes and agreed to a community contest to name the lanes.

07-63 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the District of Wells hold a community contest to name the five unnamed lanes identified by staff within the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

2. Update on request by seniors for drop in space (verbal)
The Administrator gave a verbal report that outlined the Wells Best Seniors request to use the storage room in the basement of the Wells Community Hall as a meeting space. The Administrator noted that the seniors would try to acquire grants to improve the space, and were looking to use the space free of charge. General discussion took place in regards to what to do with the items currently stored in the room.

07-64 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells give tentative permission to the Wells Best Seniors to use the storage room in the Wells Community Hall free of charge as a meeting place, and that Staff work out a suitable agreement between the District of Wells and the Wells Best Seniors.

Carried Unanimously

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

07-65 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated as follows:

1. 07.02.08 City of Burnaby re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement
2. 07.02.08 Village of Pouce Coupe re: Elimination of Funding for Child Care Services
3. 07.02.12 Jenny Kwan, MLA Vancouver-Mt. Pleasant re: Thank-you for letter of support for Kaiping Diaolou
4. 07.02.14 City of North Vancouver re: Request to the Provincial Government to increase the minimum wage
5. 07.02.15 Canadian Dental Assistants' Association re: BC Ministry of Health formalizing draft bylaws for the College of Dental Surgeons of BC
6. 07.02.20 UBCM In The House re: 2007 British Columbia Provincial Budget Highlights
7. 07.02.21 Village of Fruitvale re: Elimination of Funding for Child Care Services
8. 07.02.22 Certified Dental Assistants of British Columbia re: BC Ministry of Health formalizing draft bylaws for the College of Dental Surgeons of BC
9. 07.02.23 UBCM Community Economic Development Committee re: Renewed *Fisheries Act* Tabled

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 07.02.06 Cariboo Regional District re: Local Government Stewardship Council
The Administrator gave a general overview of the letter, noting that the point of the letter was unclear, but appeared to indicate ramifications for the District. General discussion took place in regards to the purpose of the letter.

- 07-66** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 07.02.06 Cariboo Regional District letter re: Local Government Stewardship Council be clarified by Staff and a summary report be brought back to Council.
Carried Unanimously
2. 07.02.16 UBC Resolutions Committee re: 2007 Resolutions Process
The Administrator gave an overview of the letter.
- 07-67** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 07.02.16 UBC Resolutions Committee letter re: 2007 Resolutions Process be received.
Carried Unanimously
3. 07.02.26 UBCM Secretariat re: UBCM Member Satisfaction Survey
The Administrator gave an overview of the letter.
- 07-68** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 07.02.26 UBCM Secretariat letter re: UBCM Member Satisfaction Survey be received.
Carried Unanimously
4. 07.02.26 Billy Barker Days Society re: Invitation to the Billy Barker Days Parade on July 21, 2007
General discussion took place in regards to the possibility of District of Wells participation in the 2007 Billy Barker Days parade.
- 07-69** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Invitation to the Billy Barker Days Parade on July 21, 2007 be referred to the Special Events Committee.
Carried Unanimously
- G. NEW BUSINESS:
1. 2007 District of Wells Provisional Budget
The Administrator addressed G.3 as part of the general budget discussion, summarized the reserve status of the District of Wells and went through the 2007 District of Wells Provisional Budget in detail.
- 07-70** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the 2007 District of Wells Provisional Budget and verbal report from the Administrator.
Carried Unanimously
2. 07.02.16 Judy Campbell email re: Northern Development Initiative attitude in relation to cultural jobs.
Councillor Campbell provided background information in regards to the email.
- 07-71** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Councillor Campbell write a letter to the Northern Development Initiative spelling out the value of cultural jobs.
Carried Unanimously

3. Proposed Council Schedule for Financial Reports and Approvals
07-72 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Proposed Council Schedule for Financial Reports and Approvals be received.
Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report
07-73 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Outstanding Action Items Report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 07.02.01 to 07.02.28
07-74 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 4240 to 4285 for the period of February 1, 2007 to February 28, 2007 for a total amount of \$55,397.47.
Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wilkins noted that there was a Friends of the Wells Community Hall meeting at 12:00 PM at the Northwoods Restaurant on Wednesday, March 6.

Councillor Ferrier noted that he held an Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on Monday, March 5 at the Northwoods Restaurant, and said that he would be holding an Economic Development meeting the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Northwoods Restaurant.

Councillor Campbell noted that she had recently attended meetings on the lower mainland where the future of the devolved heritage sites were discussed. She also mentioned that the Theatre Royal Spring Tour was performing at the Wells Curling Club on April 4, 2007 and noted that she would not be attending the April 3, 2007 Council meeting.

2. Staff:
The Administrator noted that MLA Bob Simpson would be attending the March 20, 2007 Council meeting. The Administrator also noted that if Council had any changes to the Goals and Objectives that were discussed at the Administrative Planning Session to please forward them to staff.

The Marketing and Economic Development Manger noted that a Rocky Mountaineer Vacations packaging meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce AGM was scheduled for Thursday, March 8, and a Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Convention and AGM planning meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 9.

3. Public Gallery:

K. ADJOURNMENT:

07-74 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:12 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO