

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 2, 2010 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, 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:** 2 People

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

**10-46 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- 1.4 10.02.26 Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development and Harry Nyce, President, UBCM re: Local Government Elections Task Force.

Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**10-47 MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 16, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL**

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

1. Letter to HMC Services Inc. - Verbal Report

The Administrator provided a verbal report on motion 10-44 from Council to send a letter to HMC Services Inc. in regards to concerns about the impact of layoffs on road maintenance. The Administrator recommended Council rescind the motion and advise staff to liaise with HMC Services Inc. management to discuss Council's concerns if necessary. Mayor Vermette noted that most of the laid off employees had already been hired back on a reduced schedule and that the employees live in Wells and can easily be brought back in case of a big snowfall. Councillor Campbell suggested that if the workers had been rehired that nothing further needed to happen.

**10-48 MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins that the verbal report on the letter to HMC Services Inc. be received.

Carried Unanimously

**10-49 MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright that motion 10-44 in regards to staff writing a letter to HMC Services Inc. be rescinded.

Carried Unanimously

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2010 Budget Report  
The Administrator provided a verbal overview of the 2010 District of Wells Budget. General discussion took place in regards to the 2010 District of Wells Budget.
- 10-50** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council receive the 2010 Budget Report.  
Carried Unanimously
- 10-51** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** Council approve the 2010 District of Wells Budget.  
Carried Unanimously
- F. CORRESPONDENCE:
1. 10.02.18 Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts re: Additional Hotel Room Tax and Domestic Marketing Organization funding.
- 10-52** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** 10.02.18 letter from Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts re: Additional Hotel Room Tax and Domestic Marketing Organization funding be received.  
Carried Unanimously
- G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL
- H. REPORTS:
1. Superintendent of Public Works Report  
The Superintendent of Public Works provided a verbal report.
  2. Fire Chief Report  
The Fire Chief provided a verbal report. Councillor Wilkins and Councillor Campbell asked questions in regards to the potential purchase of a new fire truck for the Wells Fire Brigade.
- 10-53** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports be received.  
Carried Unanimously
3. Marketing & Economic Development Officer Report  
The Marketing & Economic Development Officer provided a verbal report. Councillor Wright suggested having Thomas Schoen, the trail builder for the Mountain Trail Project, come to Council and provide an overview of the project. Councillor Wright also noted that there have been some historical/archeological objects that were discovered during the trail building that should be documented further. General discussion took place in regards to the heritage attributes of the Mountain Trail Network.
- 10-54** **MOVED** Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Marketing & Economic Development Officer report be received.  
Carried Unanimously

- 10-55** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Thomas Schoen be retained to identify, GPS and provide a brief report on historical/archeological finds on the Mountain Trail Network.  
Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 10-56** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wallace **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1. 10.02.15 Darryl Walker, President, BC Government and Service Employees' Union re: Community Social Services Awareness Month.
  2. 10.02.25 Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer, UBCM, re: Completion of Built Environment & Active Transportation Project (Phase 2).
  3. 10.02.25 Operation Clean Sweep
  4. 10.02.26 Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development and Harry Nyce, President, UBCM re: Local Government Elections Task Force
- Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:  
Councillor Wallace noted that she is interested in holding an Economic Development Committee meeting in the near future and looked for feedback on a potential date. After general discussion a meeting date of March 29, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the District of Wells office was set.

Councillor Wilkins thanked staff for the installation of the new card lock system at the Wells Community School and Wells Fitness Centre. Councillor Wilkins asked if the District of Wells could invite Neil Vant, the Wells representative from the Barkerville Heritage Trust, to come to a future Council meeting and provide an update.

- 10-57** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the District of Wells purchase the Wells Fire Brigade Fire Chief a full dress uniform.  
Carried Unanimously

Councillor Campbell provided an update on the Wells Gourmet Ski Tour, Mountain Film Festival and Wells Winter Carnival, noting that all events were successful.

2. Staff:  
The Deputy Clerk noted that the District of Wells Bursary Applications are now available for current and past Wells residents pursuing Post Secondary Education.
3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

- 10-58** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:14 PM.  
Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO