

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

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**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Aleta Wallace and Councillors Judy Campbell and Richard Wright

**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:** One Person

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

**09-161 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

E.2 Wells Community Forest Plan

E.3 Wells Retreat Centre Funding Plan

Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**09-162 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 2, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL**

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

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2009 District of Wells Annual Report (Separate Enclosure)

**09-163 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council receive and review the 2009 District of Wells Annual Report.

Carried Unanimously

2. Wells Community Forest Plan

**09-164 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve the submission of an application to the Northern Development Initiative's *Economic Diversification Infrastructure* program for funding the Wells Community Forest Plan.

Carried Unanimously

3. Wells Retreat Centre Funding Application

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer and Administrator provided an overview of the grant application. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that this grant application would be used in part to hire a coordinator to market the town of Wells and Wells Community Hall as a place to hold retreats.

- 09-165** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve the submission of an application to the Northern Development Initiative's *Community Halls and Recreation Facilities* program for funding the Wells Retreat Centre.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 09.05.29 Chris O'Connor and Byron Spinks, co-chairs, New Pathways to Gold Society Board of Directors re: 2010 Vision: A proposal to reinvent the Gold Rush Trails as the New Pathway to Gold. (Report and Separate Enclosure)  
General discussion took place in regards to the New Pathways to Gold Society. Councillor Wright noted that sending a letter from the District of Wells to New Pathways to Gold congratulating them on their Heritage Trails Project funding and asking them to liaise with District of Wells staff in regards to future joint trail projects might be a good idea.

- 09-166** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the 09.05.29 letter from Chris O'Connor and Byron Spinks, co-chairs, New Pathways to Gold Society Board of Directors re: 2010 Vision: A proposal to reinvent the Gold Rush Trails as the New Pathway to Gold be received.

Carried Unanimously

- 09-167** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** staff reply to the New Pathways to Gold Society on behalf of Council saying that the District of Wells is pleased that New Pathways to Gold Society received Heritage Trails Project funding and that we would hope that they keep in touch with District of Wells staff, in particular as pertains to any overlap that occurs between their trail project and our existing trail network.

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Outstanding Action Items Report

- 09-168** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Outstanding Action Items Report be received.

Carried Unanimously

2. Cheque Register 09.05.01 to 09.05.30

- 09-169** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve Cheque 5294 from the Royal Bank of Canada and Cheques 136 to 181 from Integris Credit Union for the period of June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 for a total amount of \$42,958.19.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 09-170** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:

1. 09.05.27 Louis Beausejour, Director General, Employment Insurance Policy, Skills and Employment Branch re: Employment Insurance regional boundaries.

Carried Unanimously

2. 09.05.28 Joe Cressy, Polaris Institute re: Bottled Water in Canadian Municipalities.

**09-171** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 09.05.28 letter from Joe Cressy, Polaris Institute re: Bottled Water in Canadian Municipalities be received.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Campbell suggested that the District of Wells should try to eliminate the use of bottled water and promote the use of tap water. Councillor Wright said that providing places for travelers to access potable water in the community should be considered.

**09-172** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the District of Wells develop a bottled water policy that involves directing staff to improve accessibility to tap water within District facilities and launching a public awareness campaign to promote access to tap water in the community after the water treatment facility has been installed.

Carried Unanimously

3. 09.06.01 Al Hanet, President, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities re: Use of cell phones and other handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle. Councillor Wright noted that banning the use of cell phones and other handheld devices doesn't allow for the usage of hands free devices.

**09-173** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the 09.06.01 letter from Al Hanet, President, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities re: Use of cell phones and other handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle be received.

Carried Unanimously

#### J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wright gave an overview of the Theatre Royal Opening Gala on June 19 and 20, 2009.

Councillor Campbell reminded Council and Staff that they had an invitation to the Theatre Royal Opening Gala Wine and Cheese Reception. Councillor Campbell asked what was happening with the transfer of ownership for the Wells United Church to the District of Wells. The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the District of Wells' attempts to transfer ownership of the Wells United Church to the District of Wells. He noted that attempts to acquire ownership of the church were mired in legal problems that needed to be resolved by the United Church, however a long-term lease was being negotiated with the United Church that would give the municipality administrative responsibility for the church and the ability to preserve the building.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that Cariboo South MLA Donna Barnett had been appointed the Parliamentary Secretary for Pine Beetle Community Recovery under the Minister of Community and Rural Development.

The Deputy Clerk noted that he attended the Local Government Management Association Conference in Nanaimo from June 9-12, 2009.

3. Public Gallery:

Mike Wallace, a member of the public gallery, provided Councillor Wright with an overview of the BC Ambulance Service Policy for using handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

**09-174** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:34 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO