

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday October 21, 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 and Virginia Wilkins

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, C.A.O. and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 4 people

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

**08-279** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

**08-280** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 7, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**08-281** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 08.10.09 Les Waldie, President Prince George Community Foundations re: Community Appreciation Dinner for Prince George Mayor Colin Kinsley
2. 08.10.10 Andy Miller, Wilderness Committee Staff Scientist Western Canada Wilderness Committee re: *Grizzly Bears – A Majestic Creature Faces Extinction*
3. 08.10.11 Shirley Bond, Minister of Education re: Premiere's Awards for Teaching Excellence
4. 08.10.12 Island Mountain Arts Board & Staff re: Thank-you Card for ArtsWells Festival

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 08.10.03 Robin Grady, Friends of Barkerville re: Wells-Barkerville Cemetery Councillor Wilkins asked for clarification on what exactly the Friends of Barkerville were requesting in their letter. She wanted to know whether they were looking for money, or resources to help look after the cemetery. Councillor Campbell noted that the Friends of Barkerville were responsible for looking after the "old" portion of the cemetery, but that she believed help was needed in managing the active portion of the cemetery. Councillor Campbell said that perhaps a meeting between the various user groups and the District of Wells could be organized. Mayor Vermette suggested a letter to Robin Grady to find

out exactly what the Friends of Barkerville were looking for. The Administrator noted that Council could refer the issue to staff, who could contact the Friends of Barkerville and prepare a report to Council.

- 08-282** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** staff look into the maintenance and operation of the Wells-Barkerville Cemetery and prepare a report for Council.

Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. District of Wells Strategic Plan Update

The Administrator provided an update on the District of Wells' goals and objectives for 2008. General discussion took place in regards to federal fuel tax expenditures.

- 08-283** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the District of Wells Strategic Plan Update be received.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report

- 08-284** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Outstanding Action Items Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 08.09.01 to 08.09.30

- 08-285** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve cheques numbered 5027 to 5060 for the period of September 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008 for a total amount of \$44,878.76.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Wells 2009 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No. 96, 2008

- 08-286** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the Wells 2009 Permissive Tax Exempting Bylaw No. 96, 2008.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 97, 2008

- 08-287** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the District of Wells Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 97, 2008.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Campbell noted that she attended a Heritage Society of BC meeting on November 15 and 16, 2008 in Prince George. She said that the meeting was informative, and that there might be some possible funding for heritage projects in Wells.

Mayor Vermette asked if the chain link fence located at the Wells Community Garden should be removed, as it looked to be in poor condition. General discussion took place in regards to the fence. The Administrator noted that staff would get back to Council with a recommendation as to whether the fence should be repaired or removed. Mayor Vermette also asked if the Stanley Cemetery was going to be included in the review by staff. Councillor Campbell noted that Stanley Cemetery wasn't an active cemetery, and that the Friends of Barkerville maintained it.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that both he and the Deputy Clerk would not be attending any all-candidates forums in order to eliminate any perceived conflict of interest. The Administrator also said that all the candidates were more than welcome to come into the office with any questions about District operations, projects, finance or other relevant matters.

3. Public Gallery:

Aleta Wallace asked a question in regards to the District of Wells Strategic Plan options for a new Wells Fire Brigade building. The Administrator noted that there was no design currently in place for the building, and that the design would be based on the amount of money available to construct the new structure.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**08-288** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:23 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO