

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CALLING LAKE
NOVEMBER 27, 2019

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the Calling Lake Fire Hall in Calling Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) Robin Guild
Darlene Jackson Louis A. Cardinal
Kevin Bigstone (10:08 am) Barry Schmidt
Roy Yellowknee Leo Alook
Victor Gladue Brendan Powell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Everett Gottfried

IN ATTENDANCE: William Kostiw Chief Administrative Officer
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
Terah Yellowknee Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Reeve, Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: 0895-2019-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:

- 8.l SDAB – Letter of Interest
- 8.o Wabasca Victim Services
- 8.p Emergency Seniors Home Repair
- 8.q Doctors
- 8.r Management Evaluations
- 8.s United Progressive Conservatives – Annual Conference
- 10.a Lodge Requisition Payments to Greater North Foundation and Lesser Slave Lake Regional Housing Authority
- 11.a Highway – Maintenance (Discussion)
- 11.b Peerless Trout First Nation – All Access Road (Discussion)
- 16.a Additional Information / Correspondence
- 16.b Updated January Calendars

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes
(November 6, 2019):** 0896-2019-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the Minutes of the November 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**F.15 Cellular Telephone
Usage Policy:** 0897-2019-17MDC
Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Cellular Telephone Usage Policy is adopted as presented and is effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**F.16 Corporate Credit Card
Policy:** 0898-2019-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the Corporate Credit Card Policy is adopted as presented with amendment and is effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MA. 

**P.1 Personnel Policy
Amendments:**

0899-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the P.1 Personnel Policy Amendments presented is referred to the next Policy Committee Meeting for further review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Linear Property Taxes: 0900-2019-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to forward the letter drafted by Brownlee LLP to Minister of Municipal Affairs and to include "double check with Lynda"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Alberta Forestry &
Agriculture:**

0901-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Council accepts the response from Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister, Agriculture & Forestry as presented and is referred back to administration with direction for follow up.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ATOSKE Action Group –
Request for Annual
Funding:**

0902-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Motion 0216-2017-17MDC recorded at the Regular Meeting on May 10, 2017 to commit \$40,000 annually to ATOSKE Action Group starting in 2018 is honoured.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emerging Trends:

0903-2019-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Emerging Trends Seminars scheduled in February 2020 is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TC Energy:

0904-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to arrange meetings with TC Energy and Canadian Natural Resources Limited in Calgary in December 2019 be approved.

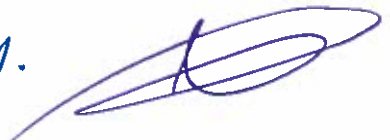
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Town of Slave Lake –
Request to Meet – Working
Together on Future
Opportunities:**

0905-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Reeve and Council are authorized to attend the Joint meeting with Town of Slave Lake, Bigstone Cree Nation, MD Lesser Slave River and Sawridge First Nation in Slave Lake, AB on January 9, 2020 and collaborate on Economic Development opportunities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MA. 

Peerless Trout First Nation –**Letter of Support: 0906-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to engage with Peerless Trout First Nation and draft a Memorandum of Understanding to assist the First Nation with receiving essential water services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kee-Tas-Kee-Now Tribal**Council – Letter of****Support:****0907-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Municipal District of Opportunity supports the Kee-Tas-Kee-Now's Request for Proposal – S10 Deciduous Timber Allocation drafted letter of support with amendments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council's Boards & Committees –**Subdivision and Development****Appeal Board****Appointments:****0908-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that Erich Twardzik and Ernie Grach for Wabasca and Doug Fisher and Dollie Anderson for Red Earth Creek and Mari-Agnes Cardinal for Calling Lake are appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a term of one year effective November 27, 2019 to October 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council's Boards & Committees –**Red Earth Creek Recreation****and Economic Development****Committee:****0909-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Louise Benson is appointed to serve on the Red Earth Creek Recreation and Economic Development Committee for a term of one year effective November 27, 2019 to October, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council's Boards & Committees –**Sandy Lake Recreation and****Economic Development****Committee:****0910-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that Jordan Weingarten is appointed to serve on the Sandy Lake Recreation and Economic Development Committee for the term of one year effective November 27, 2019 to October, 2020 and that administration advertise for two week's seeking 4 members at large be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca Victim**Services:****0911-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to release the first quarterly payment of \$25,000 to Wabasca Victim Services for the period of January – March 2020 and that administration forward the Wabasca Victim Services Board is advised of current MD representation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M.A. 

Emergency Senior Home Repair:**0912-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that an interim budget of \$100,000 for emergency home repair for the period of December 1, 2019 to February 29, 2019 and that an Emergency Home Repair Policy is drafted and forwarded to the next Policy Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Physician's Verbal Update:

Chief Administrative Officer William Kostiw informed Council that a woman doctor recently signed the Medical Services Agreement and is scheduled to commence work soon. The community requests for a woman doctor as 60% of patients are female and 90% of locals would prefer a woman doctor. Discussions on maybe offering that the doctors to offer their services and commute to Calling Lake or Red Earth weekly may assist with the level of service to rate payers.

0913-2019-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Physician's Verbal update by Chief Administrative Officer is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Management Evaluations:**0914-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that Nolan Crouse of Crouse Developments is invited to the next Regular Council meeting to present the completed Management Evaluations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

United Progressive Conservative Party – Annual General Meeting:

The United Progressive Conservative party is hosting their Annual General Meeting on the weekend (November 29 – December 1, 2019) in Calgary. Administration would like to encourage Council members to attend, this would benefit the MD by meeting with the higher government leaders to lobby and communicate our concerns for projects in our region. The MD can only reimburse accommodations and mileage as per MGA, and that the registration fees are solely responsible to the elected officials attending.

0915-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the United Progressive Conservative Party – Annual General Meeting discussion is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

Peerless Trout First Nation**- Winter Road Access: 0916-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that at the next scheduled joint meeting with Peerless Trout First Nation that the "Winter Road Access" is added to the agenda for discussion be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Highways – Discussion: The maintenance of Highway 813 is retained by Emcon and the same with Highway 754 and there is concern that the maintenance is poor for our region. Both highways when leaving the community are poorly maintained, and where the boundary ends and the neighbouring counties maintenance from the boundary is excellent. Also, with all the logging activity and the traffic on highway 813, province should consider having passing lanes, its tough to get ahead of a logging trucks in the hills of highway 813 near Rock Island.

m.A. 

0917-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that a formal letter addressing the maintenance of 754 and 813, adding passing lane to 813 and fixing the section of broken highway on Highway 813 is forwarded to the Minister of Transportation be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Security –
Discussion:**

Conversations between Bigstone Cree Nation and MD of Opportunity about the MD Security also monitoring the reserve in Calling Lake. Also, it is difficult to recognize the security vehicle as they are not clearly marked and some residents cannot distinguish whether or not the units driving are possible thieves or the MD completing their patrol rounds.

Also discussed at the recent joint BCN and MD meeting was the possibility of opening an Addictions Treatment Centre in the Community of Calling Lake. The option of the MD and BCN to invest in completing a Feasibility Study to see if the centre would be beneficial to the community.

0918-2019-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that a Services Agreement is drafted between the MD and Bigstone Cree Nation for the community of Calling Lake regarding Security and the sharing costs of full time position(s).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca Volleyball Tournament

Sponsorship:

0919-2019-17MDC

*Amended Dec. 11 / 19
M.A.*

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Tyrone Gullion for financial assistance in the amount of ~~\$1000.00~~ **1500.00** for a volleyball tournament be approved for a volleyball tournament that is to be held on February 15-16, 2020 in Wabasca, AB.

CARRIED

Wabasca Cross Country

Ski Club Request:

0920-2019-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the funding request from the Wabasca Cross Country Ski Club for financial assistance in the amount of \$1500 be approved to promote the winter activities in the ski club for the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

St. Martin's Parish

Donation:

0921-2019-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the donation request received from St. Martin's Parish for \$1000 Golf Course merchandise package and waive the rental fee for the Wabasca Community Hall on November 27, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Food Bank Donations:

0922-2019-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that the following organizations be approved for food bank donations:

Wabasca Food Bank - \$ 5000

Athabasca Santa's Anonymous - \$ 3000

Red Earth Creek Food Bank (Fire Department) - \$ 3000

Pelican Mountain School Council - \$ 1500

and all are funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16 – Grants to Individuals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M.A. 

Delegation:
1:06 p.m.

Jeff Nichol & Tyler Patters – Lane Quinn Benefit Consultants
Round Table Introductions

The delegates were in attendance to discuss options of switching carriers for benefits. Lane Quinn are the MD's Benefit Consultants and were requested to go to market to see if there are carriers whose rates are lower than the current carrier, Industrial Alliance. Jeff Nichol came back with options of RMA, RMA with NIHB, Sunlife and Industrial Alliance. Council asked about the option of Health Spending Accounts, the level of service for all carriers. The reasoning for the increase for many of our benefits is the increase in short/long term cases and the cost of medications are the main factors of the 29.39% increase with Industrial Alliance. If the MD chooses to switch carriers then Lane Quinn will need to get the wheels turning with informing staff of changes, enrolments of new carrier and terminations with the old carrier.

Council thanked the delegates for their presentation and information.

Delegates left the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

0923-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD will change benefit carriers from Industrial Alliance to RMA with NIHB (Rural Municipalities of Alberta with Non Insured Health Benefits) and to have the new benefit carrier effective February 1, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0924-2019-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0925-2019-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0926-2019-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook to go into a closed session at 2:10 p.m. with the CAO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0927-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to come out of the closed session at 2:23 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


0928-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Legal and Labour discussions in session are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
December 11, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Eagle Point Clubhouse



Regular Council Meeting
January 8, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Eagle Point Clubhouse

Adjournment:

0929-2019-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer