

**DISTRICT OF WELLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, October 26, 2021 at 7pm
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) – COVID-19**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gabe Fourchalk, Councillors Mandy Kilsby, Jordan Rohatynski, and Chris Cooley

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, Donna Forseille; Fire Chief, Carrie Chard; and District Clerk, Lala Cripps

PUBLIC GALLERY: 13

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 26, 2021

21-177 **MOVED Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley** THAT Council approves the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 26, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 MINUTES

- 2.1 Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of October 12, 2021

21-178 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council approves the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 12, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Report to District of Wells from the Wells Barkerville Community Forest Board

21-179 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Chris Cooley **THAT** Council Receives the report from the Wells Barkerville Community Forest Board.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS -NIL

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Proposed Amended 2021 Acting Mayor Schedule

21-180 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives and approves the proposed 2021 Acting Mayor Schedule with amendments for 2021 as amended to change to end of October 2021 and November 2021 from Councillor Dorwart to Councillor Kilsby.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 2020 Draft Financial Audit from FBB Accountants

General discussions were had regarding the 2020 yearend audit.

21-182 **MOVED** Chris Cooley, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the 2020 annual audit and the District of Wells Draft 2020 annual audit report prepared by FBB Accountants.

Carried Unanimously

21-183 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council approves the District of Wells 2020 Annual Financial Audit Report from FBB Accountants, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

6.0 STAFF REPORT

6.1 Proposed Elections Procedure Bylaw No. 203, 2021

Councillor Rohatynski inquired if it is possible to hold the by-election before the required 80 days, feeling that the middle of January might be too late, but recognizes the challenges of holding a By-election during the holiday season. CAO Forseille stated that due to statutory limits on timing it would be difficult to hold a by-election in December. After the proposed Election Procedure Bylaw is agreed upon and final reading is approved, Council could then potentially appoint a Chief Elections Officer at the next council meeting of November 9th, the CEO then has 80 days to conduct the by-election and the General vote day must be a Saturday. The province has a calculator to assist with timelines required by the legislation. It is a lengthy process. Given the holidays and people leaving town for the holidays, the District should consider holding the by-election in the second weekend of January 2022 as to try and have good voter turnout.

21-184 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council receives the staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the proposed District of Wells Elections Procedure Bylaw No. 203, 2021 and update on the upcoming by-election.

Carried Unanimously

21-185 **MOVED** Mandy Kilsby, seconded Jordan Rohatynski THAT Council gives First, Second, and Third readings to the District of Wells Elections Procedure Bylaw No. 203, 2021, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Council

Councillor Cooley had no comments.

Councillor Kilsby stated the community hall looks great; the roofing company did a great job in terrible weather; she is glad the hall will be protected for future years. She thanked staff for answering all questions before tonight's meeting.

Councillor Rohatynski echoed Councillor Kilsby on the hall it looks great, excellent work to staff, fellow councillors, thank you for being here. He thanked everyone in the public gallery for coming. He stated some food service is still available at the Sunset Theatre, the Wells Hotel and the Jack of Clubs.

Mayor Fourchalk thanked constituents for coming, he thanked staff and elected officials. He said we are still in the pandemic, and he feels everyone is doing their part to stay healthy. He hoped this will be the last wave.

7.2 Staff

Carrie Chard had no comments.

Lala Cripps thanked O'Flynn Roofing for the job they did on the Community Hall roof, and she thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Donna Forseille had no comments.

Councillor Rohatynski asked for an update from Cam Beck on if the logging in the Community Forest has been completed.

Cam Beck stated logging should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

7.3 Public Gallery

Dorothea Funk stated she had concerns about the legal opinion on the governance letter received from last council meeting. She thanked the volunteers and committee members for their hard work.

Councillor Rohatynski stated he wanted to push for Judy Campbell and Julia Mackey on the Vision and Planning committee, and that Councillor Dorwart wanted Josh Trotter-Wanner to be on the committee. He also reminded everyone that the final deadline for comments and feedback for the OCP is on October 31st, please submit your comments before then. He stated he does feel thankful for the legal clarity that was provided.

Jenn Lewis stated she echoed Dorothea's comments. Thank you to Lala and Donna and mayor and council for the motion for WAACA to do pickleball, it has started, and it is awesome. She stated you can join in going 10AM-12PM on Sundays and 4PM-6PM on Thursday nights. She asked on question about the financial plan on page 14 under tangible assets the mountain trails systems has a value applied to it, how does that work?

CAO Forseille stated that it is for all the trail systems within the Wells boundary as it references that WATS was managing the trail system on behalf of the community. Ms. Lewis asked if in the financial report under expenses by object, are their further definitions than just "object"? She questioned what materials and supplies would amount to \$91,000.00, and contracted services of \$375,000 curious about what those amounts could be made up of. She just asked if it was possible to see more details for those amounts.

CAO Forseille stated she would have to follow up with Ms. Lewis on those line items she is inquiring about.

Josh Trotter-Wanner stated he was on two committees; For the Vision and Planning Committee he understood that his job is just to help the confirmed contractor by the district reach community members and council members. He said he doesn't know if he has any ability to influence the Community plan. He questioned if a new councillor has been assigned to chair the Wells Community Facility Building committee and offered his help to the district for any information they may need to apply for a new funding grant stream for the Community Facility Building. He stated that back in September 2020 Dan Hills of All Service Plumbing had done a quote for just under \$250,000 that he wanted to make sure staff and council were aware of. He stated the committee is happy to help in any way.

CAO Forseille stated that the third-stream funding application has to have a pre-application completed to apply, staff have reached out to the funding stream to apply and have not received a response yet. The funding stream makes sure that your project is viable for the funding stream before it allows you to apply for the grant.

Julia Mackey echoed Dorothea's comments.

Mayor Fourchalk stated there is only two (2) active committees and that the information is not up for discussion as this time due to it being legal advice received in a closed meeting of council.

CAO Forseille confirmed there is only two (2) active committees.

Julia Mackey asked if the legal advice is not up for discussion then how is the document presented to the public.

Mayor Furchalk stated the public document is what came back from the lawyers and the discussion with the lawyers is confidential and was addressed at an In-Camera meeting due to confidentiality and that is why it cannot be a discussion topic at this time until it is determined what will be reported out and what will not be reported out. At this time only the written legal advice was reported out by Council.

Julia Mackey thanked the Mayor and stated she will write a letter to council for more information.

Dorothea Funk questioned why Osisko was not a delegate at this meeting as was discussed with motion past in the last meeting and has there been further discussions about an updated MOU.

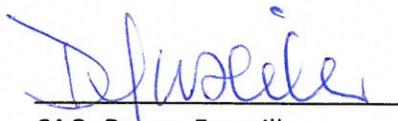
CAO Forseille stated an email had gone out inviting Osisko/BGM to present tonight, but there is an investigation/assessment that was done on the Wells Sewer Treatment Facility that needs to come back first as to assist in discussing how to implement any MOU between the mine and the municipality.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 26, 2021.

21-186 **MOVED** Jordan Rohatynski, seconded Mandy Kilsby THAT Council at 7:47 PM adjourns the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday October 26, 2021.

Carried Unanimously



CAO, Donna Forseille



Mayor, Gabe Furchalk