

A Regular meeting of the  
District of Wells Council held March 26, 2019 at  
7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Gabe Fourchalk; and Councillors Mandy Kilsby, Ksenya Dorwart, Jordan Rohatynski and Chris Cooley.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Corporate Officer, Donna Forseille

**PUBLIC GALLERY:** 4 People

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 26, 2019

**19-52** **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart **THAT** Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 26, 2019, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### 2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 12, 2019.

**19-53** **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Chris Cooley **THAT** Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 26, 2019, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### 3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Proposed 2019 Provisional Budget for the District of Wells

Bill Horne stated he was happy to see the fuel costs for the School Building dropping.

He inquired as to where the signage expenses may be and how the District could potentially look into the repairing of the "Wells More Sign", located on Pooley Street.

Robert Machan stated that he would like to see some murals and artwork around town revitalized and restored, particularly the fox and stag mural located on the Municipal Hall Building.

The Corporate Officer stated that she could look into the possibility of adding the revitalization and restoring of various murals and art work around the Community.

John Marion inquired as to the Zero amount entered from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest (WBCF) in the provisional 2019 Budget. The Corporate Officer responded that although the WBCFB had recently re-signed a contract with West Fraser Mills, the District could not be assured of any monies coming in within the first year of this contract as West Fraser has the term of the five (5) year contract to decide when to cut/not cut. The contract assures some funds should be received but no set timelines and all pending any natural disasters etc. She felt for this year it was best to place a zero in that line, but Community members should expect to see expected incomes thereafter on an annual basis in the 5 year financial bylaw to follow. Mayor Fourchalk agreed stating that in the event of a fire the District could see zero funding. He agreed that best practice was to not expect any funding in 2019 but moving forward the District should anticipate annual funding pending any unforeseen events like natural disasters.

Fire Chief, Caroline Zinz, expressed concerns on the firetruck repairs line item which stated \$500 for repairs. It may be too small of a budget. The Corporate Officer stated that she was happy to meet Ms. Zinz and amend the line as needed. The funds would have to be taken from another line.

- 19-54**      **MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Mandy Kilsby **THAT** Council receives the District of Wells proposed 2019 provisional budget.

Carried Unanimously

- 19-55**      **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby **THAT** Council receives public input on the District of Wells 2019 provisional budget.

Carried Unanimously

- 19-56**      Council approves the budget with recommended amendments as needed once consultation with the District's Fire Chief has taken place and directs staff to look into finding the funding to revitalize artwork and signage throughout the Community.

Carried Unanimously

#### **4.      CORRESPONDENCE**

1.      Letter to Mayor and Council from Robert Machan

Mr. Machan briefly spoke to his concerns regarding abandoned cats in the District.

He stated that he and Ms. Marshall would be departing soon for their new home. In the past several years they have been successful with 32 spades and neuters of abandoned and feral cats in the Wells area. He and Ms. Marshall will be taking the cats with them and trying to live trap more feral kittens prior to their departure and during the initial couple months after their move.

He expressed the importance of being a responsible pet owner and spaying/neutering one's pets. People need to take more ownness in caring for their pets or not own any. He is concerned the problem will continue should bylaws not be adhered to within the Community.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked Mr. Machan for his input and all he and Ms. Marshall had done in attempting to control cat populations in the Wells area. He wished them all the best on their new adventures.

Thank you!

- 19-57**      **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski **THAT** Receives letter to Mayor and Council from Robert Machan regarding the homeless cat population in Wells.

Carried Unanimously

## **5. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Council Members:**

Councillor Kilsby - No Comments

Councillor Rohatynski expressed his apologies for setting a deadline of March 26, 2019 to try and sort out the Wells Energy System RFP awarding and the creation of a Green Infrastructure Committee. The Committee still needs to be populated so he invites Community members to apply.

Councillor Dorwart announced that Island Mountain Arts was featuring Kristin Krimmel's "The Barn Project" at the Gallery. The Gallery would then be showcasing a kid's art show from their block printing classes.

Councillor Cooley- No Comment

Mayor Fourchalk announced that he would be looking forward to attending the upcoming Mayor's Caucus in Prince George.

2. Staff:

Donna Forseille- No Comment

Caroline Zinz, Fire Chief, gave a brief update on the Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade (WVFB). She stated that no major repairs were needed to truck 12. They fixed the PSI from the Truck's Nozzle to prevent further hose blowouts. The WVFB attended a live fire last week at a local resident's chimney fire. The response saw 8 volunteers, which was an excellent turn out. Ms. Zinz clarified the Fire Warden Program stating that it was just for the wildfire season. Volunteer, Brendan Bailey, has expressed his interest in applying to be the Fire Warden for the District. The Fire Warden's assess the situation should a wildfire occur in the area.

3. Public Gallery:

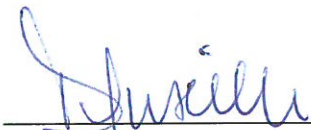
Bill Horne suggested that the District consider the possibility of training the local volunteer fire fighters to conduct WET Certs in the Community. He feels this would possibly cut some costs and time for Community Residents during insurance renewals and purchases. The District could consider reasonable fees to conduct the WET Certifications.

He also expressed his surprise at the low turnout at tonight's meeting, especially given it included the budget discussions.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Adjournment

**19-58** MOVED Ksenya Dorwart, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT at 7:30PM Council adjourned the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 26, 2019.

  
Donna Forseille, CO

  
Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor