

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2022—7:00pm  
VIA ZOOM  
MINUTES

**DISTRICT OF WELLS SPECIAL OPEN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 4, 2022, 9:00AM**  
**ONLINE (VIA ZOOM)**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Ed Coleman; Councillors Jenn Lewis, Dorothea Funk, and Shannon McDonagh

**STAFF:** Public Works Superintendent Neil Doerksen, District Clerk Angela Ward

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Municipal Advisor Gary Nason

**REGRETS:** Councillor Mandy Kilsby

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 4

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 9:03 AM**

Mayor Ed Coleman – Indigenous Lands Acknowledgement

1.1 Agenda for the Special Open Council meeting of Friday, November 4, 2022

**22-212 MOVED Councillor** Lewis, Seconded Councillor Funk THAT Council approves the Agenda for the Special Open Council meeting of Friday, November 4, 2022, as circulated.

**2.0 MINUTES—NIL**

**3.0 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS—NIL**

**4.0 CORRESPONDENCE—NIL**

**5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—NIL**

**6.0 REPORTS**

6.1 Snow Removal Contract Decision

Due to a 2021 Supreme Court Decision against the City of Nelson, snow removal insurance is a complicating expensive factor for municipal snow removal.

Council had approved Option 1 (see below) at its Special Open Council Meeting of November 1, 2022. However, that option is now not feasible, since the additional insurance is \$40,000 versus the approved \$21,000.

The four options were again presented to Council with *Option 3* recommended.

- Option 1—Contractor Complete Snow Removal and District Covers the Contractors Insurance (not feasible as additional insurance is \$40,000 versus approved \$21,000 at the November 1, 2022, Special Council Meeting).
- Option 2—District Hires Contractor’s Staff and Rents Contractor’s Equipment.
- **Option 3—District Hire Contractor and adds the Contractor(s) to District’s Liability Insurance for \$2,000 for each contractor. If there is a claim, the district would pay the deductible.**
- Option 4—District Hires Staff and Leases & Rents Equipment Needed.

In discussing Option 3, Mayor Coleman proposed Wells contractor EA Works (Erik Andersen) as the Primary Contractor, with whom an agreement has already been reached and is awaiting Council approval.

He also proposed Two Boys Contracting (Fred Schmode) as a Supplemental Contractor, for circumstances where additional snow clearing is required, subject to final discussions being completed with the company.

The Service Provider Agreements are based on provincial Blue Book rates.

During the discussion, Councillor Funk proposed that, given the importance of snow clearing in Wells, the District issue a statement to Wells residents once the agreements were completed, highlighting that local contractors would do the work, with clearing done ‘as needed’ based on a snowfall threshold of 10 cm, instead of the previous weekly schedule. She offered to draft the statement.

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**22-213 MOVED** Councillor Lewis, Seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council approves the Service Provider Agreement between The District of Wells and E.A. Works Construction as Primary Contractor, dated 2022 November 04.

Carried Unanimously

**22-214 MOVED** Councillor Funk, Seconded Councillor McDonagh THAT Council approves a Service Provider Agreement between The District of Wells and Two Boys Contracting, as a Supplemental Contractor, dated 2022 November 04, subject to final discussions being completed.

Carried Unanimously

**7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7.1 Council**

Mayor Coleman announced that the Inaugural Meeting of the newly elected District of Wells Council would be on Tuesday, November 8, 11:00 AM (Later changed to 2:30 PM).

**7.3 Public Gallery – Questions relating to the agenda.**

None.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 Adjournment of the Special Council meeting of Friday, November 4, 2022.

**22-215 MOVED** Councillor McDonagh, Seconded Councillor Lewis THAT Council adjourn the Special Open Council meeting for Friday, November 4, 2022, at 9:47 AM.

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Ed Coleman, Mayor

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District Clerk