

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday November 20, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gary Champagne, CAO and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 6 persons and one media representative

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:**

**07-305 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

The following items were withdrawn from the Agenda:

- D.3 District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No.88, 2007 Information
  - Chamber of Commerce update - Marketing and Economic Development Officer
  - Dave Jorgenson re: District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 suggestions
  - Summary of recommended amendments to Draft Bylaw – Administrator
- I.2 Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- D.4 Helen Farrer, Ministry of Environment re: Bowron Lake, Cariboo Mountains, Cariboo River Provincial Parks Advisory Group Meeting  
Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 6, 2007

**07-306 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL**

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

1. ABC Communications - Quote for Wireless Expansion in Wells, BC  
The Administrator provided Council with an overview of the ABC Communications quote for increasing High Speed Internet capacity in Wells. The Administrator noted that he had discussed the quote with ABC Communications, and told them that the municipality could not provide ABC Communications with direct funding unless it was a grant specific to that purpose. The Administrator also said that in the discussion with ABC Communications it was noted that a business case could probably be made for ABC Communications to do the expansion on their own. The Administrator said that ABC Communications would examine the possibility of doing the work without District of Wells assistance.

The Administrator noted that if there were any High Speed Internet connectivity grants available the District of Wells would apply for them to help speed up the process. Acting Mayor Campbell said that if more people phoned ABC Communications and told them that they wanted wireless High Speed Internet it might help the process move forward quicker.

- 07-307** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the ABC Communications - Quote for Wireless Expansion in Wells, BC be received.  
Carried Unanimously

2. Resolution of Support for Community Health Promotion Fund  
**07-308** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council support the District of Wells Community Health Promotion Fund application, including providing overall grant and financial management for the project.  
Carried Unanimously

4. Helen Farrer, Ministry of Environment re: Bowron Lake, Cariboo Mountains, Cariboo River Provincial Parks Advisory Group Meeting  
Acting Mayor Campbell noted that she would be attending the Cariboo River Provincial Parks Advisory Group Meeting on behalf of Barkerville Historic Town, and that it would be good if someone from the District of Wells were able to attend the meeting. General discussion took place in regards to the possibility of a District of Wells attendee.  
**07-309** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Helen Farrer, Ministry of Environment letter re: Bowron Lake, Cariboo Mountains, Cariboo River Provincial Parks Advisory Group Meeting be received.  
Carried Unanimously

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 07-310** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1. 07.10.22 Charlie Wyse, MLA Cariboo South re: Private Members Statement on UBCM concerns regarding TILMA, Community Charter and issues facing local governments, including homelessness and affordable housing
  2. 07.11.05 Danyta Welch, Policy & Programs Officer UBCM re: 2008 Community Health Promotion Fund Approval in Principle
  3. 07.11.06 Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Development re: Adoption Awareness Month
  4. 07.11.07 Carleen Pickard, BC/Yukon Regional Organizer, Council of Canadians re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement
  5. 07.11.08 UBCM In the House Newsletter
- Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report  
Council decided to drop item 06-214, in regards to creating a school floor plan and a five-year usage plan for the Wells Community School, from the Outstanding Action Items Report.
- 07-311** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Outstanding Action Items Report be adopted as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously
2. Cheque Register 07.10.01 to 07.10.31
- 07-312** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 4571 to 4613 for the period of October 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007 for a total amount of \$47,239.60  
Carried Unanimously
- I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:
1. Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 89, 2007  
The Administrator noted that this Bylaw is an annual safeguard to protect the District of Wells in case the municipality needs cash flow before the Provincial Small Community Grants are issued in April of 2008.
- 07-313** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council give first three readings to Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 89, 2007  
Carried Unanimously
- J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
1. Council Members:  
Councillor Wilkins thanked everyone who attended the Remembrance Day Luncheon and Services at the Wells Royal Canadian Legion.
- Acting Mayor Campbell noted that the Wells and Area Trails Society and the Wells Snowmobile Club were working hard to get the local ski and snowmobile trails ready for the season. Acting Mayor Campbell also said that Barkerville Historic Town was looking at the possibility of moving the snowmobile parking at Barkerville Historic Town due to noise concerns that are disruptive for staff. Acting Mayor Campbell also said that preliminary discussions were underway with the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run Society to see how Wells and Barkerville Historic Town could participate further in the 2008 Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run, as this event is going to be the provincial kickoff to the BC 150 Celebrations.
2. Staff:  
The Administrator brought up the possibility of hosting the annual Christmas party for the District of Wells at the Council meeting scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Council agreed that this was a good idea. He also noted that the District of Wells is looking to add more lights to the tree in Fred Wells Park, and is waiting for the BC Hydro lift bucket to come into town to do the work. The Administrator also received permission from Council to have the office closed from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through until January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the holiday season.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the New Year's Eve Dance Tickets are for sale at various locations in Wells and Quesnel. He also noted that the Wells Light-up is tentatively set for Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

3. Public Gallery:

Carol Pinette, a member of the public gallery, asked how much closer the District of Wells was to hooking up the emergency generator to the Wells Community Hall. The Administrator said that there was an outstanding JEPP Emergency Grant application for doing the work that the District of Wells had submitted and, that the District of Wells were awaiting approval before doing any work. He also noted that the District Office was open to the public during the latest power outage, and that local citizens did make use of the space. General discussion took place in regards to capacity issues in public buildings during a power outage.

Carol Pinette also asked a question in regards to grants for restoring and repairing historic buildings, noting that she heard that heritage specific grants were available. Acting Mayor Campbell said that she wasn't aware of any new funding for restoring and repairing historic buildings. Councillor Wilkins noted that any funding that was available for historic buildings was for planning as opposed to capital projects. General discussion took place in regards to making historic public buildings more energy efficient. Carol Pinette asked how many buildings in the community have been declared historic buildings. Acting Mayor Campbell noted that the District of Wells currently has a Heritage Designation Bylaw with one building, the Wells Community Hall, designated as a heritage property. General discussion took place in regards to designating heritage properties.

Rick Galbraith, a member of the public gallery, noted that he was happy to hear that the District of Wells was looking further into increasing High Speed Internet capacity in the community. He also said that he was interested in helping to increase housing capacity in the Wells, Barkerville area, and was looking for direction as to how to proceed. The Deputy Clerk noted that Rob Rummel, a member of the Barkerville Housing Task Force would be a good contact person.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**07-314** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO