

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

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The Virtual Town Hall regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Wabasca Council Chambers in Wabasca.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)                      Everett Gottfried (D/Reeve)  
Leo Alook    Roy Yellowknee  
Victor Gladue    Brendan Powell  
Darlene Jackson    Robin Guild  
Barry Schmidt    Kevin Bigstone

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Louis A. Cardinal

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Tullis    Chief Administrative Officer  
Trina Mineault    Chief Financial Officer  
Gerhard Stickling    Director of Corporate Services  
William Auger    Director of Regulatory Services  
Simon Cardinal    Director of Utilities  
Cynthia Taron    Director of Transportation and Public Works  
Angela Lightning    Director of Recreation & Culture  
Katelyn Alook    Manager of Planning & Development  
Rolanna Auger    Manager of Safety, Bylaw Enforcement and Security  
Lynda Gray    Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Lori Noel    Whistler Press  
Bruce Thomas    The Fever

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** **0075-2021-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:

- 8b. Bylaw 2021-02 Temporary Curfew
- 8c. Policy Committee Referral
- 11b. MD Facebook Page

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes (January 27, 2021):** **0076-2021-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Delegation Council meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:** Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO monthly report.

**0077-2021-17MDC**  
Moved by Victor Gladue that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Delegation:  
10:33 a.m.**

**Pat Rehn – Independent Member**  
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to offer his assistance with requests the MD has that he could work on to help push through.

Council's first priority is funding for Keekenow Senior Facility, second is STIP funding for paving projects and third is doctor retention.

Council also addressed the following requests and concerns: recognition as a specialized municipality, transfer of land and assets – Chipewyan Lake to Bigstone Cree Nation, Peerless Lake and Trout Lake to Peerless Trout First Nation, opening of North Wabasca Lake for fishing, dialysis machine, Alberta Job Corp, highway 686, Red Earth Creek school construction, and the potential railway corridor.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance.  
Delegate left at 10:54 a.m.

**Adopt Bylaw 2021-02:  
COVID-19 Temporary  
Curfew:**

Being a Bylaw of the M. D. of Opportunity to impose a temporary curfew to limit the spread of COVID-19.

**0078-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2021-02.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0079-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2021-02.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0080-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to give UNANIMOUS READING to Bylaw 2021-02.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0081-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2021-02.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Policy Committee  
Referral Discussion:**

**0082-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to draft a bylaw Assigning Assessment Classes to Property dividing class 1 – residential into sub-classes and present it to the policy committee meeting on March 9, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tender Opening –  
Peerless Lake FFP-20-42  
FireSmart:**

**0083-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Tender Opening of bids for the Peerless Lake FFP-20-42 FireSmart project are opened at 11:04 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**0084-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that administration is authorized to award the Peerless Lake FFP-20-42 FireSmart tender to the local lowest qualified bidder and awarded contract to Misty Matthais Trucking Ltd. at a cost of \$6,700 per hectare.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tender Opening –  
Trout Lake FFP-20-44  
FireSmart:**

**0085-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Tender Opening of bids for the Trout Lake FFP-20-44 FireSmart project are opened at 11:09 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0086-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that administration is authorized to award the Trout Lake FFP-20-44 FireSmart tender to the local lowest qualified bidder and awarded contract to Misty Matthais Trucking Ltd. at a cost of \$6,700 per hectare.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tender Opening –  
Red Earth Creek  
FFP-20-43 FireSmart:**

**0087-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Tender Opening of bids for the Red Earth Creek FFP-20-43 FireSmart project are opened at 11:13 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0088-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to award the Red Earth Creek FFP-20-43 FireSmart tender to the local lowest qualified bidder and awarded contract to Waymor Construction at a cost of \$6,200 per hectare.

CARRIED

**Recreation & Culture  
Services:**

Director of Recreation & Culture Services, Angela Lightning presented the Recreation & Culture Report and Request for Decision (RFD's).

**0089-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:42 p.m.

**Red Earth Creek New  
Community Hall Process  
Suggestion:**

**0090-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to proceed with the Design Build Construction/pre-qualified contractor process for the Red Earth Creek new community hall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Family Community Support  
Services (FCSS) Wabasca  
Desmarais Children's  
Playschool Grant  
Application:**

**0091-2021-17MDC TABLED**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the grant request received from Wabasca Desmarais Children's Playschool for is tabled for more information with the option to potentially lease the Out of School Care building by St Theresa School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mistassiniy School After  
School Sports Grant  
Request:**

**0092-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the grant request received from Mistassiniy School for sporting events is tabled for more information and a detailed description of costs involved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Provincial  
Park Lease Agreement:**

**0093-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to enter into a contract with Alberta Regional Director, Parks Division to assume operations of the Calling Lake Provincial Park and negotiates a 10-year plus 10-year automatic renewal lease at \$1 per year with the contract change in the contract in Schedule B, stating that the province consents to the construction of retention period and include an exit clause and an option to terminate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Minor Hockey  
Arena Ice Fees for  
2020-2021 Season:**

**0094-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to waive the 2020/21 ice rental fees for the Wabasca Minor Hockey Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance monthly report.

**0095-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate Services  
Report:**

Director of Corporate Services, Gerhard Stickling presented the Corporate Services monthly report.

**0096-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Corporate Services report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Transportation and Public Works Report:**

Director of Transportation and Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Transportation and Public Works Report.

**0097-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Transportation and Public Works report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Utilities Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Utilities monthly report.

**0098-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regulatory Services Report:**

Director of Regulatory Services, William Auger presented the Regulatory Services and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0099-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that the Regulatory Services report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New Telus Communications Inc. Tower Red Earth Creek**

**MD17-RE-21-26:**

**0100-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request from Telus Communications Inc. to lease 500 square meters of land for a new tower within NE-14-87-9-W5M at a rate of \$500 annually for 2 years, then at a rate of \$8,000 plus GST for the remainder of the lease is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recorded Vote:**

Councillor Darlene Jackson requested for a recorded vote on the following motion.

**New Telus Communications Inc. Tower Wabasca**

**MD17-WB-21-26:**

**0101-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the request from Telus Communications Inc. to lease 300 square meters of land for a new tower within SE-5-81-25-W4M at a rate of \$500 annually for 2 years, then at a rate of \$8,000 plus GST for the remainder of the lease with an alternative location identified is approved.

In Favor - Leo Alook, Victor Gladue, Robin Guild, Brendan Powell, Barry Schmidt, Roy Yellowknee, Marshall D. Auger, Everett Gottfried, Kevin Bigstone

Against - Darlene Jackson – due to location

CARRIED

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**Roaming Horses:****0102-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request to hire a third party contractor to round up roaming horses in Peerless Lake and Trout Lake is tabled until a cost sharing and repercussion to owner is discussed with Peerless Trout First Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request for Additional  
Funds for the Covid-19  
Emergency Budget:****0103-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the request for additional funds for the Covid-19 Emergency Budget for 2021 is approved for \$50,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mistassiniy School After  
School Sports Grant  
Request:****0104-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the grant request received from Mistassiniy School is approved in the amount of \$3000 for sporting events, pending the removal of restrictions due to Covid-19, with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Agricultural  
Fireguard Survey  
Feedback:****0105-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that based on community feedback, the MD of Opportunity will not pursue the Calling Lake agricultural fire buffer and further to that administration is to seek alternative uses of the 3 million allocated to Calling Lake to FireSmart programs to attempt to safeguard the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:****0106-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/  
Correspondence:****0107-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:****0108-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**. Closed Session:****0109-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to go into a closed session at 4:24 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Regulatory Services, and Manager of Safety, Bylaw Enforcement and Security.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Councillor Departure:** Councillor Leo Alook left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

**0110-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt go out of the closed session at 4:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:** Delegation Council Meeting  
February 24, 2021  
10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Town Hall

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

**Adjournment:**

**0111-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the meeting is adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer