

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2019**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Eagle Point Clubhouse.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Louis A. Cardinal (Approved Leave)  
Victor Gladue

**IN ATTENDANCE:** William Kostiw    Chief Administrative Officer  
Aleks Nelson    Chief Financial Officer  
Chad Tullis    Director of Recreation & Culture  
William Auger    Director of Regulatory Services  
Halena Szmata    Director of Housing & Social Programs  
Debbie McCann    Housing Chief Financial Officer/HR  
John Davis    WDHA Contractor  
Lynda Gray    Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** **0724-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:  
  
14 d. Hazardous Waste Bylaw  
14 e. Letter from John Bigstone  
9 i. Capital Projects

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Adoption of Minutes  
(September 18, 2019):** **0725-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the September 18, 2019 Delegation Council Meeting are adopted as presented

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Item List:** **0726-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Action Item List is adopted as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council Committee  
Reports:** **0727-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Leo Alook that the Council Committee Reports are accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**Admin Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, William Kostiw presented the CAO monthly report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0728-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the CAO Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Aerial Inspections:****0729-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to organize helicopter tours for aerial inspections of our municipality scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Globe 2020 Forum – The Leadership Summit for Sustainable Business:****0730-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that Everett Gottfried, Robin Guild, Darlene Jackson, Brendan Powell, Victor Gladue, Kevin Bigstone and the CAO are authorized to attend the Globe 2020 Forum – The Leadership Summit for Sustainable Business scheduled for February 10-13, 2020 in Vancouver, BC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Workshop :****0731-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Council proceed with workshop to discuss CAO evaluation, level of service and special municipal status is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Alberta Counsel:****0732-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to pay for contract services with Alberta Counsel for July, August and September 2019 and that the MD continue services with Alberta Counsel until December 31, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Athabasca Watershed Council – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala:****0733-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to sponsor the three hundred dollar (\$300.00) Brook (Bronze) package for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for the Athabasca Watershed Council on November 23, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Urban Rez Cultural Society:****0734-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the financial request received from Urban Rez Cultural Society is approved for the amount of \$5000.00 to support the "Renewing of our Spirit" youth conference.

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**0735-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to draft a letter of support to Urban Rez Cultural Society for "Renewing Our Spirit" conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Property Assessed Clean  
Energy (PACE)  
Financing:**

**0736-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the MD of Opportunity continues to support the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing Program and that letter of support is forwarded to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Greater North  
Foundation Invitation:**

**0737-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to send Councillors that want to attend the Greater North Foundation meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019 in Grassland is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Capital Projects  
Discussion:**

An update on capital projects will be presented at the October 22, 2019 Delegation Council Meeting.

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Aleks Nelson presented the Finance monthly report.

**0738-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Finance Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Shallow Gas Producers  
- Tax Cancellation:**

**0739-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the request from Minister Kaycee Madu to cancel property taxes for roll number 305602 for \$110.06 and roll number 305403 for \$108.46 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

**Housing & Social  
Programs Report:**

Director of Housing and Social Programs, Halena Szmata presented the Housing and Social Programs monthly report.

**0740-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Housing and Social Programs Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Naming of the Wabasca**

**Long Term Care Facility: 0741-2019-17MDC**

As Amended on  
Oct. 22, 2019

MA. Moved by Darlene Jackson that the naming of the Wabasca Long Term Care Facility is "~~Kekenow~~ **Keekenow** Senior Facility".  
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Resident Beds for  
Wabasca Long Term  
Care Facility:**

**0742-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to purchase 56 beds and 1 palliative care bed for the Long Term Care Facility that meet current standards is approved for a cost of \$173,000.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Operational Functions  
for WDHA:**

*As Amended  
Oct. 22, 2019* *MA.*

**0743-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that administration is authorized to work with Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA) to establish a contract for the provision of operational functions *MA.* for **Municipal District Housing Corporation.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Transportation and Public  
Works Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, William Kostiw presented the Transportation and Public Works Report.

**0744-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Transportation and Public Works Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Utilities Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, William Kostiw presented the Utilities Report.

**0745-2019-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regulatory Services  
Report:**

Director of Regulatory Services, William Auger presented the Regulatory Services Report.

**0746-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Regulatory report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Sailing Club  
Calling Lake Lease Renewal  
MDOPP-2011-16-CL:**

**0747-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the request received from the Calling Lake Sailing Club to renew lease MDOPP-2011-16-CL is referred back to administration with further direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Chance Animal  
Rescue Society  
Donation:**

**0748-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the request received from administration to donate \$1500 to Second Chance Animal Rescue Society is approved with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16 Grants to Individuals and Organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Hazardous Waste:****0749-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to follow up on the proper bylaw or enforcement on hazardous waste within hamlet boundaries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Letter from John  
Bigstone:**

*As Amended on  
Oct. 22, 2019*

**0750-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to contact John Bigstone to apply for a development permit for the building located on 710 Mistassini Road South.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture  
Services:**

Director of Recreation & Culture, Chad Tullis, presented the Recreation & Culture Report and Request for Decision's (RFD).

**0751-2019-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Facility Rental Fee Waiver****- Marion Wolitiski Arena: 0752-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the request from the Sandy Lake Youth Department to waive the facility rental fee for the Marion Wolitski Arena on Sundays from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. is approved for the 2019-2020 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Playground PlayShare  
Swing Set:****0753-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from administration to purchase two (2) PlayShare Swing Sets, one to be installed at the George Stoll Park in Wabasca and one at the Splash Park in Red Earth Creek is approved with funds coming out of the 2020 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Memorial Dinner:****0754-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the donation request from Betty Auger is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Declaration:**

Councillor Leo Alook declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 2:57 p.m.

**Loonskin Summer  
Camp Society:****0755-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request received from Loonskin Summer Camp Society for \$2500 to help with campground repairs is approved with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-04-770-00 Recreation Grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:**

Councillor Leo Alook returned to the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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- Daycare Report:** Chief Administrative Officer, William Kostiw, presented the Daycare report.
- 0756-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that the Daycare Report presented by the CAO is accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Closed Session:** **0757-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell to go into a closed session at 3:02 p.m. with the CAO, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Recreation & Culture and recording secretary.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 0758-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Leo Alook to go out of the closed session at 3:18 p.m.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 0759-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the minutes of the September 23, 2019 MD17 and Bigstone Cree Nation meeting are accepted as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 0760-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the minutes of the September 30, 2019 MD17 and Canadian Natural Resources Limited meeting are accepted as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Council Departure:** Deputy Reeve Everett Gottfried left the meeting at 3:19 p.m.
- Information/  
Correspondence:** **0761-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Leo Alook that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Calendars:** **0762-2019-17MDC**  
Moved by Barry Schmidt that the calendars are accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Next Meeting Dates:** Organizational Meeting  
October 21, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Eagle Point Clubhouse
- Delegation Council Meeting  
October 22, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Eagle Point Clubhouse



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**Adjournment:**

**0763-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the meeting is adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer

