

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, September 8, 2009 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, Aleta Wallace, 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:** 4 People

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

**09-208 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- 1.3 09.09.01 Robert Hobson, President, UBCM re: Endorsement of temporary positions 2010 Olympic Games  
Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**09-209 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 18, 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. District of Wells Remuneration and Expenses Policy  
The Administrator provided an overview of the amended District of Wells Remuneration and Expenses policy, noting that the amended policy returned Council remuneration rates to their previous levels.

**09-210 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve the amended District of Wells Remuneration and Expenses Policy.  
Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Snow Removal Contract  
The Administrator provided an overview of the District of Wells Snow Removal Contract. Councillor Wallace asked if there were any other submissions. The Administrator said that there was only the one submission. Mayor Vermette noted that he had a concern with the 30 per cent increase in costs and asked if the contract would be subject to HST. The Administrator said that he believed the contract would be subject to HST but noted that according to the provincial government municipalities are supposed to get HST expenditures back.

**09-211 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council

approve the District of Wells entering into a contract with Two Boys Contracting for Winter Snow Removal at the rates submitted in their 2009-11 Snow Removal Tender submission.

Carried Unanimously

3. District of Wells Garbage Collection Contract  
Mayor Vermette noted his concern with the cost increase in the contract and said that staff should consider ensuring that whoever collects the garbage has appropriate equipment to collect the garbage (i.e. a large enough vehicle to collect the garbage in as few rounds as possible). The Administrator noted that Council could put the contract out to Tender if they wished, as there was no obligation to enter into the agreement with Mr. Denny. Mayor Vermette asked if the garbage cost increase would be passed on to the taxpayer. The Administrator noted that the rates could be raised to more accurately reflect the actual cost of the collection. The Administrator also noted that the garbage collection rates hadn't been raised in five years. General discussion took place in regards to the Garbage Collection Contract.

**09-212** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve the District of Wells renewing the Garbage Collection Contract with Barry Denny for a further two-year period commencing December 1, 2009 and terminating on November 30, 2011 at an annual cost of \$11,480.00.

Carried Unanimously

3. District of Wells Fire Hall Painting Contract  
The Administrator provided an overview of the Wells Fire Hall Painting Contract.

**09-213** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve the District of Wells entering into a contract with Berlin Construction for painting the Wells Fire Hall at a tendered cost of \$11,865.00.

Carried Unanimously

#### F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 09.08.21 Greg Scott, RPF Planning Coordinator, West Fraser Mills Ltd. re: Digital Terrain Modeling images as they pertain to FL A20013 and CP628. (Digital Terrain Modeling available from Deputy Clerk)  
Councillor Wallace noted that the logging represented in the Digital Terrain Modeling had already taken place.

**09-214** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 09.08.21 letter from Greg Scott, RPF Planning Coordinator, West Fraser Mills Ltd. re: Digital Terrain Modeling images as they pertain to FLA20013 and CP628 be received.

Carried Unanimously

#### G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. District of Wells Fees and Services Amendment Bylaw No. 104, 2009

**09-215** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council give final reading to and approve the District of Wells Fees and Services Amendment Bylaw No. 104, 2009.

Carried Unanimously

#### H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 09.08.01 to 09.08.31  
**09-216 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 303 to 383 from Integris Credit Union for the period of August 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009 for a total amount of \$98,935.85.  
Carried Unanimously
  
2. Superintendent of Public Works Report  
The Superintendent of Public Works provided a verbal report, including a recommendation for the District of Wells to send a letter of thanks to Mike and Aleta Wallace for their volunteer efforts in creating new signage for the Wells Community Hall. Councillor Campbell asked a question in regards to the quality of the heat tape to be used for helping alleviate the frozen water lines in the community. The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the heat tape would be industrial strength.
  
3. Fire Chief Report  
The Fire Chief provided a verbal report.  
**09-217 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works Report and the Fire Chief Report be received.  
Carried Unanimously
  
4. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report  
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report. Mayor Vermette asked whether the Mt. Trail Project funding was restricted to Mt. Biking projects. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that the funding is technically for Mt. Biking projects.  
**09-218 MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report be received.  
Carried Unanimously

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 09-219 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1. 09.08.31 Barbara Murray re: The truth about Fish Farms
  2. 09.09.03 BC Hydro 2009 Annual Report – Cariboo Chilcotin
  3. 09.09.01 Robert Hobson, President, UBCM re: Endorsement of temporary positions 2010 Olympic Games
- Carried Unanimously

#### J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:  
Councillor Wilkins noted that the federal post office had put in new rules that specify that if you do not have a street address that you would not be receiving mail. She noted that this is causing problems for people who live in rural areas of the community, such as Bowron Lake. Mayor Vermette said that Canada Post has told the Wells Service Station that whatever address is on the driver's license will be accepted. Councillor Wilkins also brought up the fact that there

could be some signage improvements on the intersection of the 3100 Road and Highway 26 to help direct visitors coming to the community from Likely via the 3100 Road.

- 09-220** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the District of Wells write the Ministry of Transportation and request improved signage on the intersection of the 3100 Road and Highway 26.  
Carried Unanimously

Councillor Campbell noted that the Provincial Gaming Grant money that Island Mountain Arts depends on hasn't been reinstated, and that because of this and other funding shortfalls their programming might be affected in the coming year. Councillor Campbell asked if a resolution could be brought up at the UBCM Convention in September to help tackle the issue of arts funding cuts. The Administrator noted that he would look into the resolution process. Councillor Campbell also brought up the other funding issues that non-profit organizations in the province are facing due to provincial funding cuts and said that the District of Wells should be participating in the efforts to spur government action on the issue. General discussion took place in regards to possible actions the District of Wells could take in order to alleviate the issue.

- 09-221** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the District of Wells write a letter to Premier Campbell with copies to Rich Coleman and Kevin Krueger expressing the District of Wells' disapproval with provincial cuts to Arts & Culture funding in the province.  
Carried Unanimously

Mayor Vermette asked what action had taken place in regards to the unsightly premises issue at the Northwoods Restaurant on behalf of Councillor Wright, who was absent from the meeting. The Administrator noted that a letter would go out to the owners of the Northwoods Restaurant before the end of the week.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that the District of Wells has paid for the CAFS Fire Truck and that the drilling for the Geothermal project was complete and the mechanical tender portion of the project would go out soon. The Administrator also provided an overview on the progress of the Wells Water Treatment Project.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

- 09-222** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:02 PM.  
Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO