

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, March 16, 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, Virginia Wilkins and Richard Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gary Champagne, C.A.O. and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 1 Person

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

**10-59** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as followed:

E.1 BC's Rural Tourism Conference in Chase - April 6-8, 2010

E.2 Wells Community Potluck Report

F.2 10.03.16 Yael Wand, President, Island Mountain Arts re: Eat Your Art Out Fundraiser Invitation

Carried Unanimously

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**10-60** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 2, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS: NIL**

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

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. BC's Rural Tourism Conference in Chase - April 6-8, 2010

Councillor Wright provided an overview of the BC's Rural Tourism Conference in Chase - April 6-8, 2010 noting that he thought it would be valuable to attend on behalf of the District of Wells. Councillor Wright noted that he would put together an overview highlighting the key elements of the Conference that he could present for interested community members. The Administrator provided an overview of the Council Travel Budget. General discussion took place in regards to the Council Travel Budget.

**10-61** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** the report by Councillor Wright on the BC Rural Tourism Conference in Chase – April 6-8, 2010 be received.

Carried Unanimously

**10-62** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Councillor Wright attend the BC Rural Tourism Conference in Chase – April 6-8, 2010 on behalf of the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

2. Wells Community Potluck Report  
The Administrator provided an overview of the Wells Community Potlucks, noting that it would be good to have Council authorization to organize and host the monthly Community Potluck Dinners.
- 10-63** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council authorize the District to organize and provide logistical support for monthly Community Potluck Dinners in Wells from October to April.  
Carried Unanimously
- F. CORRESPONDENCE:
1. 10.03.04 Councillor Lianne Olson, Chair, NCLGA Convention Committee re: Silent Auction Request - NCLGA AGM & Convention.  
General discussion took place in regards to a potential District of Wells donation to the NCLGA AGM & Convention.
- 10-64** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the 10.03.04 letter from Councillor Lianne Olson, Chair, NCLGA Convention Committee re: Silent Auction Request - NCLGA AGM & Convention be received.  
Carried Unanimously
- 10-65** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** staff create a District of Wells Silent Auction prize package for the NCLGA AGM & Convention consisting of local items or services with a total cost not to exceed \$200.00.  
Carried Unanimously
2. 10.03.16 Yael Wand, President, Island Mountain Arts re: Eat Your Art Out Fundraiser Invitation  
General discussion took place in regards to the Island Mountain Arts Eat Your Art Out Fundraiser.
- 10-66** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the 10.03.16 letter from Yael Wand, President, Island Mountain Arts re: Eat Your Art Out Fundraiser Invitation be received.  
Carried Unanimously
- G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: NIL
- H. REPORTS:
1. Cheque Register 10.02.01 to 10.01.28
- 10-67** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** Council approve Cheques 696 to 733 from Integrus Credit Union for the period of February 1, 2010 to February 28, 2010 for a total amount of \$119,178.75.  
Carried Unanimously
2. Outstanding Actions Item Report
- 10-68** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Outstanding Actions Item Report be received.  
Carried Unanimously
- I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 10-69**     **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.
1.    10.03.05    Cariboo Regional District Board Highlights
  2.    10.03.08    Federation of Canadian Municipalities Member's Advisory re: FCM Response to Federal Budget.
  3.    10.03.09    Gwen Barlee, Policy Director, Wilderness Committee re: BC Rivers at Risk (Report available from Deputy Clerk).
  4.    10.03.09    Danyta Welch, Policy & Programs Officer re: 2008 School Community Connections - Strengthening the Connection - Wells/Barkerville School Usage Plan.
  5.    10.03.09    Bev Van Ruyven, Acting President and CEO, BC Hydro re: Earth Hour event.

Carried Unanimously

J.    **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1.    **Council Members:**  
Councillor Wilkins noted that she would be missing the first Council meeting in April.

Councillor Wright noted that he would be missing the first meeting in April. He also said that he had spoken with a friend of his who is an expert on Chinese Archeology in regards to the Chinese historical artifacts on the Wells Mt. Trails System, and she noted that the artifacts are definitely of historical significance. Councillor Wright also noted that he had heard that the Casino had sold to a local resident and that the ancillary buildings would be utilized in the summer. He also noted that the community has a problem in regards to retaining tradespeople.

Mayor Vermette said that he spent the weekend with the Interlakes Snowmobile Club from Clearwater, which had 26 members come to the community for a snowmobiling vacation. He said that three local businesses teamed up to put together a package deal for the group, and that it worked out well for everyone involved. He also mentioned that the Wells Snowmobile Club would be working to put out more advertising on snowmobiling in the area.

2.    **Staff:**  
The Administrator noted that Staff Sgt. Gary Clarke-Marlow, from the Quesnel RCMP called to arrange a meeting with Council, and he was hoping to make a presentation at the next Council meeting. Councillor Wilkins and Councillor Wright asked the Administrator to see if the meeting could be moved to the second Council meeting in April as they would both miss the first meeting in April. The Administrator noted that he would check with Staff Sgt. Gary Clarke-Marlow.

The Deputy Clerk noted that there would be a Wells Community Potluck on March 18, 2010.

3.    **Public Gallery: NIL**

K. CLOSED MEETING

**10-70** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT**, pursuant to Section 90(1) (c) (g) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public.

Carried Unanimously

L. ADJOURNMENT:

**10-71** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 8:28 PM.

Carried Unanimously

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John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

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Gary Champagne, CAO