



REGULAR MEETING

Wells Gray Country Services Committee
Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee held at the Community Resource Centre, Clearwater, BC, on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT :

TNRD Director Bert Walker, Chair
Mr. Rick Dee
Mr. John Wilcox
Mr. Ted Richardson
Mr. Bob Rexin
Ms. Hazel Wadlegger
Ms. Cheryl Thomas
Ms. Sherri Madden – Services Coordinator

ORDER:

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

1. MINUTES

Minutes of January 23, 2008

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

That the Minutes from January 23, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

It was noted that the introduction of the new Services Coordinator be moved to the beginning of the meeting, as soon as it is called to order.

It was noted that the following items be added to "New Business"

a) Community Banner

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

That the agenda for April 29, 2008, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) 2008 North Thompson Community Directory

It was reported that Mr. Walker worked with Al Kirkwood to ensure that community events that the Services Committee are responsible for were included in the Calendar of Events within the Community Directory.

b) Status of Wells Gray Country Bylaw

Discussion on replacement for Candus Graffunder, size of the Committee and representation from East Blackpool or Upper Clearwater.

**Moved by C. Thomas
Seconded by J. Wilcox**

The Wells Gray Country Services Committee recommends the number of members stays at nine (9) and that the Committee be consulted before final draft of revision to Bylaw 1937 occurs, and in particular, issues involving liaison with the District of Clearwater.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Resignation of Candus Graffunder

The Committee received and read the attached letter of resignation from Candus Graffunder.

The Committee recognizes Candus' support over the years and asks that Sherri draft a letter of thanks to Candus on behalf of the Committee.

6. REPORTS

a) Coordinator's Report:

Attached

b) Member Reports

C. Thomas:

May 3rd there is a fundraiser for the North Thompson Communities Foundation.

Chamber of Commerce requires a President, someone who has a business.

Ms. Thomas is participating in a meeting with David Whiting who has participated in the Food and Agriculture Planning for the Fraser Basin. She hopes to garner information from David on what works for implementing the plan, and then she will apply it in Wells Gray Country's planning phase.

Concern over who is hosting the Star Festival this year? District of Clearwater, Wells Gray Country Services Committee, Tourism Wells Gray? Feeling is that location will partly dictate who will be hosting this event. Mr. Wilcox will discuss the event at the Liaison meeting tomorrow and offer labor to help with the hosting.

Cathy Hickson was well received in her talk on Wells Gray Park becoming a World Heritage site with over 60 people in attendance.

H. Wadlegger:

Ms. Wadlegger reported that she takes the Wells Gray Experience booklets with her when she travels and that they are always well received. Ms. Wadlegger suggests that all the Committee members take some everytime they travel outside of the area, and drop them off along their route if possible.

R. Dee:

The Tourism Wells Gray group has received approximately 27 applications for the position of Tourism and Marketing Promotions Coordinator. They are now working to narrow down the field thru a process of probing questions.

Do we want to do a float for the May Day Parade? Can we tie in with the Community Resource Centre or the District of Clearwater.

J. Wilcox:

Mr. Wilcox reported that he attended the Blackpool Fire Hall Committee meeting. He is also slated to attend the Liaison Committee meeting on May 1st. The Liaison Committee is working out the kinks on how the relationship of the various Committee members is to work.

B. Rexin:

Cement work has been completed on the Fire Hall steps and the stairs will be constructed once the cement has cured.

The community has concerns regarding the proposed closure of the transfer station and the potential for illegal dumping on Allingham Road. Mr. Rexin would like to see NO DUMPING signs along Allingham Road. Mr. Walker pointed out that this is not TNRD property and that Mr. Rexin should contact the Vavenby Rec Group for the signage, and the Ministry of Environment for illegal dumping concerns.

Mr. Rexin asks if the underground sprinklers will be put in the ball park this year? Ms. Madden said that there is a Strategic Park Plan for her review and she will get back to Mr. Rexin with an idea of when, or if, underground sprinklers are planned for the ball park.

T. Richardson:

Mr. Richardson will be attending the Liaison meeting on May 1st. Ms. Madden is invited to attend if she would like to get an overall view of how the different groups within the community interact.

The Community Forests will be presenting the North Thompson Communities Foundation with a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 at the May 3rd fundraiser.

Wells Gray Country Services Committee will be participating in a float for the May Day Parade with the District of Clearwater and the Community Resource Centre. Mr. Richardson will look after this task, thereby relieving Ms. Madden of this task.

c) **Abbotsford Trade Show Report:**

Attached

d) **North Thompson Sportsplex Report**

Attached

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Introduction of the new Wells Gray Country Services Coordinator

Sherrri Madden has been retained as the Services Coordinator for both Area A and Area B. Ms. Madden's time will be split 40/60 between the two areas.

b) Community Banner

Discussion as held on whether the Committee wishes to partially fund a community banner which can be changed to suit different events. The banner would fit the pole and cable system adjacent to Dutch Lake. Rotary is willing to participate and Ms. Wadlegger will also be approaching the District of Clearwater for their support. Concern on who will manage the banner, book the pole and be responsible for putting up and taking down of the banner. Discussions around the amount of money available, with a ceiling of \$500 if there are three participants.

**Moved by J. Wilcox
Seconded by C. Thomas**

The Wells Gray Country Services Committee have Ms. Madden investigate and advise on participating in the purchase of a community event banner.

CARRIED

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Ms. Thomas asks if the Committee would support her participation in the Place to Space: The Next Rural Economies workshop at the University of Northern British Columbia on May 15th and 16th, 2008. This is a follow up the the workshop she attended previously in 100 Mile House. Registration is \$125, rooms are \$69+tax, and there will be costs for food. There are many people going from Clearwater, so Ms. Thomas will attempt to share a ride with someone else travelling from Clearwater.

**Moved by J. Wilcox
Seconded by B. Rexin**

Ms. Thomas attend the Place to Space: The Next Rural Economies workshop at the University of Northern British Columbia on May 15th and 16th, 2008. Funding for this venture is not to exceed \$500 inclusive of registration fees.

CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 21st, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Community Resource Centre.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Richardson

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Minutes reviewed by:

Services Coordinator