

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, January 19, 2010 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, Jason Griffin, Marketing & Economic Development Officer and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: 1 Person

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

10-04 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:
E.3 Community Operational Fuel Treatment Application
Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

10-05 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 15, 2009 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

10-06 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 11, 2010 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Dayton and Knight Engineering re: BEAT Grant – Bike Path to Barkerville
Scott Bilbrough and Liam Baker from Dayton and Knight presented the Wells-Barkerville Bike Route Feasibility Study to Council and took questions on the presentation. General discussion took place in regards to the Wells-Barkerville Bike Route Feasibility Study.

10-07 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the representatives from Dayton and Knight Engineering be received.
Carried Unanimously

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Staff Report – Wells United Church Recording Rental Policy
The Deputy Clerk gave an overview of the Wells United Church Recording Rental Policy. General discussion took place in regards to the use of the building for Church specific activities.

10-08 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Wells United Church Recording Rental Policy Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

10-09 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Wells United Church Recording Rental Policy be amended to note that Church specific bookings take precedent over rentals for recording.
Carried Unanimously

2. Staff Report – Pooley St. Snow Removal
The Administrator provided an overview of the Pooley St. Snow Removal report. Mayor Vermette asked if the District of Wells chooses to remove snow from in front of the Pooley St. businesses in the Christmas season, if the work load would fall to HMC Services Inc. or the District of Wells Snow Removal Contractor. The Administrator noted that the clearing would fall to one of the two District of Wells Contractors, but it was unknown at this time who would do the work. Councillor Wright asked if clearing the Pooley St. businesses at Christmas time would set precedent for businesses outside of the Pooley St. business frontage. The Administrator noted that this was fair comment, but that for the purposes of the report only the Pooley St. businesses were being discussed.

10-10 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the following information regarding the removal of snow from the Pooley St. Business frontages; and

Refer an initiative for the removal of snow from the Pooley St. business frontages for the period commencing with the Barkerville Christmas weekend and terminating on New Year's Day to the 2010 Budget discussions for consideration.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2010 BC Rural Communities Summit in Port Hardy – Councillor Wallace
Councillor Wallace asked for Council's opinion on whether or not she should consider attending the 2010 BC Rural Communities Summit in Port Hardy. Councillor Campbell noted that she had attended the conference previously and had found it valuable. Councillor Wallace asked if there was funding available to attend the event. The Administrator noted that the Council travel budget had increased significantly over the past year, and needed to be discussed at the Strategic Planning Session on January 22, 2010. The Administrator suggested deferring any decision on the topic until after the Strategic Planning Session.

10-11 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council receive the information in regards to the 2010 BC Rural Communities Summit in Port Hardy.

Carried Unanimously

2. District of Wells Strategic Planning Session – January 22, 2010

10-12 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** pursuant to Section 90(1) (c) (l) of the Community Charter, that the District of Wells Strategic Planning Session, to be held in the Banquet Room of the Wells Community Hall on January 22, 2010 be closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

3. Community Operational Fuel Treatment Application

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided an overview of the UBCM *Community Operational Fuel Treatment Program*.

- 10-13** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council approve the submission of an application to UBCM for funding under the Community Operational Fuel Treatment Program for Wildfire Protection of Wells, Barkerville and New Barkerville.
Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 09.12.16 Staff Sergeant Gary Clark-Marlow, Quesnel Detachment, RCMP re: Staffing of Wells Detachment in 2010.
General discussion took place in regards to future staffing of the Wells RCMP Detachment.
10-14 **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the 09.12.16 letter from Staff Sergeant Gary Clark-Marlow, Quesnel Detachment, RCMP re: Staffing of Wells Detachment in 2010 be received.
Carried Unanimously
2. 10.01.04 Bruce K. Tasaka, Assessor, Thompson Cariboo Region re: 2010 Wells Assessment Notices.
General discussion took place in regards to the 2010 Wells Assessment Notices.
10-15 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 10.01.04 letter from Bruce K. Tasaka, Assessor, Thompson Cariboo Region re: 2010 Wells Assessment Notices be received.
Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL

H. REPORTS:

1. Cheque Register 09.11.01 to 09.12.31
10-16 **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council approve Electronic Fund Transfers and Cheques 529 to 633 from Integris Credit Union for the period of November 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 for a total amount of \$189,743.29.
Carried Unanimously
2. Outstanding Action Items Report
10-17 **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.
Carried Unanimously
3. Superintendent of Public Works Report
The Superintendent of Public Works provided a verbal report.
Councillor Campbell asked for an update on the Geothermal Project at the Wells-Barkerville Elementary School. The Administrator provided an overview, noting that funding outside of the original grant for the project was coming from Federal Fuel Tax payments and that the final costs were anticipated to be approximately \$523,000. General discussion took place about Geothermal

heating payback time.

4. Fire Chief Report
The Fire Chief provided a verbal report
10-18 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works Report and Fire Chief Report be received.
Carried Unanimously
5. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report. Councillor Wallace asked a question in regards to potential governance models for the Wells Community Forest Governance. The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that there were a number of possibilities available to the municipality, but that no one model had been chosen at this point.
10-19 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report be received.
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 10-20 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as amended as follows:
 2. 09.12.22 Bruce Dewar, Chief Executive Officer, 2010 Legacies Now re: 2010 Legacies Now.
 3. 10.01.04 Barbara Westlake, Vice-chair South Fraser Family Court & Youth Justice Committee re: Youth Substance Abuse.
 4. 10.01.08 Harry Nyce, President, UBCM re: UBCM Holding Lines Regarding CFIB "Red Tape" Report
Carried Unanimously
1. 09.12.21 Harry Nyce, President, UBCM re: District of Wells – 2009 UBCM Administered Grants.
Councillor Wilkins asked for more clarification on the payments for the 2009 UBCM Administered Grants.
10-21 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the 09.12.21 letter from Harry Nyce, President, UBCM re: District of Wells – 2009 UBCM Administered Grants be received.
Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:
Councillor Wilkins asked what the District of Wells donated to the Diane's Ray of Hope Fundraiser and what was happening with the Preschool Program at the Wells Barkerville Elementary School. The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the District of Wells donation as well as an overview of the Preschool Program at the Wells Barkerville Elementary School.
2. Staff:
The Administrator noted that an Investment Profile of the District of Wells had been provided free-of-charge by the Northern Trust.

The Deputy Clerk noted that there would be a Wells Community Potluck on January 21, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Wells Curling Club, and that the Wells Skating Rink was open and that the skating was great.

The Marketing & Economic Development Officer noted that he would be meeting with Kevin Krueger, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, in his capacity as Vice-Chair of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

10-22 **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:41 PM.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO