

A regular meeting of the District of Wells Council was held Tuesday, June 1, 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 and Sundance Topham, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC GALLERY: NIL

A. CALL TO ORDER AND AGENDA ADOPTION:

10-129 MOVED Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Agenda be adopted as amended as follows:

- E.1 District of Wells Speed Limit - Verbal Report
- E.2 Wells Community School Principal Position Letter
- E.3 2010 Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund Grant Report
- E.4 School Community Connections Grant Report

Carried Unanimously

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

10-130 MOVED Councillor Wallace Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 18, 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. District of Wells Speed Limit - Verbal Report
The Administrator provided an overview of the highway speed limits within municipal boundaries noting that the some of the speed limits needed to be adjusted to reflect safety concerns. The Administrator noted that discussions with the local Ministry of Transportation highway's manager have indicated that these speed limits can be reviewed upon request from the District of Wells.

10-131 MOVED Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council Send the Ministry of Transportation a letter in regards to adjusting speed zones on Highway 26 adjacent to the Wells, BC townsite.

Carried Unanimously

2. Wells Community School Principal Position Letter
The Administrator provided an overview of the Wells Community School Principal position letter, noting that School District #28 was looking to change the Principal position at the Wells Community School to a head teacher model. The Administrator noted that the Wells Community School Parent Advisory Committee had requested that the District of Wells write a letter to School

District #28 expressing their dissatisfaction with this change. He noted that if Council decided to send the letter it would go on the next School District #28 Board meeting agenda. The Deputy Clerk provided more information on the change to a head teacher model at the Wells Community School.

- 10-132** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the District of Wells send a letter to School District #28 in regards to the Wells Community School Principal position.

Carried Unanimously

3. 2010 Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund Grant Report
The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the 2010 Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund grant opportunity. The Superintendent of Public Works gave more information in regards to work that would need to be done at the Wells Community Hall.

- 10-133** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** Council approve the submission of an application to the Farm Credit AgriSpirit Fund for funding to help in the costs of renovating District of Wells owned heritage buildings.

Carried Unanimously

4. School Community Connections Grant Report
The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the School Community Connections Grant program.

- 10-134** **MOVED** Councillor Wright Seconded Councillor Campbell **THAT** Council approve the submission of an application to the 2010 School Community Connections program for recreational infrastructure upgrades at the Wells-Barkerville Community School.

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

G. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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.

- 10-135** **MOVED** Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Superintendent of Public Works and Fire Chief Reports be received.

Carried Unanimously

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 10-136** **MOVED** Councillor Wilkins Seconded Councillor Wright **THAT** the Consent Calendar be adopted as circulated.

1. 10.05.27 Green Heat Initiative
2. 10.05.27 UBCM In the House

Carried Unanimously

J. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Members:

Councillor Wallace provided information in regards to school groups staying at the Wells Curling Club.

Councillor Wilkins asked about the seasonal hanging basket flowers that are traditionally placed in front of the townhall and mentioned that she felt that the multi-user bicycles being operated by the Frog and the Bog were a safety concern.

Councillor Campbell noted that an error in the May 4, 2010 District of Wells Minutes erroneously showed her as having voted against a motion, when she didn't attend the meeting. The Deputy Clerk acknowledged the mistake and said he'd fix the minutes. Councillor Campbell also mentioned that the Wells Museum was now open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Councillor Wright asked for an update on any lease arrangements with the Smilin' Jack Chip Shack. The Administrator provided an overview of the lease arrangement that was offered to the Proprietor of the Smilin' Jack Chip Shack.

2. Staff:

The Administrator noted that the 2010 District of Wells Municipal Taxes were all out and that the Deputy Clerk and himself were attending Vadim Accounting training in Quesnel.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the Wells Barkerville Mt. Trails website had gone live.

3. Public Gallery: NIL

K. ADJOURNMENT:

10-137 MOVED Councillor Campbell Seconded Councillor Wilkins **THAT** the meeting adjourn at 7:37.

Carried Unanimously

John P.S. Vermette, Mayor

Gary Champagne, CAO