

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday May 6, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gary Champagne, C.A.O., Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 10 people

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

**08-123 MOVED** Councillor Ferrier Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

C.2 Theatre Royal re: Update on Spring Show and Motherlode Tour

H.3 Sewer System Improvement Project

Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**08-124 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

1. Island Mountain Arts re: "Art Flags" public art project

Lindsay Read spoke to the "Art Flags" public art project, noting that Island Mountain Arts is looking to hang "Art Flags" around Pooley Street and possibly Sanders Avenue at the beginning of ArtsWells. Mrs. Read noted that the plan was for the flags to stay up for the summer and be taken down in the winter. Councillor Wilkins asked what type of material the flags were going to be made of, noting that she would like the flags to look like "art." Councillor Ferrier noted that the aesthetics of the Pooley Street area might be compromised if the flags were left up all summer, and he suggested taking down the flags after the ArtsWells Festival. Councillor Wright asked what size the proposed flags would be. Mrs. Read noted that they would be approximately 8.5" x 11" in size. Councillor Wright also asked for clarification in regards to which businesses were in favour of the project and which were opposed. Mrs. Read said that she still needed to confirm that the Sunset Theatre was in favour, and clarify that the Wells Hotel was on board. Councillor Campbell noted that she liked the current flags that were on Pooley Street, and she said that she would be in favour of the Island Mountain Arts "Art Flags" going up and staying up. Mayor Vermette noted that he liked the idea of flags, but felt that they should only stay up for the ArtsWells weekend, in order to keep with the "historic" theme of the weekend.

**08-125 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** Council approve the hanging of uniform size "Art Flags" on Pooley Street and Sanders Avenue for up to a two-week period centered on the 2008 ArtsWells Festival.

Carried Unanimously

2. Theatre Royal re: Update on Spring Show and Motherlode Tour  
A contingent from Theatre Royal provided Council with an overview of the upcoming Newman and Wright Theatre Company season, and provided some insight into the economic and social impacts that the theatre company will have on the community. Highlights of the presentation included an overview of the New Pathways to Gold Society, which is sponsoring the Motherlode touring show, which will be previewed on May 24, 2008 at the Theatre Royal in Barkerville Historic Town. It was also noted that the Theatre Royal Gala Opening would be taking place on June 14, 2008, beginning with the opening of the season's new shows at Theatre Royal in Barkerville Historic Town followed by a dinner and dance at the Wells Community Hall.

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

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**08-126** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

1. 08.04.11 UBCM In The House re: New Public Health Act
2. 08.04.15 UBCM In The House re: New Green Legislation
3. 08.04.17 Rick Thorpe, Minister of Small Business and Revenue re: BizPal
4. 08.04.22 Brenda Ginter, Director of Corporate Administration, City of Dawson Creek re: Carbon Tax
5. 08.04.24 UBCM re: Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held April 9-11, 2008
7. 08.04.25 Dieter A. Bogs, Mayor, City of Trail re: Negotiations on the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)  
Carried Unanimously

6. 08.04.25 Susan Gimse, UBCM President re: Response from Finance Minister Carol Taylor on the Carbon Tax  
Councillor Wright asked for an overview of the letter.

**08-127** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 08.04.25 Susan Gimse, UBCM President letter re: Response from Finance Minister Carol Taylor on the Carbon Tax letter be received.  
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 08.04.18 Shannon Baskerville, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund and Gerry Salembier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Western Economic Diversification Canada, Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund re: Wells Water Quality Upgrade (POE System)  
The Administrator noted that this was the official denial letter for the Water Quality Upgrade (POE System) grant application.

**08-128** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 08.04.18 Shannon Baskerville, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund and Gerry Salembier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Western Economic Diversification

Canada, Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund letter re: Wells Water Quality Upgrade (POE System) be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. 08.04.22 Derek R. Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby re: Highway Maintenance Specifications resolution

**08-129** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the District of Wells write a letter of support to the City of Burnaby in regards to the need for enhanced monitoring and reporting of highways maintenance by the Ministry of Transportation.

Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2007 Audited Financial Statements

The Administrator provided an overview of the the 2007 Audited Financial Statements

**08-130** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Ferrier **THAT** the 2007 Audited Financial Statements be received

Carried Unanimously

2. 2007 Auditor's Management Letter

The Administrator provided an overview of the 2007 Auditor's Management Letter. Councillor Wright asked a question in regards to the current system for backing up the financial data. Mayor Vermette noted that he would like to see some of the suggestions contained within the 2007 Auditor's Management Letter implemented, and said that he would bring identify them at a later date. Discussion took place in regards to obtaining a fixed price for fuel.

**08-131** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 2007 Auditor's Management Letter be received

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Public Works Report

The Public Works Superintendent provided a Public Works Report.

2. Fire Chief Report

The Fire Chief provided a Fire Chief Report.

**08-132** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Public Works Report and Fire Chief Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. Sewer System Improvement

The Public Works Superintendent provided an overview of the sewer system improvement project. The Administrator provided Council with the reasoning behind the need for a motion to use Service Electric as the electrical contractor, as well as identifying how the project will be funded.

**08-133** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** staff are authorized to proceed with the next stage of the sewer system improvement project using Service Electric as the electrical contractor.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Bylaw No. 91, 2008 Five-Year Financial Plan  
**08-134** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve Bylaw No. 91, 2008 Five-Year Financial Plan.  
Carried Unanimously
2. Bylaw No. 92, 2008 Tax Rate  
The Administrator provided an overview of the Bylaw No. 92, 2008 Tax Rate bylaw, including providing an estimate of the tax increase for 2008.  
**08-135** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve Bylaw No. 92, 2008 Tax Rate as amended.  
Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:  
Councillor Wilkins asked staff to examine the mileage rate for Council and staff travel due to the recent significant increase in fuel costs, using government rates as a measuring stick. Councillor Wright noted that the various levels of government rates need to be examined when looking into the rate, as there is more than one rate.

Councillor Campbell gave an overview of the Barkerville Historic Town evacuation exercise planned for May 9, 2008 and noted that Barkerville Historic Town would be opening for the season on May 12, 2008.

2. Staff:
3. Public Gallery:

K. ADJOURNMENT:

- 08-136** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:57 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO