

REGULAR MEETING
Wells Gray Country Services Committee
Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee held at the Community Resource Centre, Clearwater, BC, on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, commencing at 7:00PM.

PRESENT :

TNRD Director Bert Walker, Chair
Mr. Rick Dee
Mr. John Wilcox
Mr. Ted Richardson
Mr. Bob Rexin
Ms. Hazel Wadlegger
Mr. Ray Jackson
Ms. Candace Pelton
Ms. Cheryl Thomas
Ms. Judy Panko – Recording Secretary

GUEST:

Mr. Greg Toma – TNRD Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Lyle Huntley – TNRD Clerk/Director of Community Services

PRESS:

Ms. Alicia Isaacs – Times Newspaper
Ms. Goldie Krawec

ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of December 5, 2007

Moved by J. Wilcox
Seconded by T. Richardson

That the Minutes from December 5, 2007, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

It was noted that the following items be added to “Reports”:

- b) Wells Gray Community Forest
- c) Member Reports

**Moved by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by T. Richardson
That the agenda for January 23, 2008, be adopted as amended.**

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Tourism Wells Gray

It was reported that Tourism Wells Gray is meeting with Council on February 12, 2008 and that a tourism official from Victoria will be present; it was noted that Leslie Groulx will attend. Mr. Richardson advised that he will coordinate a meeting with the interim board prior to the meeting with Council.

Further discussion continued on the topic of the importance of Tourism Wells Gray to Clearwater. It was noted that the North Thompson Trails initiative will not be moving forward as the project does not have a coordinator in place.

b) Invitation to Dr. Catherine Hickson

It was reported that the Wells Gray Country Services Committee has been asked to invite Dr. Catherine Hickson, Adjunct Professor with the University of BC and a Research Scientist in the field of Volcanology, to speak with residents of Clearwater. Kevin Krueger, MLA Kamloops – North Thompson, has expressed interest in participating should Dr. Hickson accept the invitation to speak.

c) Status of Wells Gray Country:

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District Chief Administrative Officer and the Clerk/Director of Community Services were in attendance. Discussion focused on the future direction of the Wells Gray Community Services Committee, specifically noting that there may be a need to amend the bylaw and investigate the function of the committee.

The requirement to replace the Service Coordinator was discussed and noted that prior to advertising, a review of the position's duties may take place. Further details concerning the position were discussed, including the concept of developing an advisory committee to combine groups with similar mandates.

d) Tradeshow – March 7 – 9, 2008

It was reported that Sonya Beauchamp will attend the tradeshow scheduled for March 7 – 9, 2008 in Abbotsford on behalf of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee. It was suggested that an additional person from the community be asked to attend.

**Moved by R. Jackson
Seconded by B. Rexin**

That Sonya Beauchamp be requested to attend the tradeshow scheduled for March 7 – 9, 2008 in Abbotsford on behalf of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee; and that a member of the community be asked to attend with reimbursement for expenses and remuneration authorized for both participants.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Request for Funding: Dan LeClerc Memorial Hockey Tournament and Curling Bonspiel

A request for funding in support of the Dan LeClerc Memorial Hockey Tournament and Curling Bonspiel scheduled for February 14 – 16, 2008 was discussed.

**Moved by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by C. Thomas**

That a donation to the Dan LeClerc Memorial Hockey Tournament and Curling Bonspiel scheduled for February 14 – 16, 2008 in the amount of \$110. 10, the value of a Family Season Pass, be authorized.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a) Coordinator's Report: None.

b) Wells Gray Community Forest Committee

An update on the specific mills that are receiving logs was provided. Mr. Richardson noted that he will speak to J. Sedgwick regarding the process for cedar oil. The status of the committee was discussed with appreciation expressed to committee members for their hard work and commitment.

c) Member Reports

R. Jackson:

Mr. Jackson provided a report advising of the status of the North Thompson Communities Foundation funding for the final lead grant, noting that \$100,000 is the final total. He added that the Vancouver Foundation will match the grant.

T. Richardson:

Mr. Richardson reported that the 2008 BC Rural Summit will be held in 100 Mile House on March 14 – 15. He recommended that representatives of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee attend and reiterated the value and benefits to the area gained by attending the Summit.

**Moved by C. Pelton
Seconded by T. Richardson**

That Cheryl Thomas be authorized to attend the 2008 BC Rural Summit in 100 Mile House on March 14 – 15 and that her travel expenses be reimbursed.

CARRIED

C. Thomas:

Ms. Thomas advised that the UNBC contract expired in 2007. She noted that the Interior Health Authority has funding available for development of community projects. Ms. Thomas added that Community Futures has developed a food and agricultural plan for the region.

Ms. Thomas further provided an update on the Adams River Heritage meetings, noted that the North Thompson Valley Homecoming is scheduled for June 2008 and that 2008 is British Columbia's 150th anniversary. She added that the Clearwater Improvement District will have completed an overview of their plans for 2008 by the end of January.

C. Pelton:

Ms. Pelton reported that the Clearwater Community Centre Christmas event was held on December 16 and was well attended. She noted that Mayor and Council have scheduled time on Tuesdays that are not regularly scheduled Council meetings and invite citizens to appear before Council with their presentations. Ms. Pelton outlined the process to appear before Council as a delegation.

H. Wadlegger:

Ms. Wadlegger reported that the Clearwater Midgets who played in Europe 22 years ago are holding a reunion on February 9, with a game tentatively scheduled for 3:00 p.m. She added that the Outdoor Club is holding a relay ski race on January 25 at 11:00 a.m.

J. Wilcox:

Mr. Wilcox reported that he attended a recent Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board Meeting. He noted that a Blackpool Firehall meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2008.

B. Rixin:

Mr. Rixin provided an update on a chlorine leak into the well in Vavenby on December 23. He noted that funding is available for development of a test well in Vavenby and added that Director Walker will be meeting with the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Director of Environmental Services to discuss plans for a public meeting on the topic of utility improvements.

Mr. Rixin reported that the ice rink is doing well this year and that Kevin Sheffield has been doing a fantastic job of maintaining the ice. Discussion was held regarding sending a letter of appreciation to Mr. Sheffield, with Director Walker offering to provide a gift certificate.

Mr. Rixin noted that an outhouse at the rink is necessary and that a building is required around the standpipe as the previous barrel has been removed. Mr. Rixin advised that he will provide a proposal detailing what is required at the rink to the Coordinator. Mr. Rixin, on the topic of Hockey Week In Canada, suggested that events be organized for next year.

**Moved by B. Rixin
Seconded by C. Thomas**

That the Wells Gray Country Services Committee send a gift certificate and letter to Kevin Sheffield expressing appreciation for his hard work and commitment to the ice rink in Vavenby.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Meeting Schedule for 2008

**Moved by T. Richardson
Seconded by R. Jackson**

That the Wells Gray Country Services Committee regular meetings for 2008 be scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

- b) 2008 North Thompson Community Directory:

Discussion as held on whether the Committee wishes to fund a page in the North Thompson Community Directory for 2008. It was noted that the cost of the page is \$350.00 however the directory is beneficial to new community members. Director Walker will work with A. Kirkwood and offer a few suggestions, including noting events that the committee supports.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

G. Krawec questioned the status of the proposed Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) and subsequent transfer station closures and whether the recycling initiative will be in place prior to a closure.

The TNRD Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the RSWMP, specifically detailing the implementation of the plan. The Chief Administrative Officer explained that a community meeting will be held to advise residents of the status of the plan and recycling initiatives.

Ms. Wadlegger questioned if Wells Gray booklets will need to be distributed. She was advised that the booklets will be dropped off at the sportsplex and noted that the Clearwater Improvement District has additional placemats that could be utilized. It was suggested that both items be made available at the Municipal Hall.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Community Resource Centre.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by R. Jackson

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Minutes reviewed by:
