

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
JANUARY 13, 2021

The Virtual Town Hall regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, January 13, 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 (10:15 a.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Louis A. Cardinal

IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Schonken Chief Financial 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
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Lori Noel Whistler Press

Call to Order: Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: **0013-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:

- 4d. Minutes of January 11, 2021 Special Council Meeting
- 8g. Public Access to Zoom Meetings
- 17c.iii T4 Discussion
- 17c.iv Letter to Minister
- 17c.v Letter from Linda Minault
- 17c.vi Staff travel during COVID Pandemic

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes
(December 9, 2020):** **0014-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(December 14, 2020): **0015-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Special Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(January 6, 2021):

0016-2021-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that the Minutes of the January 6, 2021 Special Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(January 11, 2021):

0017-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Special Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Action Item List / Capital
Projects Item List:**

0018-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Action Item and Capital Projects Lists are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

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

0019-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Medical Leave:

0020-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that a two-month leave is approved for Councillor Louis A. Cardinal effective immediately and will be reviewed on March 24, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Atoske Action Group
Funding Request:**

0021-2021-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the funding request received from the Atoske Action Group to fund annually to the organization for \$40,000 is approved for 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reserve Bids for Public
Auction:**

0022-2021-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the appraised values as presented as reserve bids for each property on the public sale of land 2020 listing on January 26, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MLA COMMITTEE:

0023-2021-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried to table the appointment of an MD representative for the proposed MLA committee until the details of the committee are reviewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**PUBLIC ACCESS TO
ZOOM MEETINGS:****0024-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that a zoom link for public access to council meetings is posted on social media and MD website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture
Services:**

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

0025-2021-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report:

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Schonken presented the Finance monthly report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0026-2021-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that the Finance Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ATB Signing Authority
Additions & Deletions:****0027-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that Mark Schonken is replaced as an authorized cheque signer including the cancellation of corporate Mastercard and that Trina Mineault is an authorized cheque signer and that a corporate Mastercard with a limit of \$15,000 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Daycare Billing:**0028-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Wabasca Daycare billing for January 2021 is reduced by fifty percent (50%) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate Services
Report:**

Director of Corporate Services, Gerhard Stickling presented the Corporate Services monthly report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0029-2021-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Transportation and Public
Works Report:**

Director of Transportation and Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Transportation and Public Works Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0030-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Transportation and Public Works Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend Motion:**1020-2020-17MDC:****0031-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to amend motion 1020-2020-17MDC to amend the tipping fee to \$15.00 per cubic meter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Water, Wastewater and
Solid Waste and replace
with Bylaw 2020-19****Water, Wastewater and
Solid Waste:**

A Bylaw authorizes the municipal council to provide for Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Rates to be fixed, maintained and collected.

0032-2021-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2020-19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0033-2021-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2020-19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

Director of Utilities, Simon Cardinal presented the Utilities monthly report.

0034-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt the Utilities Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0035-2021-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that a community engagement occur for the fireguards in Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek and that no future work is done in each area until a community engagement has been held.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regulatory Services
Report:**

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

0036-2021-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Seniors
Complex:****0037-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that administration is authorized to proceed with the 10-unit Calling Lake Seniors Complex project is approved at a cost of \$2,893,622.88 plus contingency and engineering costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 1:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:21 p.m.

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Kevin Bigstone left the meeting at 1:48 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

- Council Round Table:** **0038-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Growing the North Conference:** **0039-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Barry Schmidt that Council are authorized to attend the Growing the North virtual conference scheduled for February 16-18, 2021.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Workshop:** **0040-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Barry Schmidt that Council are authorized to attend the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law virtual workshop on either February 11, 2021 or February 18, 2021.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Peace Regional Victim Services:** **0041-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the request received from Peace Regional Victim Services for financial support for services provided to Red Earth Creek, Peerless Lake and Trout Lake is approved for \$2000 with funds coming from Grants to Individuals/Organizations.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- STARS Request for Funding:** **0042-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the funding request from STARS is accepted as information and a letter is drafted notifying them of the decision.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Information/Correspondence:** **0043-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Calendars:** **0044-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the calendars are accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Closed Session:** **0045-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell to go into a closed session at 2:47 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Regulatory Services and Director of Transportation & Public Works.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



0046-2021-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to go out of the closed session at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0047-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the proposal received from Northern Waste Disposal to re-engage in setting up a sorting station at the Red Earth Creek landfill be approved with a timeline and penalty requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
January 27, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Town Hall

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

Adjournment:

0048-2021-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 4:21 p.m..

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer