

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday December 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC GALLERY: 5 persons and one media representative

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

07-315 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

Add

F.3 Janine North, Northern Trust re: Crown Land Summary

Remove

G.6 Appointment of District of Wells Standing Committee Chairpersons by the Mayor for 2008

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 20, 2007

07-316 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Neil Vant, Chair, Barkerville Heritage Trust re: Barkerville Heritage Trust update
Neil Vant gave Council an update on the Barkerville Heritage Trust's activities over the past three years as well as providing a framework for future success.

07-317 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Barkerville Heritage Trust update be received.

Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Spirit of BC Week Proclamation

07-318 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells proclaim and declare that February 8 to 16, 2008, inclusive, shall be known as "Spirit of BC Week" in British Columbia

Carried Unanimously

2. 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
- Review of changes to Draft Bylaw - Administrator

Carol McGregor, Manager of the Wells and District Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of the discussions that members of the Wells and District Chamber of Commerce had in regards to the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007. Specific items mentioned included the possibility of residents having problems paying potential penalties, as well as changing the wording as it relates to signage and old equipment. The Administrator provided an overview of the changes that were made to the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 as per the Wells and District Chamber of Commerce input and staff suggestions. General discussion took place in regards to the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No.88, 2007.

- 07-319** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No.88, 2007 Information update be received.
Carried Unanimously

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 07-320** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 07.11.16 Susan Gimse, President, Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment
2. 07.11.19 George Abbott, Minister of Health re: Meat Inspection Regulations
3. 07.11.21 Operation Clean Sweep re: Pitch-in-Week 2008
4. 07.11.22 Peter Lishman, Project Director, Integrated Land Management Bureau re: Mountain Caribou Recovery Implementation Plan
5. Colin Kinsley, Chair of Prince George Spirit of BC Committee re: Think Asia – China 2008 Workshop in Prince George on Thursday, December 6

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 07.11.19 Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range re: Wells Community Forest and Press Release
The Administrator provided Council with an overview of the process and timeframe involved in applying for a Community Forest.

- 07-321** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range letter re: Wells Community Forest and Press Release be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. 07.11.25 Lothar Vollmer, President of Wells-Barkerville Snowmobile Club re: Barkerville Historic Town Parking and Access Concerns
Councillor Campbell removed herself from the discussions due to an employment Conflict of Interest. The Administrator recommended that the item be referred to staff who could arrange a meeting between the affected parties.

Councillor Ferrier asked for more information on the correspondence, which was provided by Acting Mayor Wright.

- 07-322** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Neil Vant, Chair of the Barkerville Heritage Trust be allowed to speak to the issue.

Neil Vant spoke to the issue, noting that the Barkerville Heritage Trust didn't want to curtail snowmobiling in the area or limit snowmobile access to Barkerville Heritage Town. Neil Vant said that the Barkerville Heritage Trust recognized the value of snowmobilers to the local economy, but that they were attempting to limit noise concerns that were affecting staff.

- 07-323** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Lothar Vollmer, President of Wells-Barkerville Snowmobile Club re: Barkerville Historic Town Parking and Access Concerns be referred to staff, who were to arrange a meeting between the affected parties.

Carried Unanimously

3. Janine North, Northern Trust re: Crown Land Summary
The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the correspondence from Janine North, noting that in order to spur economic development in the north the Northern Trust was looking for an inventory of Crown Land within the northern municipalities that could be brought to the open market or transferred to local government. The Administrator noted that an inventory of Crown Land within the District of Wells, including a prioritized list of which land should be brought to market, already exists.

- 07-324** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** staff use the current Crown Land inventory to provide the Northern Trust a list of prioritized Crown Land within municipal boundaries.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of District of Wells representative to the Cariboo Regional District for 2008

- 07-325** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council appoint Mayor Vermette, or in his absence the Acting Mayor, to represent the District of Wells on the Cariboo Regional District Board for 2008

Carried Unanimously

2. Approval of District of Wells Council Meeting Schedule for 2008

- 07-326** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the Council Meeting Schedule for 2008

Carried Unanimously

3. Approval of Acting Mayor schedule for the District of Wells for 2008

- 07-327** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Councillor Campbell be appointed acting Mayor for the months of January, February and March 2008 **AND THAT** Councillor Virginia Wilkins be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of April, May and June, 2008 **AND THAT** Councillor Neil Ferrier be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of July, August and September 2008

AND THAT Councillor Richard Wright be appointed Acting Mayor for the months of October, November and December, 2008.

Carried Unanimously

4. Approval of District of Wells representative and alternate to the Fraser Fort George Regional District 911 Board for 2008
07-328 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council appoint Mayor Vermette, or in his absence the Acting Mayor to represent the District of Wells on the Fraser Fort George Regional District 911 Board for 2008
Carried Unanimously

 5. Appointment of District of Wells Auditor for 2007 fiscal year
07-329 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Chartered Accounting firm of R.E. Rasmussen of Quesnel, B.C. be appointed to prepare the District of Wells Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2007
Carried Unanimously
- H. REPORTS:
1. Public Works Report
Dennis Manuel, the Superintendent of Public Works, provided a verbal Public Works report update

 2. Fire Chief Report
Dennis Manuel, the Wells Fire Brigade Fire Chief, provided a verbal Fire Chief Report update.
07-330 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Public Works Report and the Fire Chief Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

 3. Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report
The Marketing and Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report, including providing information on grants applied for and the set-up and planning for the New Year's Eve Gala at the Wells Community Hall.
07-331 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

 4. Heritage Planning in the District of Wells Memo
The Deputy Clerk provided Council with an overview of Heritage Planning memo, which outlined heritage planning within the District of Wells. Councillor Campbell thought that it would be good to move forward in the creation of a Community Heritage Register.
07-332 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** staff examine the funding and Creation of a Heritage Register within the District of Wells.
Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 89, 2007
07-333 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the District of Wells Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 89, 2007
Carried Unanimously

2. Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007
07-334 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council give first three readings to the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007
Carried Unanimously

- 07-335** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 be circulated to all people within the District of Wells who might be affected by it.
Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Campbell noted that there would be a housing committee meeting held in Barkerville on Wednesday, December 5th at 1:00 PM. She also said that the Old Fashioned Christmas was moving forward as planned.

Councillor Wilkins noted that there would be a Friends of the Wells Community Hall meeting on Monday, December 10th, and a Royal Canadian Legion meeting on Saturday, December 15th. She also said that the pre-school Christmas Party at the Legion was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 19th, and that there was a Christmas Craft Fair to be held at the Curling Rink on the same weekend as the Old Fashioned Christmas in Barkerville.

Councillor Ferrier noted that the Pooley St. Café Christmas Dinner would be held on Saturday, December 22nd as opposed to Saturday, December 15th, that the date was moved to keep it more of a community event.

Councillor Wright gave an update on the plans for the Theatre Royal Spring Tour, he also noted that the Vancouver Opera would be closing their Barber of Seville (Barkerville) tour on Saturday, May 3rd at the Theatre Royal.

2. Staff:
The Administrator said that the Council Christmas Party would be taking place on the Tuesday, December 18th meeting, and that staff would be showing the presentation created for the Cariboo Regional District planning session that spelled out the success of the first five years of the District of Wells strategic plan.

The Marketing and Economic Development Officer noted that the Friends of the Wells Community Hall were looking for donations of salads and food for the New Year's Eve Gala.

3. Public Gallery:

Carol Pinette noted that the Wells General Store and Market was hoping to do some Christmas decorating in Fred Wells Park, and was looking to Council for approval to set-up displays.

Rick Galbraith asked a question in regards to the Barkerville Housing Task Force.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

07-336 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:01 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO