

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday February 19, 2008 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 and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 4 people and one media representative

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

08-32 **MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

G.6 Celebrate Canada – Delegation of Signing Authority

G.7 Project Grant Applications

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

08-33 **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: NIL

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

08-34 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 08.01.24 Barbara J. Coupe, Arboreal Communications Services re: Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Conservation Strategy data. (Discs available from Deputy Clerk)
2. 08.01.30 Alice Johnson, Volunteer Chair, Pitch-In British Columbia re: Operation Clean Sweep.
3. 08.01.31 Susan Gimse, UBCM President re: 2008 UBCM Membership.
4. 08.02.02 Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held on January 25, 2008.
5. 08.02.04 Danyta Welch, Policy and Programs Officer, UBCM re: Community Health Promotion Fund grant approved.
6. 08.02.04 Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re: Twinning with Asia.
7. 08.02.05 Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative and the Olympics re: BC-Canada Pavillion in Beijing, China.
8. 08.02.06 David MacKinnon, Executive Director, Rivers Without Borders re: Wild Salmon Rivers of Canada (Report available from Deputy Clerk).
9. 08.02.08 Mary Sjostrom, Nominations Chair, NCMA re: Call for Nominations for 2008 – 2009 NCMA Executive.

10. 08.02.13 In the House – Excerpts from the Throne Speech of interest to Local Government.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Date for Strategic Planning Public Meeting
General discussion took place in regards to Councillor availability for the Strategic Planning Public Meeting.
08-35 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting be held on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM in the Wells Community Hall.
Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells assisting non-profits with project management
The Administrator provided Council with an overview of the reasoning behind the request for the District of Wells to provide project management for projects taking place in the Wells Community Hall.
08-36 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council authorize the District of Wells to assist with the project and financial management for the following projects:
 - Friends of the Wells Community Hall Building upgrade
 - Wells Best Seniors Society – New Senior’s Room constructionCarried Unanimously

3. Release of In-Camera Minutes
08-37 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council receive in open session the In-Camera Minutes from March 1, 2005 to January 16, 2007 as amended to meet provincial legislation.
Carried Unanimously

4. Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade Membership List
08-38 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the individuals named in the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade – February 2008 roster as the active members of the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade.
Carried Unanimously

5. Picture BC Report
The Administrator provided Council with an overview of the Picture BC program as well as the selection process.
08-39 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve the Picture BC Report recommendation.
Carried Unanimously

6. Celebrate Canada – Delegation of Signing Authority
08-40 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Carol McGregor, Marketing and Economic Development Officer from the District of Wells be authorized to submit a financial request to the Department of Canadian

Heritage in relation to the *Celebrate Canada!* Program for organizing activities to celebrate Canada Day.

Carried Unanimously

7. Project Grant Applications
08-41 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council authorize the District of Wells to apply for Federal Fuel Tax Innovations Fund and/or Towns for Tomorrow Grants for the following projects:

- Design and construction of Water Treatment Plant
- Design and construction of alternative Heating System for Wells/Barkerville Community School
- Festival Site Stage

Carried Unanimously

- 08-42** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the HMC Services Inc. snow storage locations be added as a late item to the Agenda.

Carried Unanimously

8. Snow Storage Locations
Mayor Vermette gave an update on snow storage options for the District of Wells, noting that HMC Services Inc. was having a hard time finding locations to dump the accumulated snow. He noted that there were three locations, the beach on Jack O'Clubs Lake, Ski Hill Road between Lowhee Drive and Solibakke Drive, and the Wells/Barkerville Community School field adjacent to the Skating Rink that had been chosen as possible locations for snow storage. He also noted that all three of these locations would be needed for this snow season, since the area provided by International Wayside Gold Mines Ltd. for snow storage would not be available until next winter, due to the need to add a culvert crossing to the area. General discussion took place in regards to locations that could be used for snow storage.

- 08-43** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the HMC Services Inc. be given permission to use the beach on Jack O'Clubs Lake, Ski Hill Road between Lowhee Drive and Solibakke Drive, and the Wells/Barkerville Community School field adjacent to the Skating Rink for snow removal locations for the 2008 snow removal season.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report
Questions were raised in regards to the status of a Strategic Wildfire Protection Program application as well as whether or not the District of Wells had applied to the BC Hydro Outreach Program for a \$2000.00 grant. The Administrator noted that new funding for the Strategic Wildfire Protection Program had been released, and that the District of Wells would be working on an application. The Administrator also noted that staff had discussed the idea of applying for the \$2,000.00 BC Hydro Outreach Program for an Anemometer to investigate wind

power feasibility within the District of Wells. There was general agreement from Council that the application for an Anemometer was a good idea.

08-44 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the Outstanding Action Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 08.01.01 to 08.01.31
Councillor Wright asked staff to investigate the cost differential between Superior Propane and Cariboo Propane to see if making a switch to a different propane supplier would be beneficial. The Administrator noted that he would examine the cost differential.

08-45 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 4691 to 4730 for the period of January 1, 2008 to January 31, 2008 for a total amount of \$78,509.69.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Bylaw No. 90, 2008 – A Bylaw to amend the District of Wells “Wells Volunteer Fire Department Establishing Bylaw No. 28, 2000.”
The Administrator noted that the changes to this Bylaw were undertaken in order to cover the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade members assisting on first responder calls. The Administrator noted that the amendments also changed the name officially to the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade; the Bylaw also streamlined the process for naming members.

08-46 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give first three readings to the District of Wells Bylaw No. 90, 2008 – A Bylaw to amend the District of Wells “Wells Volunteer Fire Department Establishing Bylaw No. 28, 2000.”

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wilkins asked Mayor Vermette what the District of Wells could offer as a donation to the North Cariboo Municipal Association for the Convention and AGM in Prince George from May 7-9, 2008. It was noted that there were vests donated last year. Councillor Wilkins offered the suggestion of some photography from Norma Collins. Councillor Campbell suggested a package consisting of cards from local artisans. Councillor Wright suggested something from Barkerville Historic Town. Councillor Campbell noted that Barkerville Historic Town could donate a family pass to the package.

08-47 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** staff purchase gifts for the 2008 North Central Municipal Association Convention and AGM from local Wells businesses up to a maximum total of \$75.00.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Wilkins also noted that there would be a bingo on February 26, 2008 at the Wells Curling Club. Councillor Wilkins also said that she would be attending a Community Policing discussion group on February 25, 2008 in Quesnel. Councillor Wilkins noted that staff was examining the possibility of

having a RCMP Strategic Planning Session in Wells as well as Quesnel. Councillor Wright emphasized that need to have a RCMP Strategic Planning Session in Wells and not just Quesnel. The Deputy Clerk provided background information on the possibility of a RCMP Strategic Planning Session in Wells, noting that planning was underway for such a meeting.

Councillor Campbell told Council that she is going to be investigating the issuing of liquor license regulations as they pertain to non-profit groups within the District of Wells. She noted that Island Mountain Arts had investigated the liquor license regulations and had been told that it was an RCMP decision, not a decision of the Liquor Control Board. She noted that she would be talking with people who were responsible for applying for the New Year's Eve Dance liquor license in the process of her investigation.

Councillor Campbell also brought up the fact that snowmobilers had recently destroyed the ski trails on Cornish Mountain, and that the tracks set for the Gourmet Ski Tour were in jeopardy for the event. Councillor Campbell noted that this particular area hadn't been destroyed by snowmobilers in years, and she wondered if there is more that could be done to inform visitors to the community as to where to snowmobile. Councillor Campbell also gave a brief historical overview of how the trail system was split between motorized and non-motorized.

Councillor Wilkins asked if it would be possible to get proper signage installed in the affected areas in the summer time. Councillor Campbell noted that this would be difficult due to the terrain in the Meadow. Councillor Campbell noted that the Wells and Area Trails Society needed to talk to the Wells Snowmobile Club to try and come up with a better solution. Mayor Vermette noted that there was a Wells Snowmobile Club meeting on February 23, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Visitor Centre where the issue could be brought up. Councillor Campbell said that she would try to attend the meeting. Mayor Vermette noted that more information needed to be given out to snowmobilers, as well as better signage at all snowmobile access points.

Councillor Wright noted that the cost of any additional signage needed to be examined, and asked the Administrator and Mayor Vermette if there were any sources of funds to help offset the costs of signage. The Administrator noted that this could be examined in the upcoming budget process. Mayor Vermette noted that the various groups needed to get together and come up with a plan and a process.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that the Cariboo Regional District Townhall meeting was taking place on February 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Wells Community Hall. The Administrator also noted that 48 people attended the Wells Spirit Committee's presentation of author and naturalist Chris Cjaskowski on February 16, 2008 at the Wells Community Hall.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the travelling exhibit of the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival was taking place on February 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Banquet Room of the Wells Community Hall.

3. Public Gallery:

Carol Pinette noted that the Wells Parent Advisory Council would be selling popcorn at the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival in Wells, and that she had heard of complaints in regards to snowmobilers on the streets of Wells.

Mike Wallace thanked HMC Services Inc. for cleaning up in front of the Wells Curling Club.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

08-48 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:24 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO