

DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk, Councillors Jordan Rohatynski, Chris Cooley, Ksenya Dorwart and Mandy Kilsby
STAFF: Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer and Tyler Burnson, District Clerk
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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00PM**

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday November 3, 2020

20-157 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday November 3, 2020, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 **CLOSED MEETING**

2.1 THAT, pursuant to Section 90 (a), (c), (g), (l), (m), (n) and (o) of the Community Charter, the following portion of this meeting is closed to the public to discuss matters related to:
(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
(c) labour relations or other employee relations;
(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];
(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;
n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

20-158 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council at 6:01PM moved into a closed meeting for Tuesday November 3, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

20-159 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council at 7:04PM recessed the closed meeting of Tuesday November 3, 2020 and recalled to order the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday November 3, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 MINUTES

3.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 20, 2020

20-160 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski. seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 20, 2020, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Wells Community Facility Building Committee update to Council

Judy Campbell stated that the Committee has finished both grant applications to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and also completed an application to the BC Economic Recovery Program. She reminded everyone that there will be a meeting at the Sunset Theatre (also on Zoom) on November 19 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

20-161 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council receives an update from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board update and presentation to Council

Rod Graham provided the following information regarding the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest:

Proposed Harvesting

- Harvesting coming up next week – Will be harvesting 4500 Cubic Meters
- The annual cut is 5000 Cubic Meters – must take out 25,000 Cubic Meters over a 5-year period
- The current cut control period is January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023

- Agreement with West Fraser for \$55.00 per Cubic Meter
- Will be harvesting blowdown and spruce beetle
- The harvesting will be happening near Cornish Mountain Trail, selective logging along the Learning Forest Trail along the Willow River and near 9 Mile

Community Forest Expansion

- The Ministry of Forests has proposed to give the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board an additional 7160 Cubic Meters per year over and above the 5000 Cubic Meters they already have
- To accommodate the remaining 6000 Cubic Meters, they are looking at areas East of the X Road off the 3100 Road towards the Cariboo River
- The Ministry of Forests has time and money allotted to help with GISing the new land base
- The Board has money available to help them choose the best area

Community Forest Initiatives

- Boardwalk – was successful in getting a grant for \$79,600 (with help from WATS) – the boardwalk should be ready this week
- A fire smart presentation from The United Way and the Ministry of Forests was held in Wells– all onboard to fire smart the Community early next spring
- This is ongoing cooperation with UNBC and UBC
- Recent presentation and attendance of UNBC international Forestry Students

20-162 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council receives an update and presentation from the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board.

Carried Unanimously

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Proposed directional and restriction changes to Bowman Crescent

1. Receives the staff report regarding the proposed street directional change and restrictions for Bowman Crescent; and

Councillor Dorwart stated that everyone should contribute to the solution and she would like to do further consultation with the residents on Bowman Crescent.

Councillor Kilsby agreed that more consultation would be a good idea.

20-163 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the proposed street directional change and restrictions for Bowman Crescent.

Carried Unanimously

20-164 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council directs staff to engage in further consultation with residents, emergency services and snow removal services before changing the direction and parking restrictions on Bowman Crescent.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 Community Vision and Input survey results

1. Receives the survey results report from the Economic Development Officer

Councillor Rohatynski thanked the Economic Development Officer Jorleen Russell for all her work on the survey and thanked the 39 people who sent in surveys.

Councillor Dorwart stated that the presentation of the survey results was unfiltered and raw. She was taken back by the community's responses and stated there is some work to do.

20-165 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Ksenya Dorwart THAT Council receives the survey results report from the Economic Development Officer

Carried Unanimously

5.3 Revised submission quotes for a District of Wells Asset Management Plan Program

Councillor Rohatynski stated he thinks it would be a good idea to reach out to surrounding businesses to seek a potential 10% matching funds for the grant. He would also like to table the discussion for the next Council meeting on Tuesday November 17, 2020.

20-166 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the revised quotes received for an Asset Management Program Software System complete with staff training and maintenance.

Carried Unanimously

20-167 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council directs staff to consult with surrounding businesses and areas to seek a potential 10% matching funds and to table the discussion for the next Council meeting on Tuesday November 17, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 BYLAWS

6.1 Proposed District of Wells Council Procedures Bylaw No. 180, 2020

1. Receives the staff report regarding the proposed additions and amendments to the District of Wells Council Procedure Bylaw No. 180, 2020; and

The CAO stated the proposed Bylaw changes were made to consider the option of having only one Council meeting per month, as well take into consideration COVID-19 regulations.

Mayor Fourchalk stated that he brought the idea of having only one meeting per month forward because other municipalities are doing one meeting a month and it's working out for them.

Councillor Dorwart stated that having Council meetings every two weeks have been beneficial for the community groups when applying for grants and needing resolution numbers.

Councillor Rohatynski agreed every two weeks is more beneficial. He stated that if there is an option to postpone a meeting if the meeting is not needed, he would be in agreement.

Councillor Kilsby agrees that having Council meetings every two weeks is more beneficial, but it would be nice to have the option to postpone a meeting.

The CAO stated that the Bylaw was written in a way where it doesn't state that Council would be going down to one meeting, it specifies that Council would have to have a minimum of one meeting per month.

20-168 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the proposed additions and amendments to the District of Wells Council Procedure Bylaw No. 180, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

20-169 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council gives First, Second, and Third reading to the District of Wells Council Procedure Bylaw No. 180, 2020, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 Council

Councillor Cooley thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded everyone to be safe.

Councillor Kilsby thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked everyone for the special effort in making Halloween awesome.

Councillor Rohatynski thanked both committees for their excellent work. He reminded everyone that the Select Committee meeting is on November 19 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Sunset Theatre or on Zoom.

Councillor Dorwart thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked the Wells- Barkerville Community Forest Board and the Wells Community Facility Building Committee for all their hard work. She stated that Halloween was fun but different this year and reminded everyone to stay safe.

Mayor Fourchalk echoed his fellow Councillors and reminded everyone to stay safe.

7.2 Staff

District Clerk, Tyler Burnson thanked everyone for attending.

Chief Administrative Officer, Donna Forseille thanked everyone for attending.

7.3 Public Gallery

Kelsey Dodd stated that Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) will be hosting community workshops at the Wells Community Hall on November 10, 2020

and November 12, 2020. She stated that it will be a combination of day and evening sessions. They will be doing single sessions as well as duplicating a couple ones that they know are high interest.

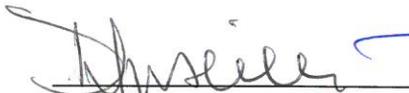
Dawn Leroy thanked the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board for their work.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

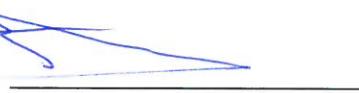
8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of November 3, 2020

20-170 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT at 8:05PM Council adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday November 3, 2020.

Carried Unanimously



Donna Forseille, CAO



Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor