

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday November 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, C.A.O.; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works; Jason Griffin, Marketing & Economic Development Officer and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 7 people

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

**08-289** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

**08-290** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 21, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**08-291** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 08.10.29 Bill Turner, Executive Director, The Land Conservancy and Hon. Iona Campagnolo, Honorary President, The Land Conservancy re: *Moving Forward: TLC in the Next Five Years* (Report available from Deputy Clerk).

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 08.10.27 Lois Herrick, Secretary, Wells Senior Association re: Community Hall Back Entrance  
Councillor Wilkins noted that the Wells Senior Association is concerned about the snow sliding off the roof of the Wells Community Hall and blocking the entrance way to the Senior's Centre. Councillor Campbell asked if there was a way to remove the snow from the roof that was safe and efficient, as they do in Barkerville Historic Town. The Administrator said that the electrical connection to the Wells Community Hall presented a problem in regards to removing the snow from the rear roof. Councillor Wilkins noted that she heard that there was Teflon paint available for roofs that would help shed the snow. The Administrator noted that utilizing an alternate entrance to the Wells Community Hall was one option, and the other options were to remove the snow from the roof or extend the rear

entrance to the Wells Community Hall. The Administrator noted that staff could prepare a report and get back to Council with options and costs. General discussion took place in regards to how the electrical connection on the roof of the Wells Community Hall would affect the snow removal.

**08-292** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** staff prepare a report on options to mitigate or remove snow build-up above the rear entrance of the Wells Community Hall.

Carried Unanimously

2. 08.10.29 Vicki Esplen, District Literacy Resource Teacher re: Funding for StrongStart Early Learning Centre at Wells Community School  
Councillor Wilkins noted that the StrongStart program was a good idea but wondered about the breakdown of costs. She said that since the District of Wells was already providing the room for the playgroup at the Wells Community School free-of-charge that paying an honorarium for the StrongStart employee might be more than the District's share of the costs.

**08-293** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** staff examine the funding parameters of the StrongStart program and provide a report to Council.

Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Public Works Report
2. Fire Chief Report

The Public Works Superintendent/Fire Chief provided a verbal report.

**08-294** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Public Works Report and Fire Chief Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

3. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report  
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report.

**08-295** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

4. Motion of Support for New Barkerville High Speed Internet Application  
Jason Griffin, the Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that he is working on an application to get High Speed Internet installed in New Barkerville and requested a letter of support for his application.

**08-296** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council provide a letter of support to the residents of New Barkerville for their application for High Speed Internet through a Network BC Connecting Citizens Grant.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. 911 Service Taxing Authority Change

The Administrator noted that the 911 Service Taxing Authority Change was taking place in order to consolidate the various 911 areas within the Cariboo Regional District and have one joint agreement for 911 Service.

**08-297** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** WHEREAS the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is considering the adoption of Emergency Telephone Extended Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2495, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the entire area of the District of Wells is a participating area for the above service.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the municipality believes that it is in the best interests of the electors to consent on their behalf to adoption of the above bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council for the District of Wells hereby gives its consent to the adoption of Emergency Telephone Extended Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2495, 2008 by the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George;

AND THAT the Regional District be so advised.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that she had heard some information on the news about Nazko and the City of Quesnel applying for a Community Forest Application that could possibly extend as far as Peter's Creek. She questioned whether this would interfere with the Wells Probationary Community Forest Application. Jason Griffin, the Marketing and Economic Development Officer said that he would examine this as part of the work he was doing on the Community Forest. The Administrator noted that he had not yet received confirmation on the extension of the Wells Probationary Community Forest Application. Councillor Wilkins also noted that an organ had been donated to the Friends of the Wells Community Hall, and she wanted to have it placed in the Wells Unity Church, but because the church isn't heated she is concerned that the organ would get damaged if it was placed in there. She wanted staff to examine the cost of heating the building over the winter in order to place the organ in the building. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the organ would need to be examined to ensure that it was in proper working order prior to examining heating the Wells Unity Church.

Councillor Campbell noted that she wanted staff to try and ensure that the geothermal project at the school did not interfere with any summer programming that took place at the school. The Administrator noted that it might not be feasible to continue with the geothermal project if there were limitations placed on the time frame for completing the work. Councillor Campbell said that she had looked into Geothermal heating and that it should be able to be done without interfering with the school activities.

**08-298** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** staff ensure that the scheduling of the Geothermal project not interfere with activities at the Wells Community School in the summer.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Wright noted that the fence behind the Jack O'Clubs RV Site and Campground looked like it was going to collapse this winter, and that the issue needed to be raised with the owner of the property. The Administrator noted that the issue of the fence had been raised with the owner of the property, and he had been told by the owner that it would be fixed or removed.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that Barb Cirotto is selling Christmas Poinsettias as a fundraiser for her daughter Nori Cirotto - who is raising money in order to make a trip to Shiraoi, Japan - and wanted approval to buy one for the office. The Administrator also noted that the District of Wells was unsuccessful in its Towns for Tomorrow application for the Water Treatment Plant, but that the District of Wells would reapply in the next round of applications. The Administrator said that the application wasn't turned down due to lack of merit, rather the grant needed to be "tweaked" to better address the overall provincial program objectives. The Administrator also noted that this was the last meeting of this Council due to the upcoming municipal elections, and that the next Council meeting would be the inaugural meeting of the newly elected Council at the beginning of December.

3. Public Gallery:

Claire Kujundzic noted that there was a problem with potholes at the entrance to Bowman Crescent, and was hoping that it could be looked at. The Administrator noted that potholes seemed to be a problem all around town at this particular time of the year, but that the Public Works Superintendent would examine the issue.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**08-299** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO