

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Jay Vermette and Councillors Judy Campbell, Aleta Wallace, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Champagne, C.A.O.; Jason Griffin, Marketing & Economic Development Manager and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 27 people

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

09-45 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as circulated

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

09-46 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 17, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Wells RCMP

09-47 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Wells RCMP Delegation be received.

Carried Unanimously

Corporal Steve Chin, Constable Greg Trainor and Constable Doug Erickson attended from the Wells RCMP Detachment. Constable Trainor spoke for the Wells RCMP delegation and provided an overview of snowmobiling regulations within the District of Wells. The Mayor provided members of the public gallery with the opportunity to address the Wells RCMP attachment. Various members of the public gallery spoke in regards to snowmobiling regulations within the District of Wells. General discussion took place in regards to possible reasons behind the perceived decline in snowmobile tourism in the Wells/Barkerville area. Constable Trainor noted that if individuals had any specific complaints about snowmobile enforcement they needed to talk to the RCMP rather than spread rumours in the community. Constable Erickson said that snowmobilers who visit the community haven't been treated unfairly, and that if there are any problems or issues people need to speak with the RCMP. The Mayor thanked the RCMP for coming and addressing the issue.

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

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

09-48 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated:

1. 09.02.06 Owen Dickie, President, Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (BC)
 2. 09.02.17 Barry O'Neill, President, CUPE BC Division re: Report on Public Private Partnerships by forensic auditors Ron Parks and Rosanne Terhart
 3. 09.02.17 UBCM In the House re: 2009 BC Provincial Budget & Throne Speech
 4. 09.02.17 Cindy Buker, Executive Assistant, Council of Forest Industries re: Postponement of COFI Convention
 5. 09.02.18 Suzanne Allard Strutt, Chief Executive Officer, BC Recreation and Parks Association re: Positions on BCRPA Board
- Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 09.02.11 Warren Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Mackenzie re: Employment Insurance Regional Boundaries
Councillor Campbell noted that the District of Wells should write a letter of support for the District of Mackenzie's initiative to change Employment Insurance Regional Boundaries.
09-49 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 09.02.11 letter from Warren Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Mackenzie re: Employment Insurance Regional Boundaries be received and that staff write a letter of support.
Carried Unanimously
2. 09.02.11 Janis Cardiff, Project Coordinator, International Wayside Gold Inc. re: Bonanza Ledge Gold Mine Project Update
General discussion took place in regards to the letter from International Wayside.
09-50 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 09.02.11 project update from Janis Cardiff, Project Coordinator, International Wayside Gold Inc. re: Bonanza Ledge Gold Mine be received.
Carried Unanimously
3. 09.02.11 Carla Glessing, Regional Sustainability Coordinator, Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society re: Invitation to Regional Sustainability Conference
09-51 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 09.02.11 letter from Carla Glessing, Regional Sustainability Coordinator, Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society re: Invitation to Regional Sustainability Conference be received.
Carried Unanimously

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2009 Strategic Community Investment Funds Report
The Administrator provided an overview of the 2009 Strategic Community Investment Funds Report, noting that the funding would replace the traditional Small Community Grants received by the District of Wells for this year and the next, and would net more funding for the community. Councillor Campbell noted that she is concerned that future Small Community Grants funding could be affected by the change in provincial government funding. The Administrator

noted that it appeared that the Small Community Grant funding would resume as per normal after 2011 according to information provided by UBCM.

- 09-52** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the District of Wells entering into a “Strategic Community Investment Fund Agreement” with the Province of British Columbia for the years 2009-2011.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Signing, Contracting and Purchasing Policy
The Administrator provided an overview of the Signing, Contracting and Purchasing Policy. General discussion took place in regards to the need for the policy. The Administrator noted that the policy mirrors the current administrative processes of the District of Wells and formalizes them.

- 09-53** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council approve the District of Wells Signing, Contracting and Purchasing Policy.

Carried Unanimously

3. Measuring up the North (MUTN) – Year Two: Resolution Endorsing MUTN

- 09-54** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council authorize a letter to be sent to Measuring up the North indicating that Wells will participate in the MUTN project.

Carried Unanimously

H. REPORTS:

1. School Community Connections Program grant application Report
The Administrator provided an overview of the School Community Connections Program grant application, noting that the money would be used for improvements at the Wells/Barkerville Community School

- 09-55** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve the submission of an application to UBCM for funding a School Community Connections Program.

Carried Unanimously

2. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report on his current projects.

- 09-56** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Delegation Bylaw No. 99, 2009

- 09-57** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council give first three readings to the District of Wells Delegation Bylaw No. 99, 2009.

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that the Administrator and Councillor Campbell and herself went through the Wells Community Hall and completed an inventory, marking items for proper storage and/or relocation to the garage sale room.

Councillor Campbell noted that the Barkerville Historic Town will be receiving \$1.3 million dollars per year for the next three years in guaranteed provincial funding. Councillor Campbell also noted that Barkerville Historic Town will be hiring a marketing specialist in the near future and will be enhancing their media library.

Councillor Wright noted that the Theatre Royal would be going on their spring tour soon and he would not be attending the next Council meeting. Councillor Wright provided an overview of the Theatre Royal tour.

Mayor Vermette noted that he's a proud new grandfather again.

2. Staff: NIL

3. Public Gallery:

Kathy Landry noted that the last District of Wells community workshop would be taking place on March 7, 2009 and March 8, 2009 at the Wells Community Hall and Wells Community Garden. The cost is \$40.00 per person, and includes a book from the presenter.

Bob St. John asked questions in regards possible issues with the water and sewer infrastructure at Barkerville Historic Town. Councillor Campbell provided him with an overview of the systems.

Lois Herrick asked a question in regards to accessibility at the Wells/Barkerville Community School. Jason Griffin, the Marketing and Economic Development Officer provided her with an overview of accessibility funding options being considered for the school.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

09-58 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:18 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO