# DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 AT 7:00PM ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19

### MINUTES

### ATTENDANCE:

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COUNCIL:Mayor Gabe Fourchalk, Councillors Jordan Rohatynski, Chris Cooley and<br/>Ksenya DorwartABSENT:Councillor Mandy KilsbySTAFF:Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer and Tyler Burnson, District<br/>ClerkPUBLIC GALLERY:2 (Online Meeting via Zoom)

# 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05PM

- 1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday June 9, 2020
- 20-66 MOVED Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council approves the agenda for Regular Council meeting of Tuesday June 9, 2020, as amended to add: Item 3.2 – Island Mountain Art request to rent studio space in the Wells Community Facility Building. Carried Unanimously

#### 2.0 MINUTES

- 2.1 Minutes for the Special Council meeting of Tuesday May 26, 2020
- 20-67 MOVED Ksenya Dorwart, Seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council approved the minutes for the Special Council meeting of Tuesday May 26, 2020, as circulated. Carried Unanimously

## 3.0 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3.1 Presentation to Mayor and Council for the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee.

Council Ksenya Dorwart is happy with the group and the way things are moving along. Stay tuned for new ideas coming up.

Council invited Judy Campbell to speak on behalf of the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee. Judy Campbell said everything is in the minutes. Dawn Leroy came up with some great ideas. Currently looking at repurposing grants District of Wells received and need to use. Chief Administrate Office, Donna Forseille would like Council to know that the District Clerk, Tyler Burnson went through the District of Wells file storage and was able to find documents on the Wells-Barkerville School.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski asked about the green retro fitting of the windows and if they found out if they can re-purpose the money for the District heating system.

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Judy Campbell added that they would first need to see if the funds for the building can be re-used.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski asked if there was any further information on the Barkerville gas funds.

Judy Campbell said that she would need to check but potentially there might be money left over.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski asked who has access to the account.

Judy Campbell said that Barkerville Heritage Trust does.

- **20-68 MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Second Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the presentation. Carried Unanimously
  - 3.2 Request from Island Mountain Arts to rent two studio spaces for the 2 months with further discussion of fees and possible long-term rentals.

Mayor Gabe Fourchalk invited Julie Fowler to speak on behalf of Island Mountain Arts. Julie Fowler would love to use the school. She is confident that they can provide a safe space for the two artists. The two artists will be staying at the Island Mountain Arts Nest for a month. Julie Fowler thanked the District of Wells for suggesting the portable, but would still like to use the Wells Community Facility Building. Island Mountain Arts would need two classrooms, for June 15 to July 15, stating they were willing to look into using the space long term. The roof and tank removal work may interfere.

Councillor Ksenya Dorwart asked Julie Fowler if she was able to get PPE, cleaning supplies and if it was approved by the Province.

Julie Fowler can share the cleaning list if needed. Gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaner and paper towel is what Island Mountain Art has already.

Council Ksenya Dorwart has no reason not to let Island Mountain Art use the Wells Community Facility Building. Things are in place and Councilor Ksenya Dorwart is confident with Island Mountain Arts.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski is in support of the use of the Wells Community Facility Building for Island Mountain Arts.

Chief Administrate Officer, Donna Forseille said that all work related to the tank removal can wait until after July 15, 2020.

Councillor Ksenya Dorwart thinks we need a new fee but is in support of Island Mountain Arts using the Wells Community Facility Building.

Chief Administrate Officer, Donna Forseille is willing to work with Island Mountain Arts. Donna Forseille is in support of Island Mountain Arts putting up signage related to their Covid-19 safety plan at the Wells Community Facility Building.

20-69 MOVED Kasenya Dorwart, Seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the use of the Wells Community Facility Building for Island Mountain Arts. Carried Unanimously

### 4.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Council

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Councillor Chris Cooley is keeping busy at Barkerville and trying to stay safe.

Councillor Jordan Rohatynski would like to thank everyone for coming out as we are ending the "apocalypse". Pooley Street Pub is open from 5-8PM Friday and Saturday and the Bears Paw Food Truck is open 2-6PM Saturday to Sunday. He is glad the bridge didn't washout and that the water is going down. Thank you to Island Mountain Art for the work in plans and thank you to the Wells Community Facility Building Select Committee.

Councillor Ksenya Dorwart said that Barkerville will be re-opening in phases. The first phase is June 18<sup>th</sup> (accommodations, shops and restaurants) and July 3 (exhibits and public programming). Cottonwood House will also be opening in phases starting on June 18<sup>th.</sup> Please contact Barkerville Management if you have any questions. Councillor Dorwart would also like to say to everyone that enough is enough, everyone is equal. There is no room for racism. Racism needs to be a part of the past, it's time that we stand up, this is everyone's fight, black lives matter.

Councillor Mandy Kilsby sat in the Zoom waiting room since 6:50PM, she is glad to see everything is okay.

Mayor Gabe Fourchalk would like to see racism abolished. Stay safe everyone.

4.2 Staff

District Clerk Tyler Burnson would like to thank everyone for allowing him to sit in on the meeting and looks forward to working with Council in the future.

Chief Administrate Office Donna Forseille has no comments at this time.

4.3 Public Gallery

No comments from the public gallery.

# 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 5.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of June 9, 2020
- **20-70 MOVED** Ksenya Dorwart, Second Jordan Rohatynski THAT at 7:29PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday June 9, 2020.

**Carried Unanimously** 

Donna Forseille, CAO

Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor