

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday February 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Jay Vermette and Councillors Neil Ferrier, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

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: 6 people and one media representative

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

08-09 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

Add

G.5 Town for Tomorrow Ball Diamond Project

H.3 Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report

Remove

G.1 08.01.11 Richard Wright, Newman & Wright Theatre Company re:
Theatre Royal Spring Tour performing in Wells

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

08-10 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. 07.12.05 Jeff Roberts, Senior Park Ranger – North Cariboo, Parks and Protected Areas re: Bowron Lake Provincial Park Meeting held in Quesnel – November 28, 2007

General discussion took place in regards to the Bowron Lake Provincial Park meeting held in Quesnel on November 28, 2007.

08-11 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 07.12.05 Jeff Roberts, Senior Park Ranger – North Cariboo, Parks and Protected Areas letter re: Bowron Lake Provincial Park Meeting held in Quesnel – November 28, 2007 be received.

Carried Unanimously

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

08-12 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated:

1. 07.01.11 Jonathan Yardley, President, Heritage BC re: Heritage Week 2008: February 18-24

2. 08.01.15 Nate Bello, Mayor, City of Quesnel re: British Columbia Electoral Boundaries Commission Preliminary Report
3. 08.01.15 Eva Cheung Robinson, Manager, Active Communities – BC Recreation and Parks Association re: Successful Active Communities Grant Application
4. 08.01.23 Mayor Mike Frazier, Resolutions Chair, North Central Municipal Association re: Resolution Submission Deadline: March 7th, 2008
5. 08.01.28 Kerri Lore, Deputy City Clerk, City of Coquitlam re: Municipal Fiscal Imbalance
6. 08.01.29 City of Quesnel re: Gold Rush Trail Dog Sled Mail Run envelope
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 08.01.08 Joy Stepan re: District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007
08-13 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 08.01.08 Joy Stepan letter re: District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. 08.01.08 Bill Quackenbush re: District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007
The Administrator noted that the right of entry clause noted in the Bill Quackenbush letter was a standard clause in a number of District of Wells Bylaws, and that removing it wouldn't affect the District of Wells' ability to enforce the Bylaw, as right of entry is covered in another area of the Bylaw. Councillor Ferrier noted that he would like to see the right of entry clause left in the Bylaw with a letter sent to Bill Quackenbush explaining the reasoning behind the decision.
08-14 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the right of entry clause be left in the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007, and that a letter outlining the reasoning behind this decision be sent to Bill Quackenbush.
Carried Unanimously
- 08-15** **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 08.01.08 Bill Quackenbush letter re: District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 be received.
Carried Unanimously
3. 07.12.12 Karen Felker, Coordinator, Honours and Awards Secretariat re: Order of British Columbia – 2008 Call for Nominations
General discussion took place in regards to Order of British Columbia nominations.
08-16 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 07.12.12 Karen Felker, Coordinator, Honours and Awards Secretariat letter re: Order of British Columbia – 2008 Call for Nominations be received.
Carried Unanimously

4. 08.01.14 Charlie Wyse, MLA Cariboo South re: Improving the Interior and Northern BC Ambulance Dispatch Centre located in Kamloops.
General discussion took place in regards to the Interior and Northern BC Ambulance Dispatch Centre.
- 08-17** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** staff sent a letter of support in regards to Improving the Interior and Northern BC Ambulance Dispatch Centre located in Kamloops.
Carried Unanimously
5. 08.02.01 Rodger Boychuk re: District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007
- 08-18** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the right of entry clause be left in the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 and that a letter be sent to Rodger Boychuk outlining the reasoning behind this decision.
Carried Unanimously
- 08-19** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 08.02.01 Rodger Boychuk letter re: District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 be received.
Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

2. 08.01.21 Dawn Almond, President, Wells Parent Advisory Council re: Approval of Council for adding new equipment to existing playground.
General discussion took place in regards to various fall protection that could be used for the District of Wells' playgrounds.
- 08-20** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** staff send a letter of support to Dawn Almond, President, Wells Parent Advisory Council in regards to adding new equipment to the existing playground at the Wells Community School.
Carried Unanimously
3. District of Wells Grants-in-Aid Request and Recommendation (2008 Fiscal)
The Administrator provided an overview of the Grant-in-Aid request and recommendations for the 2008 fiscal year. General discussions took place in regards to the recommendation of grant money to the Sunset Theatre Society. Councillor Wright, Councillor Ferrier and Councillor Wilkins stated that they were under the impression that The Sunset Theatre was a private business and were uncomfortable providing them with a Grant-in-Aid. Councillor Wright recommended that the Cemetery Trust grant portion be raised by \$250.00 as they do not receive any other funding, i.e. tax relief or utility relief. The question was raised by Councillor Ferrier as to what role Barkerville Historic Town played in the Cemetery Trust. Carol McGregor, the Marketing and Economic Development Officer noted that Barkerville Historic Town does not hold a seat on the Cemetery Trust, and that the capital costs of maintaining the cemetery are funded strictly through donations. Rick Galbraith, a member of the Friends of

Barkerville noted that the Friends of Barkerville were considering paying the majority of the costs of repairing the retaining wall at the Barkerville Cemetery, but nothing had been finalized.

08-21 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the \$250.00 Grant-in-Aid recommended for the Sunset Theatre be transferred to the Wells Barkerville School.

Carried Unanimously Councillor Wright abstained

08-22 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Cemetery Trust grant be raised by \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 and that staff find the \$250.00 in the 2008 Budget.

Carried Unanimously

08-23 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells Grants-in-Aid Request and Recommendations (2008 Fiscal) be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

4. 08.01.30 Lois Herrick, Secretary, Friends of the Wells Community Hall re: Recommendations from Friends of the Wells Community Hall
General discussion took place in regards to the merit of keeping the lines on the floor of the Wells Community Hall during the restoration of the flooring. Mayor Vermette noted that he would verify the quality of the floor finishing contractors before the Friends of the Wells Community Hall signed a contract. Councillor Wilkins also noted that the Friends of the Wells Community Hall were looking to remove the old tables from the Wells Community Hall upon completion of the floor refinishing, and replacing them with 60" round collapsible tables. General discussion took place in regards to the possibility of purchasing new tables for the Wells Community Hall.

08-24 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the District of Wells agree in principle to allow the Friends of the Wells Community Hall to refinish the floor of the Wells Community pending verification of the floor contractor by Mayor Vermette.

Carried Unanimously

08-25 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the District of Wells hold off any decision on replacing the existing tables at the Wells Community Hall until further information is offered in terms of the size of tables.

Carried Unanimously

5. Town for Tomorrow Ball Diamond Project
The Administrator provided the reasoning behind the need for the motion in regards to the Town for Tomorrow Ball Diamond Project

08-26 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council direct staff to only purchase energy efficient lighting and equipment for the Towns for Tomorrow Pooley St. Performance Centre and Ball Diamond project.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Public Works Report
The Public Works Superintendent provided a verbal Public Works report.
 2. Fire Chief Report
The Fire Chief provided a verbal Fire Chief Report.
 3. Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report
The Marketing and Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report.
- 08-27** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Public Works Report and Fire Chief Report and the Marketing and Economic Development Officer Report be received.
- Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007
Councillor Wright requested confirmation that the Chamber of Commerce and all commercially zoned properties affected by the Bylaw were informed of the implementation of the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007. The Administrator noted that all applicable parties were made aware of the Bylaw.
- 08-28** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007.
- Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wilkins noted that the Friends of the Wells Community Hall were holding their Auction and Dinner Theatre on March 29, 2008 and that any donations for the event should be directed to Carol McGregor.

Councillor Wright noted that the Theatre Royal would have two full productions on the road all summer promoting the region, with the second production being funded by the New Pathways to Gold Society.
2. Staff:
The Administrator noted that Chris Czajkowski, a Chilcotin author would be giving an author talk and slide show free-of-charge at the Banquet Room of the Wells Community Hall on February 16, 2008.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the Valentines Day Volunteer Dinner was taking place in the Banquet Room of the Wells Community Hall on February 14, 2008.
3. Public Gallery:
Aleta Wallace, Editor of the Wells Chronicle, noted that if non-profit organizations in the community wanted to recognize volunteers that the Valentines Volunteer Dinner was a good opportunity.

Mike Wallace asked, as a representative of the Friends of the Wells Community Hall, if the District of Wells would be willing to donate a set of six old chairs from the Wells Community Hall for the Friends of the Wells Community Hall Dinner Theatre and Auction.

General discussion took place in regards to the chairs at the Wells Community Hall

08-29 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the District of Wells donate six chairs to the Friends of the Wells Community Hall for their Dinner and Auction

Carried Unanimously

Carol Pinette noted that all of the conversation she had heard in regards to the District of Wells Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 88, 2007 were positive.

Jean Gall noted that the fall protection at the Ameta Transition House in Quesnel was similar to the fall protection noted by Councillor Wright in the earlier discussion about the playground equipment at the Wells Community School.

Rick Galbraith asked the Administrator when the Wells Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw would be amended to alleviate perceived concerns in regards to insurance coverage, and what we would do in the interim. The Administrator noted that the Bylaw amendment would be addressed and that matters involving the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade would be determined by officers of the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Aleta Wallace noted that she believed that the fall protection noted by Councillor Wright in the earlier discussion about the playground equipment at the Wells Community School was called Dynaflex, and that it was produced in Salmon Arm.

Jean Gall had a question in regards to the empty lots in Wells, and whether or not the District of Wells had provided HMC Services Inc with a list of all of the empty lots.

K. CLOSED MEETING

08-30 **MOVE** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (c,k and m) of the Community Charter, after a five minute recess, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

08-31 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 9:10 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO