

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00PM
Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk; Councillors Mandy Kilsby, Jordan Rohatynski and Ksenya Dorwart

ABSENT: Councillor Chris Cooley

STAFF: Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer and Carrie Chard, Fire Chief

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:01PM

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 10, 2020

20-30 MOVED Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the agenda for Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 10, 2020, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 MINUTES

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 25, 2020

20-31 MOVED Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the minutes for Regular Council meeting of Tuesday February 25, 2020, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS:

3.1 Update from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee
Councillor Rohatynski asked Josh Trotter-Wanner if he could explain his proposal to separate the school district classroom area from the remainder of the Wells Community Facility Building.

Mr. Trotter-Wanner responded that the proposal would separate the 2nd floor area off from other user groups by way of alarmed doors located at either end of the hall.

20-32 MOVED Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council:

1. Receives the meeting minutes of the Wells Community Facility Building

- Committee for February 27, 2020 and March 4, 2020 Committee Meetings; and
2. Receives the letter from Ed Coleman of Barkerville Heritage Town nominating Jillian Merrick to the Wells Community Facility Building Committee on behalf of Barkerville Heritage Town; and
 3. Appoints Jillian Merrick to the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 NEW BUSINESS:

- 4.1 Request for resolution in support of application to NDIT for the Economic Development Capacity Funding

20-33 MOVED Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the request for Resolution in support for District staff to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for the Economic Development Capacity funding stream and directs staff to write a letter of resolution in support of this application.

Carried Unanimously

5.0 BYLAWS

- 5.1 Proposed amendments to the District of Wells Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 172,2018

Councillor Rohatynski is proposing that the 10% increase per year be a lowered amount which does not increase for the term of office. He also suggests that rather than a set \$2150 per elected official per year for incidentals there be set \$2200 in incidentals per year for Mayor and Council combined. A reduction of \$10,000 per year combined. In doing so the savings to the District amount to \$10,000 per year, which could be used somewhere else needed.

Councillor Kilsby stated that lowering Remuneration when it is already one of the lowest in the province may be of concern as it not only may detour individuals for running for office in the future but it would impede a Councillor's ability to cover necessary expenses in conducting ones responsibilities of being an elected official... Expenses such as childcare, missing hours of work, travel, etc.

Councillor Dorwart appreciates that Councillor Rohatynski is trying to save the District \$10,000 in remuneration and incidental fees in efforts of re-allocating the funds to something such as grants in aid but agrees with Councillor Kilsby in that there could be potential barriers for current and future councillors. She recommended that Councillor Rohatynski read the UMBC best practices guide regarding remuneration of elected officials. She also suggests that Council continue conversations when Councillor Cooley can be present.

20-34 MOVED Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council:

1. Receives the proposed amendments to the District of Wells Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 172, 2018, amending bylaw no. 180, 2020 from Councillor Rohatynski; and
2. Opens discussions regarding the proposed amendments to the District of Wells Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 172, 2018, amending bylaw no. 180, 2020 from Councillor Rohatynski and directs staff.

Carried Unanimously

20-35 MOVED Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council defers further discussions regarding the amendments suggested to the District of Wells Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 172,208 until a later date when all Council members will be present.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Council

Councillor Dorwart stated that her mom, who works in healthcare, had some great recommendations regarding the recent outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID 19). She noted that Schools could start to close, then next will be shopping centres, etc...So her mom suggests that instead of going nuts on just toilet paper, just be prepared. Do whatever you need to do to be comfortable, secure and healthy for a two-week time frame if you get sick. Keep in mind to grab essentials next time you are in town.

She also announced that Barkerville hosted its Community joint planning meeting today. Anyone who would like minutes from the meeting is welcome to request them. She invites local businesses to please keep Barkerville apprised of April 2020 Activities.

Councillor Kilsby stated that the Wells Historical Society will be holding its AGM at 7:00PM on March 30th, 2020.

Councillor Rohatynski announced Fire Practices on Wednesday evenings. He also announced that the Legion was hosting social nights on Friday's and encouraged community members to buy a membership.

Mayor Fourchalk apologized for missing the last two meetings of the Wells Community Facility Building Committee. He has been sick.

7.2 Staff

The Fire Chief stated the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade were just AWESOME, so she had nothing new to report.

The CAO reminded everyone that Terrawest would be in town next week to commence the contaminated site investigation.

7.3 Public Gallery

Josh Trotter- Wanner stated that there was some question and concerns over a recent Facebook thread rumour regarding public works employees being let go and how it happened.

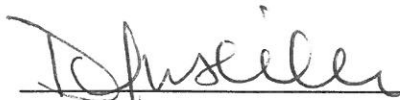
Hayley Archer stated that everyone should keep their eyes and ears open for a "donate to skate" at the curling rink. It is still in works with no firm information yet.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 10, 2020

20-36 MOVED Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT at 7:27PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 10, 2020.

Carried Unanimously



Donna Forseille, CAO



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor