

**DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, April 13, 2021  
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19**

**MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Acting Mayor Chris Cooley, Councillors Jordan Rohatynski and Mandy Kilsby

ABSENT: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk and Councillor Ksenya Dorwart

STAFF: Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer; Carrie Chard, Fire Chief; and Clint Stroud, Public Works Superintendent

PUBLIC GALLERY:10

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00PM**

1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 13, 2021

21-38 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 13, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**2.0 MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of March 9, 2021

*Not Motion 21-39 Moved Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby was Not passed, no vote was taken to approve the minutes as circulated. Councillor Rohatynski made a second motion to approve minutes as amended to state Cypress Land Services received 20 comments and presented them as 10 in favour of the Tower, 7 neutral, and 3 oposed. From 3.1 of the minutes.*

21-40 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, Seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday March 9, 2021, as amended to revise 3.1-Line 4 to state that there were 20 Community comments, 10 in support of the tower.

Carried Unanimously

### 3.0 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS -NIL

### 4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

#### 4.1 Letter to Mayor and Council from Wells and Area Trails Society (WATS)

*Councillor Rohatynski stated he was appreciative to WATS, thank you for writing your letter to address concerns you have with the Cariboo Gold Project.*

21-41 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter from the Wells and Area Trails Society (WATS) regarding their concerns with the proposed Cariboo Gold Project.

Carried Unanimously

#### 4.2 Letter of Resignation from Mr. Rod Graham, President, of the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board

*Councillor Rohatynski expressed his gratitude to Mr. Graham for his time and work as board member for the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board.*

21-42 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the letter of resignation from Mr. Rod Graham, as President of the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Board.

Carried Unanimously

#### 4.3 Wells Community Facility Building update and Presentation from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee

21-43 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the Staff report regarding an update on the Wells Community Facility Building heat and interested Community members for appointments to the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

21-44 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter of interest from Alison Galbraith regarding her interest in being appointed to the Wells Community Facility Building Committee and appoints Alison Galbraith to the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- 21-45 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the letter of request and minutes from the Wells Community Facility Building Committee and presentation from Judy Campbell.

Carried Unanimously

- 21-46 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the draft proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- 21-47 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the 2021 Approved Schedule of meetings for the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- 21-48 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council appoints Councillor Dorwart as Chair of the Wells Community Facility Building Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- 21-49 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the Wells Community Facility Building Committee's presented amended Terms of Reference, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

## 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 District of Wells 2021 Provisional Budget Draft

- 21-50 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the report from District Staff regarding the District of Wells 2021 Provisional Budget.

Carried Unanimously

- 21-51 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council directs staff to publish notification of Public Input for the proposed District of Wells 2021 Provisional Budget to go before Council at the next Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday April 27, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

## 5.2 District of Wells Outdoor Ice Rink Revitalization Project

21-52 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the Staff report regarding the Wells Outdoor Ice Rink Revitalization project.

Carried Unanimously

21-53 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council:

1. Directs staff to contact Barkerville Gold Mines regarding assistance with the Geotechnical review of the ground for the project;
2. Directs staff to award Algonquin Contracting the Wells Outdoor Ice Rink Revitalization Project, subject to the District being responsible for the Geotechnical Engineer Report and the possibility that the project may need to be phased to extend into 2022; AND
3. Directs staff to issue an RFP to receive proposals and award the Geotechnical Engineer Report if need be with a maximum cost of \$20,000.00.

Carried Unanimously

## 5.3 Update on the Community Water System Investigations

*The CAO gave a brief update on the Community water system, stating Tiera 1 Investigations were now complete, and Tiera 2 investigations have now commenced. The District continues to work closely with Northern Health and would like to remind everyone that at this time Northern Health has advised that Community members to flush their lines prior to consuming the water. At this time it is recommended to flush for 1-3 minutes. Staff hope that the Tiera 2 sampling investigations will better find the source of any contaminants.*

*Councillor Rohatynski inquired as to how many bottles of water the District has on hand at this time. The CAO responded that the District has received other shipments of water so there should be around 500 bottles on hand at this time.*

21-54 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives an update on the Wells Community Water System's ongoing investigations of potential corrosive water causing lead contaminants.

Carried Unanimously

## 6.0 BYLAWS

### 6.1 District of Wells Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 199,2021 – Final Reading

21-55 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council gives Final Reading to the District of Wells Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 199, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### 6.2 Proposed District of Wells 2021 five Year Financial Bylaw No. 201,2021

21-56 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the proposed District of Wells 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Bylaw No. 199, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

21-57 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council gives First, Second and Third Readings to the District of Wells 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Bylaw No. 201,2021 and directs staff to publish notification of Public Consultation on the District of Wells 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Bylaw No. 201, 2021 to be

held at the next Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday April 27, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

### 6.3 District of Wells 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 200, 2021

*The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) requested Council to table the readings of the District of Wells 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 200,2021 due to still waiting for Tax Rates From the Province and the Cariboo Regional District. The due date for this bylaw to be Into the province is May 14, 2021 so she hopes to receive the missing tax rates and bring The bylaw forward again at the April 27, 2021 Council meeting.*

21-58 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council tables the receiving and readings of the District of Wells 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 200, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

## 7.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Calendar and considered either separately under another heading of the Regular Agenda or immediately after the adoption of the consent Calendar.

21-59 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council receives the Consent calendar items:

7.1 Letter of request to support the District of Sicamous's resolution regarding Invasive Asian Clams; and

7.2 Letter from the City of Prince George regarding support for the 988 Crisis Line  
Carried Unanimously

## 8.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 8.1 Council

Councillor Kilsby thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. She announced that Northern Health released the phone number for registering and booking one's appointment at the upcoming April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Community Immunization Clinic. While there were challenges initially with booking appointments, she hopes that it is resolved now. Please call back if you had problems booking.

Councillor Rohatynski thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He Reminded the Community that the Sound Board is up at the Jack O Clubs General Store for Community members input on the proposed Official Community Plan re-writing. He encourages everyone to make sure they get their input in regarding the Official Community Plan to the Wells Vision and Planning Committee members or District staff at [clerk@wells.ca](mailto:clerk@wells.ca)

Acting Mayor Cooley thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

### 8.2 Staff

Donna Forseille, Chief Administrative Officer stated that the District's current position opening of District Clerk is now advertised. She is hopeful to receive resumes.

She thanked Councillor Cooley for stepping in as Acting Mayor for tonight's Council meeting, stating that Acting Mayor Cooley did a great job tonight.

Carrie Chard, Fire Chief, stated that Acting Mayor Cooley did a great job tonight. The meeting was fast and effective. She announced that Fire Season is approaching. Community members should stay tuned for upcoming spring cleanup projects. The Wells Volunteer Fire Brigade will be recruiting soon.

She also encourages community members to be fire smart, please do not burn your yard waste on your front lawn.

Clint Stroud, Public Works Superintendent – No Comments

### 8.3 Public Gallery

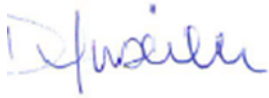
Kelsey Dodd stated she was going to put a link in the chat box which provides guidance to the EAO process and informs people where the process is currently at. Page 40 is the project planning phase.

## 9.0 ADJOURNMENT

### 9.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 13, 2021.

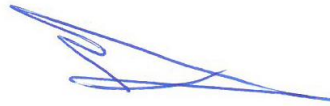
21-60 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council at 7:40 PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday April 13, 2021.

Carried Unanimously



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Donna Forseille, CAO



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Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor