

REGULAR MEETING
Wells Gray Country Services Committee
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wells Gray Country Services Committee held at the Community Resource Centre, Clearwater, BC, on Wednesday, May 21, 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
Sherry Madden – Services Coordinator
Ms. Cheryl Thomas
Ms. Judy Panko – Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Mrs. Isobel Hadford – Chief Administrative Officer, District of Clearwater
Mrs. Leslie Groulx – Corporate Administrator, District of Clearwater

PRESS:

None present.

ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Walker at 7:07PM.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of April 29, 2008

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

“That the Minutes from April 29, 2008, be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

It was noted that there were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

Moved by H. Wadlegger
Seconded by T. Richardson
That the Agenda for May 21, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

None.

Mrs. Hadford thanked the WGSC for the invitation to the meeting. She commented on the good work that the committee does and she hopes that the WGSC and the District of Clearwater can work together in the future.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) **Community Banner Funding Support**

H. Wadlegger stated that the Clearwater Rotary Club is going ahead with the banner. There was no decision at the last meeting. Outline for banner – material from Colt Bond. Rotary hoping to jointly fund the banner with the WGSC and the District of Clearwater. June 3rd next meeting to bring this item forward. The Rotary Club would like to have the banner for their golf tournament on June 14th. The cost is approximately \$1,000.00 plus \$350.00 for the side banners. The WGSC has made a motion to participate but no dollar figure yet. Need a logo to go on the banner. Need to go through the District of Clearwater in order to put the banner up. The Rotary Club will be the owner of the banner – it will be used for a variety of events.

Moved by C. Thomas
Seconded by T. Richardson
“That the WGSC put forward \$400.00 toward the cost of the banner through the Clearwater Rotary Club.”

CARRIED

b) **Star Gazer Festival**

J. Wilcox stated that he was not sure of the location for the festival this year. This will be the 3rd annual festival – where to hold it? Previously, it has been held in Wells Gray Park and at the stock car races site. Everyone gets together with their telescopes, hot chocolate, etc. Economic development – has funded before. Where is funding coming from this year? Last year, \$1,000.00 was committed, but only between \$300.00 and \$400.00 was spent. WGSC to provide help but not money. Get a few people to run the festival/organize it. An astrologist came last year from TRU – there was a presentation on Jupiter – very interesting

and informative. Great family event. Tourism Wells Gray not able to commit right now – doing reference checks on someone currently. TWG and the District of Clearwater need to be in agreement. Get started with committee members and previous helpers – set a date and start preliminary planning. Can always cancel later. Guarantee \$500.00 for this festival.

Moved by C. Thomas

Seconded by T. Richardson

“That the WGSC donate \$500.00 out of the Tourism Wells Gray funds for the Star Gazer festival. S. Madden to coordinate members together for a Star Gazer Festival planning committee.”

Contact the Community Resource Centre and the new position held at TWG. TWG should have been up and running at the beginning of 2008. It might be going by August 2008. The astronomer from TRU will need some notice. The festival will be held in August or September.

Moved by J. Wilcox

Seconded by B. Rexin

To amend the motion as follows:

“That the WGSC donate \$500.00 out of the Tourism Wells Gray funds for the Star Gazer festival on the condition that TWG is contacted beforehand and that they are in agreement. S. Madden to coordinate members together for a Star Gazer Festival planning committee.”

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

6. REPORTS

a) **Coordinator’s Report**

Please see attached report.

B. Rexin commented regarding the screws for the skating rink. Counter sinking the screws is not the way to go (makes it weaker). Pan Head screws would be better. The heads are breaking off – the screws were counter sunk before. Could have been thin-necked screws. It is dangerous right now. S. Madden to look into this – find out what other communities are doing with their outdoor arenas.

b) Member Reports

C. Thomas:

C. Thomas met with Dave Whiting – interesting – she has been invited to their next meeting on June 11th. Needed connections with our area. Asset mapping – create atlas for the North Thompson Valley (online). Fraser Basin Council Member is John Taylor. Kathy Hickson's visit – bills go to the CRC. Summer guide – C. Thomas put in a few events, unfortunately not the Star Gazer Festival. Prince George – went to Space to Place Conference. 6 people from the valley attended. C. Thomas to submit her bill.

Please see attached report on the Space to Place Conference.

T. Richardson:

T. Richardson also went to the Space to Place Conference in Prince George. Small communities in the world are struggling with the same issues. Will have to talk about sustainability in the future, especially water. Water will become a main issue. Learn from others/network and move forward.

Don Manson will be in Clearwater on Tuesday and Wednesday (May 27th and 28th) talking to the District of Clearwater. He will try to see the Barriere Council also. Small town/rural issues. He will attend the Wednesday AM Rotary meeting as well. Anyone interested please talk to T. Richardson.

Community Forests – will start up again at the end of June or early July. Need to sort out the next 2 year contract. Liaison committee meeting to be held tomorrow.

H. Wadlegger:

H. Wadlegger commented that the May Day Parade, held on Saturday, May 17th, was really good. The weather was excellent also. Thanks to all who participated.

The Wells Gray booklet – H. Wadlegger gave a copy to a relative contact at Tourism BC (Sydney Marcyniuk) who works out of Vancouver. She might be able to use part of the booklet to promote this area.

R. Regin:

R. Regin commented that the steel is going up on the fire hall stairs. Should be completed by the middle of June. There will be a festival in Vavenby on August 8 – 10th, held on the DeVought Ranch. It will be a Bluegrass/Gospel musical festival. The WGSC may be approached for help. Need a TNRD permit for a gathering of 200+ people.

J. Wilcox:

J. Wilcox commented that the Blackpool Fire Hall is doing well – 14 regular members. The TNRD Advisory Planning Committee (Area “A” and “B”) will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, May 27th – first meeting since incorporation. There were 2 items on the Agenda, now only 1 item as the deleted item was located within the boundaries of the District of Clearwater. J. Wilcox was disappointed that there was no direction from the TNRD to the APC Directors regarding this. The District of Clearwater does not have a committee yet. The City would also report to the TNRD Board. Rules to follow on this – needs to be ironed out. J. Wilcox stepped in for B. Walker at the last TNRD Board meeting – concerned about recycling tipping fees. January 1, 2009, implementation of tipping fees.

B. Walker:

B. Walker commented that things were going well. Talked to S. Madden regarding the Vavenby Hall – repairs and bookings.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Repeal of Guideline Bulletins:
00.09 Lounge Use
00.08 Arena Time Guidelines

The above 2 articles are no longer under the authority of the WGSC – need to be taken out. There are no others that conflict at this time.

Motion by H. Wadlegger

Seconded by B. Rexin

“That the WGSC repeal Guideline Bulletin 00.09 Lounge Use.”

CARRIED

Motion by B. Rexin

Seconded by R. Dee

“That the WGSC repeal Guideline Bulletin 00.08 Arena Time Guidelines.”

CARRIED

- b) Raft Peak and Dutch Lake River Trail Suggestion Boxes

S. Madden has 4 boxes and locks in her office. S. Madden could talk to Elaine Gillette regarding this issue. Cannot do work on the trails due to liability. Parks contractors already have keys.

Motion by J. Wilcox

Seconded by T. Richardson

“That S. Madden arrange to have the boxes installed in the 4 parks.”

CARRIED

c) 2008 Celebration of the Arts Advertising

S. Madden commented that A. Kirkwood brought this item to her attention. There will be a festival in Barriere on May 31st to June 1st. This is too late to put an ad in – the WGSC needs more notice. The deadline was today. S. Madden to let A. Kirkwood know that this was not received in a timely fashion. The WGSC should consider donations when setting the budget for the year.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

H. Wadlegger had a question regarding where to phone regarding flood plain elevation levels. Contact the Planning Department at the TNRD - either Bob Finley or Ron Popoff. It would be great to have a package of what to do/who to call when building. The TNRD has a package on how to go about getting a building permit.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 7:00PM and will be held at the Community Resource Centre.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Rexin

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:30PM.”

Certified Correct:

Minutes Reviewed By:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY B. WALKER
Chairperson

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY S. MADDEN
Services Coordinator