

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
NOVEMBER 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Thursday, November 19, 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	Robin Guild
	Barry Schmidt	Roy Yellowknee
	Louis A. Cardinal	

IN ATTENDANCE:	Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
	Mark Schonken	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

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

Adoption of Agenda: **1002-2020-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:

- 8b. Rail Line Corridor Maps
- 8d. Christmas Tree & Christmas Festivities
- 12e. North Road Rebuild Phase 2
- 13b. The New Whistler Press
- 14d. SCARS Donation
- 17a. OML Construction
- 17c.1 COVID – Recreation Facilities
- 17c.2 Chief Financial Officer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Minutes (October 28, 2020): **1003-2020-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the Minutes of the October 28, 2020 Delegation Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(November 4, 2020): **1004-2020-17MDC**
Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Minutes of the November 4, 2020 Special Council Meeting are adopted with corrections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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(November 5, 2020):

1005-2020-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Minutes of the November 5, 2020 Special Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(November 10, 2020):

1006-2020-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Special Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

1007-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried 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 and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

1008-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Highway 686 Rail Line
Corridor Discussion:**

1009-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to draft a letter of support to Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB) supporting the railroad corridor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F6 Grants Policy:

1010-2020-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the F.6 Grants Policy amendments to increase the Senior Citizens Net Household Income thresholds are approved as presented and effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Christmas Tree &
Parade Discussion:**

1011-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to relocate the Christmas tree and have it set up by the log cabin at the tourist booth and that the MD enter a float for the Christmas parade and assist in staging the parade at the MD yard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture
Services:**

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

1012-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Declaration: Councillors Robin Guild and Louis A. Cardinal declared conflict on the following item and left the chambers at 10:49 a.m.

Northland School Division

Request for Lease

Agreement Extension: 1013-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the request from Northland School Division to extend the lease agreement of the Wabasca After-School Care building (2783 Neewatin Drive) from August 31, 2020 to June 30, 2024 with the option to purchase at the end of the term and that utilities are excluded be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Return: Councillors Robin Guild and Louis A. Cardinal returned to the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

**Calling Lake Provincial
Park Operations:**

1014-2020-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to negotiate a contract with the province for the Calling Lake Provincial Park Operations with the option to opt out and bring back to council for final decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report: Chief Financial Officer, Mark Schonken presented the Finance monthly report.

1015-2020-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt 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.

1016-2020-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook 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).

1017-2020-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Transport Road Rebuild
Request for Additional
Funds:**

1018-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request for additional funding for the Transport Road Rebuild project for the amount of \$350,000 is approved with funds coming from General Revenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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NSC Compliance Contract**Work :****1019-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the proposal received from Kisikaw Contracting to ensure the NSC program is in compliance for the external audit in 2021 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Bylaw 2020-14 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.

1020-2020-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**North Road Rebuild
Phase 2 Request for
Additional Funds:**

1021-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the request for additional funding for the North Road Rebuild Phase 2 project for the amount of \$500,000 is approved with funds coming from General Revenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE: The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

1022-2020-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that administration is authorized to develop a water tank cleaning program which will be offered bring back to council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

*Amended
December 9, 2020*

Director of Utilities, Simon Cardinal presented the Utilities monthly report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

1023-2020-17MDC

Moved by **Leo Alook** that the Utilities Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**The New Whistler
Press:**

1024-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the proposal received from the New Whistler Press is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regulatory Services
Report:**

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

1025-2020-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Calling Lake Fireguard
& Timber Salvage:****1026-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Calling Lake Fireguard and Timber Salvage is referred back to administration with direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2020-15: Partial Plans
Cancellation Lots 9 & 10,****Block 2, Plan 1323899:**

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the province of Alberta to cancel part of Subdivision Plan No. 1323899.

1027-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2020-15.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1028-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2020-15.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1029-2020-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to give UNANIMOUS READING to Bylaw 2020-15.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1030-2020-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2020-15.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SCARS Donation:**1031-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request received from Second Chance Animal Rescue Society be approved for \$15,000 with funds coming from Grants to Individuals and Organizations GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

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Round Table:**1032-2020-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peace River School
Division Joint Meeting
Request:****1033-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that Brendan Powell is authorized to attend the Virtual Joint Meeting with Peace River School Division on February 3, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:****1034-2020-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

1035-2020-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

1036-2020-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt to go into a closed session at 1:59 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1037-2020-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to go out of the closed session at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

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

Budget Council Meeting
December 7, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
December 9, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

1038-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the meeting is adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer