

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

MINUTES

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Richard Wright and Councillors Virginia Wilkins and Neil Ferrier

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, CAO; Carol McGregor, Marketing and Economic Development Officer, and Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works

PUBLIC GALLERY: 6 persons and one media representative

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

07-276 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Agenda be amended to allow a presentation to Council by Dave Jorgensen regarding the Barkerville Cemetery.

Carried Unanimously

07-277 MOVED Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 2, 2007

07-278 MOVED Acting Mayor Wright seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Barkerville Cemetery Interpretive Program
Dave Jorgensen made a presentation regarding the Barkerville Cemetery Interpretive Program being proposed for school groups in 2008.

07-279 MOVED Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the proposed Barkerville Cemetery Interpretive Program be endorsed by the District.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The Administrator provided information on the option within the current garbage collection contract to extend the service with the existing operator for an additional two years at a recommended 10 per cent rate increase.

07-280 MOVED Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council Motion 07-253 regarding the offer to extend the garbage collection contract with a three percent increase in rates be rescinded.

Carried Unanimously

- 07-281** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Barry Denny be offered a two year extension of his current garbage collection contract with a 10 per cent increase in the contract payment rates.
Carried Unanimously

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 07-282** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated
1. 07.09.27 Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Development, Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care re: Foster Family Month, Community Living Month and Autism Awareness Month
 2. 07.09.28 Charlie Wyse, MLA Cariboo South re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)
 3. 07.10.02 UBCM re: 2007-2008 UBCM Executive
 4. 07.10.02 Mayor Ken McRae, City of Port Alberni re: Martin Mars Water Bombers
 5. 07.10.04 Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor, UBCM re: Building a Safer Community: Gang, Drug & Domestic Violence Issues
 6. 07.10.05 Gwen Barlee, Policy Director, Western Canada Wilderness Committee re: Western Canada's Provincial Parks Report (Report available from Administrator)
 7. 07.10.05 Mayor Ella Brown, Small Community Representative, District of Logan Lake re: 2007 Small Talk Forum Thank-you Letter
 8. 07.10.05 UBCM re: UBCM 2007 Resolutions and Policy Disposition
- Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 07.10.02 Judy Mooring, Visitors Programs and Communications, Barkerville Historic Town re: District of Wells donation to the Ghostly Halloween Tour Fireworks
- 07-283** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** a \$100 donation be given to Barkerville Historic Town for the Halloween Fireworks display.
Carried Unanimously
2. 07.09.28 BC Hydro Energy Reduction Contest
- 07-284** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the District of Wells participate in the BC Hydro Energy Reduction Contest.
Carried Unanimously
3. 07.10.09 Cariboo Regional District (CRD) – Withdraw from CRD Planning Function
- 07-285** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the letter from the CRD regarding withdraw from CRD Planning Function be received.
Carried Unanimously

4. 07.10.12 Ministry of Environment –Bowron Lakes Meeting Request
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 07 10:30.
- 07-286** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the letter from the Ministry of Environment regarding the Bowron Lakes be received.
Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cariboo Regional District – Joint Strategic Planning Session update
The Administrator updated Council on the upcoming Joint Strategic Planning Session to be held in Williams Lake on October 25 and 26, 2007. The Mayor and Administrator will attend.
- 07-287** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the verbal report from the Administrator regarding the Joint Strategic Planning Session be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Barkerville Connector Proposal
- 07-288** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the discussion regarding a recommendation to the Barkerville Heritage Trust on the Barkerville Connector Proposal be deferred to the next Council meeting to allow the participation of absent Council members.
Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report
- 07-289** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Action Items Report be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 07.09.01 to 07.09.30
- 07-290** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 4541 to 4570 for the period of September 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 for a total amount of \$61,053.48.
Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wilkins requested information on the dates for the November Strategic Planning Session. Acting Mayor Wright requested that staff contact Mr. Neil Vant for an update report on the Barkerville Heritage Trust.
2. Staff:
The Administrator noted that a Community Potluck Dinner was scheduled for 6:00 PM Thursday, October 18, 2007 at Wells Community Hall. He also

announced that the District would undertake a tender for backhoe services and that the Municipal Insurance Association inspector would visit Wells on October 24th.

The Marketing Coordinator noted that the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade BC Lotteries Grant Application was approved for \$60,000 for new breathing apparatus, turn-out gear and radios. She also noted that the Chamber of Commerce meeting was set for 6:00 PM, October 25 at the Bears Paw Café.

The Fire Chief thanked Carol McGregor for her fine work on the Fire Brigade grant.

3. Public Gallery:
Grizz Pinette and Pete Wright brought forward their concerns regarding a service connection installation on Blair Ave., civil work adjacent to the Fire Hall, and the provision of topsoil for the ball diamond project by a Quesnel supplier. During the general discussion which followed, Mr. Wright made allegations regarding the existence of what he described as an "Old Boys Club" relationship between municipal staff and another local contractor. The matter was referred to Staff by the Acting Mayor to schedule a follow-up meeting with the complainants.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

07-291 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO