

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Monday, May 14, 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, Superintendent of Public Works; and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 Persons

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

07-124 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows.

H.3 07.04.20 Quality of Life Minutes

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 1, 2007

07-125 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells Unnamed Lanes Contest winners

The Deputy Clerk gave an overview of the contest entries, after which the Mayor and Councillors each listed their name choices for each unnamed lane. General discussion took place in regards to the submissions, until a majority decision was reached on the five winning entries.

07-126 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the winning entries of the District of Wells Unnamed Lanes Contest be as follows: Lane A (Alfred Lane), Lane B (Hubensky Lane), Lane C (Forty Below Lane), Lane D (Lucky Swede Ally) and Lane E (Williams Lane).

Carried Unanimously

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

07-127 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows.

1. 07.05.01 Richard Taylor, Executive Director UBCM and Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor UBCM re: Modernization Strategy: Building Regulatory System
3. 07.05.04 Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition re: E-newsletter
4. 07.05.07 Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor UBCM re: RCMP Contract Issues

5. 07.05.09 Jo-Anna Johnston, Cariboo North Constituency Office re: Stakeholders Roundtable for Climate Change on Wednesday May 23, 2007
Carried Unanimously
2. 07.05.03 BC Hydro re: Turn it Off Challenge - Registration Period Extended
07-128 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 07.05.03 BC Hydro letter re: Turn it Off Challenge - Registration Period Extended be received.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Judy Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, Barkerville Historic Town re: Summer Housing Task Force
Councillor Campbell gave an overview of the background behind the formation of the Summer Housing Task Force, noting that local merchants were having a hard time attracting staff to the area due to the low housing vacancy numbers. General discussion took place in regards to the housing situation in Wells.
07-129 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells appoint the Deputy Clerk to join the Summer Housing Task Force.
Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report
07-130 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Outstanding Action Items Report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 07.04.01 to 07.04.30
07-131 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 4328 to 4374 for the period of April 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007 for a total amount of \$54,546.07.
Carried Unanimously
3. 07.04.20 Quality of Life Minutes
Councillor Wilkins provided a verbal overview of the 07.04.20 Quality of Life Minutes, providing an update on the key issues discussed by the committee. Issues raised included the condition and possible replacement of Wells, Barkerville School playground equipment, janitorial duties in relation to the Wells Community School for the Barkerville School Program, and the disrepair at the dump. General discussion took place in regards to these items, including an update on the clean-up of the dump provided by Mayor Vermette.
07-132 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the District of Wells write School District #28 and ask them to increase the janitorial hours at the Wells, Barkerville School to meet the actual needs of the students and staff.
Carried Unanimously

Grizz Pinette, a member of the public gallery, said that he had come to the Council meeting to discuss the planned removal of the swing sets in the District of Wells owned lot on Sanders Avenue, noting that he was speaking for a number of local residents that wanted to save the swing set. Mayor Vermette noted that citizens had approached him in regards to saving the swing sets as well. The Administrator noted that the District of Wells was planning to remove the swing sets following a recommendation from the Municipal Insurance Association. The Administrator also noted that if Council wished to keep the swing sets staff could examine the options available to upgrade the swings sets to current CSA Standards as recommended by the Municipal Insurance Association.

- 07-133** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** District of Wells staff upgrade the swing set at the District of Wells owned lot on Sanders Ave. to meet Municipal Insurance Association standards, and add a picnic table to the site.

Carried Unanimously

- 07-134** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the 07.04.20 Quality of Life Minutes be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Tax Rate Bylaw No. 84, 2007

- 07-135** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve Tax Rate Bylaw No. 84, 2007 with amended Schedule "A".

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that on Tuesday May, 22 at 3:30 PM she would be holding a Quality of Life meeting at the District of Wells. She also noted that the Friends of the Wells Community Hall would be holding their annual Garage Sale on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10. Councillor Wilkins gave an update on the North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) Conference, including providing new details on the Purden Lake connector, noting that the Village of McBride would be now be providing a letter of support for the connector, instead of insisting on the Goat River route. Councillor Wilkins also said that at the NCMA Conference she was made aware of the collapse of the roof of the Fort Nelson Recreation Centre, and requested that staff examine the possibility of a donation to the community of Fort Nelson to rebuild the structure.

Councillor Campbell noted that the Barkerville Rush Relay would be taking place on Sunday, May 21 and that the Barkerville Gala opening would take place on Saturday, June 16. She also said that there were over 50 people who attended Bear Aware training in Wells on Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9.

Councillor Wright reminded people that the Barkerville Gala opening would be taking place on Saturday, June 16.

Mayor Vermette noted that he attended a Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC) meeting in regards to infrastructure funding on Monday, May 7, at which time the “wish list” of projects that the District of Wells was interested in was discussed. He also noted that he attended a Cariboo Regional District (CRD) meeting, and that there is a “relationship meeting” to discuss issues between the CRD and the member municipalities scheduled for Saturday, June 16.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that he had been receiving emails from the Cariboo Regional District in regards to a proposed meeting between the member municipalities and the Cariboo Regional District. The Administrator also noted that issues had arisen in regards to items stored in the Wells Community Hall. Council clarified the need to retain the surplus wood currently stored in the Wells Community Hall and instructed staff to find suitable space to store the materials that need to be relocated.

3. Public Gallery:

Carol Pinette, a member of the public gallery, noted that it would be nice to have Nicole Vaugeois, the presenter of the Innovations in Rural Tourism Workshop that the Wells & District Chamber of Commerce hosted on Wednesday, May 9, to come back to the Wells, Barkerville, Bowron Lakes area to do an assessment of the tourism product in our area. Councillor Campbell noted that it would be a good idea, but she wasn't too sure who would spearhead the invitation. Mayor Vermette asked if there was a cost. Councillor Campbell noted that she didn't think that there would be a cost associated, as it would be a scholastic undertaking. Councillor Campbell said that she would email Nicole Vaugeois to investigate the possibility further. Carol Pinette also thanked Barkerville Historic Town for hosting the non-lethal bear management course.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

07-136 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:42 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO