

**DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, May 11, 2021
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT:

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

PUBLIC GALLERY: 8

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00PM

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday May 11, 2021

21-71 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday May 11, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 MINUTES

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of April 27, 2021

21-72 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 27, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS :NIL

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter to Mayor and Council from Dorothea Funk

Councillor Rohatynski stated that the Cariboo Gold Project proposed concentrator is being proposed in its current location versus the back side of COW Mountain largely due to land instability challenges. He also Thanked Dorothea funk for her letter stating that the Impact Benefit Agreement is a good idea although he does not feel it is the right time for the District to approach Barkerville Gold Mines. He feels a Memorandum of understanding between the District and Barkerville gold Mines needs drafting first.

Councillor Dorwart would like to look into and do more research on Impact Benefit Agreements. She thanked Dorothea Funk for the idea and information.

- 21-73 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the letter from Dorothea Funk regarding the Cariboo Gold Project and Financial Revenues for the District of Wells.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Minutes of the Wells Community Facility Building Committee

- 21-74 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the Approved minutes of April 14, 2021 meeting and Draft minutes of April 29, 2021 meeting from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.0

5.1 District of Wells 2021 Budget Approval

- 21-75 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the District of Wells 2021 Budget, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 BYLAWS

6.0

6.1 District of Wells 2021-2025 Five-Year Financial Bylaw No. 201, 2021.

- 21-76 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council gives Final Reading to the District of Wells 2021-2025 Five-Year Financial Bylaw No. 201, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 District of Wells 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 200, 2021.

21-77 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the District of Wells 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 200, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

21-78 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council gives First, Second, Third and Final readings to the District of Wells 2021 Tax Rate bylaw No. 200, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar may be considered either separately under another heading of the Regular Agenda or immediately after the adoption of the consent Calendar.

7.1 BC Municipalities- Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line;

7.2 CLLR REP_Cllr Bass_News Media_FINAL[25166];

7.3 Minister K Conroy regarding logging at risk-old growth 29 Apr 2021[25973];

7.4 Moratorium on Wolf Hunting – 2021

7.5 May is Childcare Month!

Councillor Rohatynski requested to bring forward Item 7.1 stating he feels Council should endorse the 9-8-8 Crisis line proposed.

Councillor Rohatynski wished to Thank all the childcare providers and educators for all the great work they do.

Mayor Fourchalk seconded that.

21-79 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council pulls forward Item 7.1 “ BC Municipalities- Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line” of the Consent Calendar.

Carried Unanimously

21-80 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council supports staff Writing a letter of endorsement to the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) and the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) regarding the 9-8-8 Crisis Line.

Carried Unanimously

21-81 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the Consent Calendar Items 7.2 thru 7.5.

Carried Unanimously

8.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Council

Councillor Kilsby thanked staff and Committee for all their work. She also noted that with Spring comes lots of wildlife. She hopes everyone drives safe and slows down watching for the wildlife.

Councillor Dorwart thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting. She also thanks staff and the Committees for all their hard work.

She agrees with Councillor Kilsby noting that with warmer weather brings more wildlife and a need to be cautious driving. She also noted that drivers should be mindful of the highway crews and workers as well, the crews work long days please be respectful.

Councillor Rohatynski thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting. He also thanked staff and the Committee members for all their work.

He stated that Urban systems were currently compiling all the received surveys regarding the District's Official Community Plan input noting that the Vision and Planning Committee's next meeting would be after May 29th, 2021. He hopes everyone stays safe.

Councillor Cooley thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting. He also thanked staff and Committee members for all their hard work stating it is much appreciated.

Mayor Fourchalk echoed his colleagues. He also extended a Thank you to all the Community members for all they do. The Mayor stated that it is important to realize bears are just waking and are hungry, please be mindful and stay safe. Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight.

8.2 Staff

Carrie Chard, Fire Chief, announced that the Cariboo Regional District has placed a new barrel at the dump. It is now located below the dumpster, so one must drive around and it is blue in color. She announced that the Fire Brigade would be recruiting. A link for anyone interested in volunteering can be found on the District website. Please spread the word.

The Fire Brigade will be testing and flushing fire hydrants once the District's water investigations have completed. Please also check out the current BC

Fire Bans for restrictions. She discourages anyone from burning yard waste reminding everyone that the District will be announcing soon the Community Fire Smart Spring clean up.

A huge shout out to Emcon for all that they do. They have done a great job!

Donna Forseille, CAO, stated the local streets would be repaired and potholes filled as soon as they dry up enough. Staff are working with Barkerville gold Mines on the current challenges with Margaret Ave and Hardscrabble Rd. Please be patient, we can not repair the streets and roads until they are dry.

8.3 Public Gallery

Dorothea Funk thanked Councillors Rohatynski and Dorwart for their interest in looking into an Impact Benefit Agreement with Barkerville Gold Mines. She feels that the Vision and Planning committee may be the correct resource in assisting with pre-negotiations on such an agreement. She feels now is the right time to be negotiating an Impact Benefit Agreement and suggested that the Vision and Planning Committee may wish to bring this up with the current consultants obtained by the District in re-writing the Official Community Plan Bylaw.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT


9.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday May 11, 2021.

21-82 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council at 7:26PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday May 11, 2021.

Carried Unanimously



Donna Forseille, CAO



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor