

**DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, July 12, 2022
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM)**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Ed Coleman, Councillors Dorothea Funk, Mandy Kilsby, Jenn Lewis, and Shannon McDonagh

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, Donna Forseille; Public Works Supervisor, Niel Doerksen; District Clerk, Angela Ward; and Fire Chief, Carrie Chard

Special Guest: Gary Nason, Provincial Consultant

PUBLIC GALLERY: 14

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:06PM

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday July 12, 2022

22-123 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Kilsby THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday July 12, 2022, as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

2.0 MINUTES

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday June 21, 2022

Councillor Funk noted a formatting issue with capital letters in each sentence.

22-124 MOVED Councillor McDonagh, seconded Councillor Kilsby THAT Council approves the Regular Council meeting minutes of Tuesday June 21, 2022.
Carried Unanimously

2.2 Minutes for the Public Consultation/Hearing of Tuesday June 21, 2022

22-125 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council approves the Public Consultation meeting minutes of Tuesday June 21, 2022, as amended to correct the spelling of Cheryl Macarthy in section 4.4.
Carried Unanimously

2.3 Minutes for the Special Council meeting of Wednesday June 22, 2022

22-126 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Kilsby THAT Council approves the Special Council meeting minutes of Wednesday June 22, 2022, as amended to reflect the proper date of June 22, 2022 in the heading of the minutes.
Carried Unanimously

2.4 Minutes for the Special Council meeting of Wednesday July 6, 2022

22-127 MOVED Councillor McDonagh, seconded Councillor Kilsby THAT Council approves the Special Council meeting minutes of Wednesday July 6, 2022, as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

3.0 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Follow-up Governance and priorities session with provincial consultant, Gary Nason

Mr. Nason recommends that Council endorses, in principle, the finalization of this Strategic Priorities spreadsheet and implementation of a sub-committee for strategic priorities consisting of the Mayor, one Councillor and the Chief Administrative Officer. He recommends this spreadsheet be a standing agenda item moving forward. He offers to be on the sub committee during his time with the municipality.

Council had generalized discussions and a re-cap of discussions from prior meeting of June 22, 2022 Regarding Councillor's priorities and the three category's ranking most important to ongoing. Category 1 are projects that Council feels can be accomplished within their current mandate prior to the upcoming Fall General Election, Category 2 are projects that maybe able to be accomplished by year's end and Category 3 are projects that will be deferred to new Council unless they are capable of completing.

After re-prioritizing a few items, Council agreed to draft 2 of the strategic priorities – projects and determining the best Category.

22-128 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council receives the follow- up presentation on local government governance and current priorities From provincial consultant, Gary Nason.
Carried Unanimously

22-129 MOVED Councillor Funk, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council supports in principle the strategic priorities spreadsheet with the draft 2 input from Council, staff and public tonight
Carried Unanimously

22-130 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Funk THAT Council implements a Strategic Priorities sub -committee consisting of Mayor, one Councillor, Chief Administrative Officer and Gary Nason.
Carried Unanimously

22-131 MOVED Councillor Funk, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council appoints Councillor Lewis to the Strategic Priorities sub-committee.
Carried Unanimously

22-132 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council appoints Councillor Funk as the Councillor alternate for the Strategic Priorities sub-committee.
Carried Unanimously

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Update Report from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board

22-133 MOVED Councillor McDonagh, seconded Councillor Kilsby THAT Council receives the update report from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board.
Carried Unanimously

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Appointment of Chief Elections Officer

22-134 MOVED Councillor McDonagh, seconded Councillor Kilsby THAT Council appoints the Chief Administrative Officer, Donna Forseille, as the Chief elections Officer for the upcoming 2022 General Election.
Carried Unanimously

5.2 Council meeting schedule change

Given the annual UBCM Convention is September 11-16, the Chief Administrative Officer Recommends rescheduling the September 13th, 2022 Regular council meeting to September 6, 2022.

22-135 MOVED Councillor Kilsby, seconded Councillor Lewis THAT Council receives the verbal staff report regarding the need to re-schedule Tuesday September 13, 2022 Regular Council meeting date.
Carried Unanimously

22-136 MOVED Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council approves changing the September 13, 2022 Regular Council meeting date (as scheduled) to Tuesday September 6, 2022.
Carried Unanimously

5.3 Mayor's Report (verbal updates)

1. Osisko Letter that came as a Late Item at the last meeting (June 21/22) (*see attached*)

2. Mayor updates:
 - a. Community Transition Table
 - b. NDIT Power Line Project
 - c. BC Hydro Pilot Project
 - d. Structural Fire Protection Assessment
 - e. OCP
 - f. Other

Mayor Coleman stated he had another meeting with Barkerville Gold Mines/Osisko Development regarding an agreement. He briefly described the next steps of the agreement.

Councillor Lewis inquired into the meeting Mayor Coleman mentioned as she thought that moving forward at least one Councillor member would be in attendance as well. The Mayor stated that Council would be involved in meetings closer to the finalization of the agreement.

The Mayor stated that the first Community Transition Table met and the next scheduled meeting is in September 2022.

The NDIT powerline project has been approved for \$20,000 which each partner contributing an additional \$2500 each of in-kind contribution. The Mayor will be working with the CAO on the RFP and invite to three consulting companies.

Tammy Tait who is working on the BC Hydro Pilot Program will be in town July 19 and 20, 2022. She looks forward to meeting community members.

The Fire Structure Protection Assessment is a multi-step process and the consultant will continue to work with the Fire Chief on information.

Fire Chief, Carrie Chard stated that the structural protection assessment meeting with the consultant was agreed to be re-scheduled to a date and time that worked for herself and the Chief Administrative Officer, but went ahead on June 27th, 2022 anyway without herself or the CAO present. Mayor Coleman stated that he felt he had given the Fire Chief ample notice of the meeting and could not cancel the meeting given the time commitments of the consultant.

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is in progress, the vision and Planning committee are working on the final draft.

22-137 MOVED Councillor McDonagh, seconded Councillor Kilsby THAT Council receives the verbal Mayor's report.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Council

Councillor Lewis encourages everyone to spread the word on the BC Hydro Energy Conservation Pilot Program in Wells. A poster of the program was shared on Facebook by Jules Mackey.

Councillor Funk noted that the row housing known as “apartments” would qualify on the BC Hydro pilot program as well. She announced that the next Community Facility Building committee meeting is at 1pm on July 14, 2022. Minutes of the committee have not been finalized yet.

6.2 Staff

Public Works Supervisor, Niel Doerksen, thanked Fire Chief Chard and Economic Development Officer, Lauren Reinhardt for all they do for the Community.

Mr. Doerksen stated that he is settling into his new role with the municipality and is feeling confident on what issues need addressing. He will have an update report to Council at the next Council meeting in August.

6.3 Public Gallery – Questions relating to the agenda.

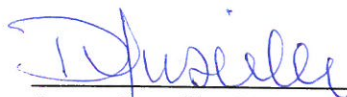
NIL

7.0 ADJOURNMENT


7.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday July 12, 2022.

22-138 MOVED Councillor McDonagh, seconded Councillor Lewis THAT Council at 8:46PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting for Tuesday July 12, 2022.

Carried Unanimously



Donna Forseille, CAO



Ed Coleman, Mayor