

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 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 Louis A. Cardinal
Roy Yellowknee Robin Guild
Barry Schmidt

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| IN ATTENDANCE: | Chad Tullis | Chief Administrative Officer |
| | Terah Yellowknee | Recording Secretary |
| | Lynda Gray | Recording Secretary |

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

Adoption of Agenda: 0961-2020-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:

- 8.c Council Procedural Bylaw
- 8.d Calling Lake Food Bank
- 9.a Property Tax Assessment Changes
- 13.b Red Earth Community Engaged in Student Services Letter
- 14.e Santa's Anonymous Wabasca
- 14.f Sandy Lake Hall Rental
- 14.g Sandy Lake Public Skate
- 17.b Industrial Subdivision

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes
(October 14, 2020):** **0962-2020-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the October 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes
(October 19, 2020):** 0963-2020-17MDC
Moved by Victor Gladue that the Minutes of the October 19, 2020
Organizational Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes
(October 21, 2020):** 0964-2020-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Recreation & Economic
Development
Committees:**

0965-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Louise Benson and Linda Minault are appointed to the Red Earth Creek Recreation & Economic Development Committee and Jason Wiks is appointed to Calling Lake Recreation & Economic Development Committee and administration contact current members to extend term from October 28, 2020 to October 2021 and administration seek information in pursuing a Chamber of Commerce for Wabasca be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Cheque Signing and MD
Corporate Mastercard:**

0966-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Terah Yellowknee is replaced as an authorized cheque signer including the cancellation of the Corporate Mastercard and that Lynda Gray is an authorized cheque signer including a Corporate Mastercard to be issued with a limit of \$25,000 and that Angela Lightning, Director of Recreation & Culture is issued a Corporate Mastercard with a limit of \$5000 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Procedural
Bylaw:**

0967-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that once the final draft of the Council Procedural Bylaw is completed, it is to be forwarded to Brownlee for final recommendations be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Food
Bank:**

0968-2020-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration contact Bigstone Cree Nation administration to discuss a joint venture of supplying food hampers to assist those in self-isolation in Calling Lake and serve residents off and on reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Property Tax Assessment
Changes:**

0969-2020-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Property Tax Assessment is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:
10:45 a.m.**

**Jimmy Yuill – Industrial Developments
Round Table Introductions**

The delegate was in attendance to discuss with Council the Industrial Developments on Airport Road. The request that Jimmy proposed to Council is that the lots in the Industrial area that are already subdivided and serviced, that the properties are assessed as "Raw Land" and not as "Vacant" property. Jimmy has completed phase one and with the cost of completing phase two, is looking for a grant or assistance with these properties.

Council thanked the delegate for his presentation and left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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Delegation:
11:05 a.m.

Paul Pallot, Property Owner
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to discuss with Council his property that is listed on the Tax Sale and also how difficult it is to compete with the MD when services are provided to residents at no charge. Paul also would like his property be removed from the listing and commence a payment plan, as this is not an option for vacant lots. Paul also would like the MD consider lobbying with Surface Rights Board to assist with properties associated with abandoned wells. He also suggested that the MD look at an industrial weigh scale for the Wabasca landfill.

Council thanked the delegate for his presentation to Council and left the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Delegation:
11:25 am

Aaron Sorenson and Kathleen McDermott, Whistler Press
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to propose to Council the rebirth of Whistler Press. Aaron had originated the Whistler Paper that was distributed to all the communities in the MD district; this would now be available as he would employ Kathleen McDermott to get the stories and a gentleman in Edmonton to publish it. With redistributing this to all communities and how our local reporter could capture these positive stories.

Council thanked the delegates for their presentation to Council and left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Delegation:
11:50 am

Lorraine Cardinal, Iskwew Ohteh
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to present her report to Council in regards to the Addictions Counselling programming she does in Calling Lake. She does assessments, refers clients to programs and also advocates for them when necessary. She helps and assists the participants. Participants do projects when they do sharing circles.

She identified a strong need for addictions counselling. She mentioned that it would be good to have a budget for an admin assistant to assist with services provided, budget for materials and for campouts. Office space would be good too.

She would like to have workshops for women and have AA & NAA meetings in the community.

Her next step is to get a non-profit society established for elders.

Council thanked the delegate for her presentation to Council and left the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

**Addition of Funds –
COVID-19 Emergency
Budget:**

0970-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the COVID-19 operating budget is increased an additional \$300,000 and is funded from general revenue be approved with a total budget of \$1,300,000 for COVID-19 Pandemic Response for 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Amendment to the Wolf
Reduction Incentive
Program Policy:**

0971-2020-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the amendment to the Wolf Reduction Incentive Program Policy is accepted as presented and is effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Family Community
Support Services (FCSS)
Community Foundations
Grant GL Budget
Allocations:**

0972-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the grant amount of \$34,549.63 received from Community Foundations is allocated to the following GL Codes:

GL – 2-51-00-31-511-00 – Supplies
GL – 2-51-00-31-221-00 – Advertising

be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Food Bank Donations:

0973-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to disburse funds from the Community Events Grant budget in the amounts to the following agencies:

Wabasca Food Bank - \$5000
Calling Lake Food Bank - \$3000
Red Earth Creek RECESS Society Food Bank - \$3000

all funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16 and that the surplus of food in Wabasca, Red Earth and Calling Lake are donated to the respective food banks be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Santa's Anonymous
Request:**

0974-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the following organizations be approved for Santa's Anonymous donations:

Red Earth Creek Fire Department \$3,000
Calling Lake (Athabasca Metis) \$3,000
Wabasca Lions Club \$5,000
Pelican Mountain School \$1,500

and that the Wabasca Lions Club are authorized to use Eagle Point Golf Course banquet room.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Addictions –
Additional Resources
Request:**

0975-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that administration is authorized to have a budget to include the renewal of Lorraine Cardinal's contract, support a casual admin position, honorariums for ceremonies, supplies and materials budget for doing projects, cleaning supplies and funding for campouts be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Sandy Lake Hall Refund: 0976-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request received from Hilary Wapahoo to refund the Sandy Lake Hall rental fee of \$200 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sandy Lake Public Skate:**0977-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Sandy Lake Public Skate is allocated from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. every Sunday at the Marion Wolitski arena for the 2020-2021 season be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table:**0978-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:****0979-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0980-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the calendars are accepted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:**0981-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook to go into a closed session at 2:47 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0982-2020-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt to go out of the closed session at 3:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
November 19, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

1st Interim Budget Meeting
November 20, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers



Adjournment:

0983-2020-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer