

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Virginia Wilkins and Councillors Judy Campbell and Neil Ferrier

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gary Champagne, CAO; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent 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:**

**07-93 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows.

I.1 Substitute Schedule "A" for Tax Rate Bylaw No. 84, 2007.

Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 20, 2007

**07-94 MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

1. Bill Quackenbush, President, Wells Historical Society  
Bill Quackenbush was not present.

**D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of 2007 Amended Provisional Budget

The Administrator gave an overview of the updates to the 2007 District of Wells Amended Provisional Budget, dated April 11, 2007. The Administrator noted that International Wayside Goldmines Ltd. had applied to BC Assessment to have their Mosquito Creek property holdings reclassified from industrial to business, and had also applied to have their assessment reduced. Both of these appeals were granted, which affected the tax distribution within the community.

Councillor Campbell and Councillor Ferrier noted that they would like the District of Wells to appeal the reclassification from industrial to business, and directed staff to look into this. The Administrator also noted that there were a number of minor changes to the budget as actual costs came in as opposed to estimated numbers.

**07-95 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve the 2007 District of Wells Amended Provisional Budget, dated April 11, 2007, as the Approved Budget for 2007.

Carried Unanimously

**07-96** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** staff contact the BC Assessment Authority to enquire as to whether the District of Wells can appeal the reclassification of International Wayside Goldmines Ltd. Mosquito Creek property holdings and initiate an appeal is possible.  
Carried Unanimously

2. Approval of the 2007 Annual Report  
The Administrator gave an overview of the 2007 Annual Report, noting that the District of Wells had not received any public comments on the document.

**07-97** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve the 2007 Annual Report as presented for public input at the Regular Council Meeting of March 20, 2007.  
Carried Unanimously

3. 07.04.05 City of Quesnel re: Quesnel CRD Relationship Meeting  
The Administrator gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting, and provided background information in regards to issues that currently exist between the District of Wells and the Cariboo Regional District. General discussion took place in regards to the proposed meeting, and it was decided to discuss the issue with Mayor Vermette when he returned from vacation on April 20 before deciding how to proceed.

4. District of Wells Unnamed Lanes Contest Matrix  
The Deputy Clerk gave an overview of the Unnamed Lanes Contest Matrix, and recommended that Council review the entries and bring their selections to the May 1, 2007 Council Meeting.

**07-98** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council defer choosing the names for the Unnamed Lanes Contest until the May 1, 2007 Council meeting.  
Carried Unanimously

#### E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**07-99** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the consent calendar be adopted as circulated as follows.

1. 07.03.07 Village of Montrose re: Reduction of Child Care Programs
2. 07.03.07 NDP Official Opposition re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)
3. 07.03.11 BC Government and Service Employee's Union re: *Kids Can't Wait – BC's Child Care Challenge* DVD
4. 07.03.12 Council of Canadians re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)
5. 07.03.16 Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources re: "The BC Energy Plan: A Vision for Clean Energy Leadership."
6. 07.03.20 Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Review of Federal Budget
7. 07.03.20 Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors re: National Certification Program

8. 07.03.21 Canadian Union of Public Employees re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)
9. 07.03.21 MP Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women re: Update on Katimavik Program Funding
10. 07.03.22 City of Prince George re: Thank-you for Letter of Support for City of Prince George bid to host the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games
11. 07.03.26 License Inspectors and Bylaw Officers Association of British Columbia re: Annual Conference Oct 2-5, 2007, Campbell River, BC
12. 07.03.28 UBCM Secretariat re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)
13. 07.03.27 City of North Vancouver re: Smoking Prohibition in Bus Shelters
14. 07.03.29 Mark Zacharias, Director, Species at Risk Coordination Office re: Response to District of Wells Mountain Caribou letter.
15. 07.03.30 Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: United States to soften proposed border identity document regulations
16. 07.03.30 BC Hydro re: *Turn it Off Challenge*
17. 07.03.30 Charley Wyse, MLA – Cariboo South, re: Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2007
18. 07.04.12 Northern Health re: Meeting opportunities available at NCMA Convention for individual municipalities  
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 07.03.19 Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition re: Local Government Infrastructure Planning and the MPB Epidemic  
The Administrator gave an overview of the CCBAC letter. Councillor Campbell noted that it was important for the District of Wells to have a representative at the meeting. It was decided to defer choosing a District of Wells representative to attend the meeting until the issue was discussed with Mayor Vermette.
2. 07.03.21 Friends of the Wells Community Hall re: Wells Community Hall Dinner and Auction Invitation  
Acting Mayor Wilkins suggested that the District of Wells table at the Wells Community Hall Dinner and Auction be reserved for the new District of Wells Councillors, as well as new staff.  
**07-100 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** all new District of Wells Councillors as well as new district staff be invited to sit at the District of Wells table at the Wells Community Hall Dinner and Auction.  
Carried Unanimously
3. 07.03.29 Brenda Binnie, UBCM President re: Opportunity to comment on changes to the ultimate limitation period.  
The Administrator gave an overview of the letter, noting that this is an important issue for municipalities.  
**07-101 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the District of Wells write a letter of support to UBCM in support of changes to the ultimate limitation period.

Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Auditor's Management Letter and Administration Response for 2006 District of Wells Financial Audit  
The Administrator gave an overview of the Auditor's Management Letter and Administration Response for 2006 District of Wells Financial Audit.  
**07-102** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council receive the Auditor's Management Letter.  
Carried Unanimously
- 07-103** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council receive the Administration Response for 2006 District of Wells Financial Audit.  
Carried Unanimously
2. District of Wells Grants-in-Aid Request and Recommendations for 2007 Fiscal Year  
The Administrator gave an overview of the Grants-in-Aid Requests and Recommendations for the 2007 Fiscal Year, noting that the final decision in regards to the amount and awarding of the grants is up to Council.  
**07-104** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve the 2007 Grants-in-Aid distribution as recommended in the staff report.  
Carried Unanimously
3. Proposed sale of 3000 sq ft of surplus suspended ceiling material – Administrator Verbal Report  
The Administrator gave an overview of how the District of Wells came into possession of the ceiling material, and noted that selling the surplus would be beneficial in terms of opening up space, and creating revenue.  
**07-105** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve the sale of surplus suspended ceiling materials on a first come basis at 60 per cent of current retail value.  
Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report  
**07-106** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Outstanding Action Items Report be received.  
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 07.03.01 to 07.03.31  
**07-107** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 4286 to 4327 for the period of March 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 for a total amount of \$33,056.77.  
Carried Unanimously
3. Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer gave a verbal report, including an overview of the proposed historic plaques for community buildings, and an overview of the positive responses about the town and conference facilities from the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association AGM & Convention committee and participants.

**07-108** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Tax Rate Bylaw No. 84, 2007

**07-109** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council give First Three Readings to Tax Rate Bylaw No. 84, 2007.

Carried Unanimously

2. Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 85, 2007

**07-110** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council give First Three Readings to Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 85, 2007

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Ferrier noted that due to time restraints he would no longer be chairing the Economic Development Standing Committee, and said that Mayor Vermette is taking over as chair. Councillor Wilkins noted that she thought that future Economic Development Standing Committee meetings should take place at the town hall.

Councillor Campbell noted that the District of Wells and Barkerville Historic Town would be signing the Mutual Aid Fire Agreement at the conclusion of the meeting. Councillor Campbell also noted that Barkerville Historic Town would be bringing a Bear Aware Trainer to the community the week of May 7, 2007, and that this training would be free for any community members to attend.

Acting Mayor Wilkins noted that the Deputy Clerk and herself would be attending the North Central Municipal Association meeting in Williams Lake at the beginning of May. Acting Mayor Wilkins also noted that on April 19, 2007 at 3:30 PM she would be holding a Quality of Life meeting in the meeting room of the District of Wells. Acting Mayor Wilkins also noted that on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 the Friends of the Wells Community Hall would be setting up the Wells Community Hall for the Dinner and Auction.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that he would be on vacation from April 24, 2007 until May 10, 2007.

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that she would be on vacation from April 29, 2007 to May 14, 2007

The Deputy Clerk noted that the final Community Potluck of the season would be held on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Banquet Room of the Wells Community Hall.

3. Public Gallery:

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**07-111** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO