

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 24, 2021

The Virtual Town Hall delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at the Wabasca Council Chambers in Wabasca.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Everett Gottfried (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook	Kevin Bigstone
Victor Gladue	Brendan Powell
Darlene Jackson	Barry Schmidt
Roy Yellowknee	Robin Guild
Louis A. Cardinal	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Cynthia Taron	Director of Transportation & Public Works
Gerhard Stickling	Director of Corporate Services
William Auger	Director of Regulatory Services
Simon Cardinal	Director of Utilities
Katelyn Alook	Manager of Planning and Development
Kimball Newberry	Manager of Fleet & Solid Waste

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Bruce Thomas	The Fever
Lori Noel	Whistler Press
Toni Anderson	Silvacom

Call to Order: Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: **0112-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Delegate Sherry Norton with FRIAA
- 14a. Fireguard Maintenance Plans for Wabasca and Calling Lake
- 17c.i Covid
- 17c.ii Local Employment

Adoption of Minutes (January 27, 2021): **0113-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting are adopted with the following corrections.

Recorded Vote – Against – include “due to location” after Darlene Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Planning Association of Alberta Annual Conference:

0114-2021-17MDC
Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to register Council and Administration interested in attending the virtual 2021 Community Planning Association of Alberta Annual Conference from May 3, 2021 to May 5, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Local Employment
Discussion:**

0115-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to update the current business directory and upload the information on social media and MD of Opportunity website; and administration is directed to come up with options for advertising available services in all communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek New
Community Hall Invitation
To Pre-Qualify Companies
Response:**

0116-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to set up a workshop with council and invite the prequalified contractors to present their proposals for the new Red Earth Creek community hall project on March 18, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Fleet Purchase of Two
Cat 299D3 XE Track
Skid Steers:**

*Amended
March 10, 2021
MA-CT*

0117-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that administration is authorized to auction off two **2012 Terex 100 Skidsteers** to locals at a reserved price of \$17,000 for the Calling Lake unit and \$14,000 for the Wabasca unit; and the purchase of two 299D3 XE Skid Steers; one for Calling Lake at a cost of \$127,888.00 and one for Wabasca at a cost of \$128,330.00 with funds coming from the fleet capital budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:
11:00 a.m.**

FRIAA – Sherry Norton,
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to address the concerns raised regarding the Calling Lake Fireguard project and explained what the funding could and could not cover. This grant is for fireguard projects and can't be used for different projects such as FireSmart. FireSmart is a different application that doesn't fit under the fireguard program.

She went over the timelines. It was the government's intention to have the phase 1 projects done by the end of March 2021. It would be a default of the agreement if the project isn't done by the end of March 2021.

MD could apply to postpone the project for a year but there are risks and complications. The province may most likely open it up to other communities and get it done by end of March 2022. Funding may not be available next year.

Some options discussed were to change the scope of the project to the current agreement. Option to change the width and length of the project. The MD could apply for an extension but it's not guaranteed it would be approved.

Council asked questions about the possibility of transferring to another community in the MD and stay on same timeframe.

Council thanked the delegate for her attendance. Delegate left at 12:03 p.m.

Record Vote:

Deputy Reeve Everett Gottfried requested for a recorded vote on the following motion.

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0118-2021-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to conduct community engagement in Calling Lake for a revised fireguard with reduced width, length and livestock operations of the project.

In Favor – Leo Alook, Marshall Auger, Kevin Bigstone, Louis A. Cardinal, Victor Gladue, Robin Guild, Brendan Powell, Barry Schmidt, Roy Yellowknee
Against - Everett Gottfried, Darlene Jackson

CARRIED

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

**Request for Additional
Funds for "All Fleet-Vehicles
& Equipment" Capital Budget
To Purchase a Water**

Truck for Calling Lake: **0119-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that the request for an additional \$263,681.25 for the "All Fleet-Vehicles & Equipment" capital budget is approved for the purchase of a 2020 Peterbilt 348 water truck with a 100-barrel potable water tank for Calling Lake to replace unit 354.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Fleet Purchase – Water
Truck for Wabasca:**

0120-2021-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to purchase a 2020 Peterbilt 348 water truck with 100-barrel potable water tank for Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tender Opening –
2021 Paving Projects for
Red Earth Creek:**

0121-2021-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Tender Opening of bids for the 2021 Paving Projects for Wabasca and Red Earth Creek are opened at 1:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0122-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt to that administration is authorized to award the 2021 Wabasca and Red Earth Creek Paving project to the lowest qualified bidder and awarded the contract to Knelsen Sand and Gravel at a cost of \$1,562,147.26.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tender Opening –
National Safety Codes
(NSC) 1-Year Contract:**

0123-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Tender Opening of bids for the National Safety Codes (NSC) 1-year contract are opened at 1:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0124-2021-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that administration is authorized to award the National Safety Codes (NSC) contract for one-year to Kisikaw Contracting at a cost of \$10,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Fireguard Maintenance
Plans for Wabasca and
Red Earth Creek:**

0125-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that fireguard maintenance plans for Wabasca and Red Earth Creek are approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table:

0126-2021-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0127-2021-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0128-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Red Earth Creek Recreation and Economic Development Committee can have a meeting at the Back Lakes Arena boardroom in Red Earth Creek on March 2, 2021 provided they follow the covid-19 provincial guidelines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0129-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0130-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt to go into a closed session at 2:15 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0131-2021-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook to go out of the closed session at 2:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
March 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Town Hall

Delegation Council Meeting
March 24, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Town Hall

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Adjournment:

0132-2021-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer