

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, June 2, 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.; Dennis Manuel, Superintendent of Public Works and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 people

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

09-152 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows.

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

09-153 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 19, 2009 be adopted as amended as follows:

F.2 Add Councillor Wilkins Acting Mayor

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Community Adjustment Fund Grant Application

Councillor Campbell noted that the CAF (Community Adjustment Fund Grant) grant would not fund officially designated heritage buildings. The Administrator noted that this is correct, and said that this information was garnered after the recommended motion was put on the Agenda. He said that he was going to recommend to Council that the motion be changed to say "community" buildings instead of "heritage" buildings. Councillor Campbell asked which buildings would have work undertaken on them. The Administrator noted that the Wells United Church, the Wells Fire Hall and the District of Wells Townhall all needed structural work.

09-154 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the District of Wells apply for a Community Adjustment Fund grant to undertake work on heritage buildings within the District of Wells.

09-155 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the 09-154 motion be amended to say "community buildings" instead of "heritage buildings."

Motion to Amend Carried Unanimously
Motion as Amended Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Wood Stored at Old Highways Yard
09-156 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the verbal report from the Administrator on the District of Wells wood stored at the Old Highway's Yard be received.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Wright excused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest because he has a potential pecuniary interest in the discussion. The Administrator provided a verbal report noting that Richard Wright had requested that the District of Wells either move the wood in the storage area at the Old Highways Yard, or enter into an arrangement for storage space to continue storing the wood. Councillor Campbell asked for clarification on which wood was being discussed. The Administrator noted that it was the old flooring that was previously stored in the new Seniors Centre at the Wells Community Hall, and that he would like permission to either dispose of the wood or enter into negotiations with Richard Wright to continue to store the wood in the Old Highways Yard. Councillor Campbell noted that removing the wood wasn't an option due to the Wells Community Hall Management Plan.

- 09-157** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** staff be authorized to negotiate rental space to store the old wood owned by the District of Wells at the Old Highways Yard.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Capital Projects Update (verbal update)

The Administrator provided an update on the Capital Projects currently underway within the District of Wells. Councillor Campbell asked if the Job Opportunities Program (JOP) grant that was approved for the District of Wells was for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) prescription. The Administrator noted that the JOP funding was for danger tree falling for the Mt. Trail Project not the CWPP prescription.

- 09-158** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Capital Projects Update be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 09-159** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated:

1. 09.05.12 Danyta Welch, Policy and Program Officer, UBCM re: Completion of 2008 Community Health Promotion Fund Project.
2. 09.05.13 Joe Foy, Wilderness Committee Campaign Director, Western Canada Wilderness Committee re: Vote Wild! (report available from Deputy Clerk)
3. 09.05.25 Ken Maddox, Specialist, Business Development, McElhaney Consulting Services Ltd. re: NCMA Conference 2009.

4. 09.05.27 UBCM, re: Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held May 14-15, 2009

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wilkins noted that the Quality of Life Bursary Committee had met to go over the bursary applications for the District of Wells and Evan Williams Bursaries. She said that this year a point system was used to choose the winner, and the winner was Pascal Drasdauskis, who is taking Criminology in Nanaimo. Councillor Wilkins asked staff to write a congratulatory letter to Pascal Drasdauskis, and thank-you letters to the other applicants. Councillor Wilkins also noted that on June 23, 2009 the Wells/Barkerville Community School would be holding their awards night. Councillor Wilkins said that she would be missing the next Council meeting as she would be on vacation. Councillor Wilkins also thanked the District of Wells for lending use of the town truck to help with the installation of a new water tank on Mother's Day.

Councillor Wright noted that sections of the Jack O'Clubs RV Park fence behind the Bear's Paw Café had fallen in the ditch and was blocking the drainage in the ditch. The Administrator noted that staff would look into the matter and have the fence removed and/or fixed. Councillor Campbell suggested sending the owner the bill for any work done on the property.

2. Staff:

The Administrator provided an overview on a recent Katimavik meeting that was held to judge community interest in bringing the volunteer organization to the community. The meeting showed that there didn't seem to be adequate community interest to bring Katimavik to town.

The Deputy Clerk provided an overview on District of Wells attempts to extend the once-weekly bus service to incorporate Barkerville Historic Town and Cottonwood Historic Site for the summer tourist season. The Deputy Clerk also noted that he would be attending the Local Government Management Association Conference in Nanaimo from June 9-12, 2009, and asked Council if they wished to proceed with the annual Wells Property Improvement Contest in 2009. The Deputy Clerk also provided an overview the Wells Free Day, and Wells Town Clean-up as well as a summary of the new photocopier lease for the District of Wells.

Dennis Manuel, the Superintendent of Public Works noted that there is a BBQ for the Wells Fire Brigade on June 3, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Wells Fire Hall and that Council is invited.

3. Public Gallery:

Neva Hohn, a member of the Friends of the Wells Community Hall provided an overview of the Wells Community Garage Sale held on May 30 and 31, 2009.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

09-160 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:39 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO