

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**APRIL 10, 2019**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Everett Gottfried (D/Reeve)      Robin Guild  
Leo Alook      Kevin Bigstone  
Victor Gladue      Brendan Powell  
Louis A. Cardinal      Barry Schmidt  
Darlene Jackson (10:09 a.m)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)      Roy Yellowknee

**IN ATTENDANCE:** William Kostiw      Chief Administrative Officer  
Deb Welsh      Director of Finance  
Cynthia Taron      Director of Transportation & Public Works  
Kimball Newberry      Manager of Fleet & Solid Waste  
Simon Cardinal      Director of Utilities  
Chad Tullis      Director of Recreation & Culture  
Halena Szmata      Director of Housing & Social Programs  
William Auger      Director of Regulatory Services  
Katelyn Alook      Manager of Lands & Planning  
Lynda Gray      Recording Secretary  
Terah Yellowknee      Recording Secretary

Opening Prayer – Victor Gladue

A moment of silence was addressed in memory of Councillor, Roy Yellowknee's son.

**Call to Order:** Everett Gottfried called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** 0212-2019-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted as with the following additions:

- 5.c Delegation – Pat Rehn, United Conservative Party
- 9.a Finance Monthly Report
- 9.b Reserve Transfers
- 9.c Worker's Compensation Coverage
- 14.e Wolf Regulation Incentive Program (new) Regulatory Services Policy RS.1
- 18.c Personnel

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes (March 27, 2019):**

0213-2019-17MDC  
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Delegation Council Meeting are adopted with the following correction:

0211-2019-17MDC – Insert "Leo Alook" after "by"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Action Item List:**

0214-2019-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Action Item list is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Council Committee Reports:**

**0215-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Council Committee Reports are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0216-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Red Earth Recreation & Economic Development Committee are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0217-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Minutes of the March 28, 2019 Calling Lake Recreation & Economic Development Committee are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:**

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

**0218-2019-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Daycare:**

**0219-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the MNP Forensic Report Summary for Daycare is accepted as presented, indicating that the Wabasca Daycare is properly operated within Alberta Children's Service Regulations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0220-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to proceed with recommended changes of limiting capacity and removing doors for visibility is approved for the Wabasca Daycare facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bigstone Cree Nation –  
Memorandum of Agreements  
and Understandings:**

**0221-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the draft letter to be presented to Chief and Council of Bigstone Cree Nation is tabled to Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0222-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to engage with David Wynorowski to assist the Municipal District with drafting agreements between the Municipal District and Bigstone Cree Nation in regards to Wabasca Long Term Care Facility and water supply.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegation  
10:43 a.m.

Pat Rehn – United Conservative Party –  
Candidate – Lesser Slave Lake

Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to address to Council the platform of the United Conservative Party that includes Scrapping the Carbon Tax, Building Pipelines, Reduce Red Tape, Protecting Core Services, Defend Industry and Stand up to Trudeau.

Candidate left the chambers at 11:10 a.m.

Housing & Social  
Programs Report:

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

– 0223-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Housing and Social Programs Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Operating Memorandum of  
Understanding with Wabasca  
Desmarais Housing Authority  
and Municipal District Housing  
Corporation:

0224-2019-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Memorandum of Understanding between Municipal District Housing Corporation, Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority and the Municipal District of Opportunity is accepted as presented and effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nurse Call and Wander Guard  
Systems for Wabasca Long  
Term Care:

0225-2019-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that Nurse Call and Wander Guard Systems are purchased with Budney Maintenance Services Ltd. at a cost of \$155,200 is approved and is funded from the Wabasca Long Term Centre Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca Desmarais Housing  
Authority – Organizational  
Chart:

0226-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority Organizational Chart is approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tender Openings:

0227-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Wabasca & Sandy Lake 2019 Paving Program Tenders are opened at 11:40 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0228-2019-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the tender is awarded to the lowest and qualified bidder for Wabasca & Sandy Lake 2019 Paving Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD 17 Main Office –  
Proposed Addition &  
Minor Renovations:**

**0229-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the proposed addition and minor renovations to the main office in Wabasca is tabled to the 2019 Budget Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual RMA Charity  
Golf Tournament:**

**0230-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that a team of (4) Council are authorized to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual RMA Charity Golf Tournament in Whitecourt, Alberta on June 7, 2019 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Municipal Library Board  
“Member at Large”:**

**0231-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that Tobi Leah Moberly is appointed to serve on the Municipal Library Board as MD of Opportunity “members at large” effective April 10, 2019 to October 2022 and to re-advertise for another 3 weeks for 1 Member(s) at Large for the Municipality Library Board and appointment is selected at the May 8, 2019 Regular Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

**0232-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Wabasca & Sandy Lake 2019 Paving Program Tender is awarded to Knelsen Sand & Gravel for a total cost of \$2,941,937.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Finance Report:**

Director of Finance, Deb Welsh presented the Finance Report.

**0233-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Finance Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reserve Transfers:**

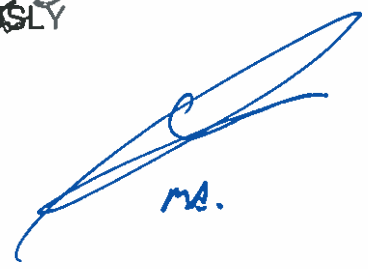
**0234-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to transfer the proposed transfers to and from reserves/surplus for the 2018 year end as per attached schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*As Amended  
April 24, 2019*  


**RESCINDED**

  
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**Worker's Compensation Coverage:**

**0235-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the following procedures are adopted as presented and effective immediately;

- to ensure that companies and individuals working for the municipality provide proof of valid Worker's Compensation Coverage prior to being employed by the municipality;
- to withhold payment to individuals with outstanding WCB premiums and remit them to Worker's Compensation;
- to cover individuals who do not have a valid certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage at the municipality's current rate/\$100 of earnings on their annual return;
- to remove employment of employees who do not ensure the best interest of the municipality in hiring companies and individuals without valid certificates of Worker's Compensation Coverage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Transportation and Public Works Report:**

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

**0236-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Transportation and Public Works Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Hearing 1:15 p.m.  
Bylaw 2019-01 Rezoning  
- Wabasca:**

**0237-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the public hearing for Bylaw 2019-01 go in session at 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as amended.

Public Attendance: NO PUBLIC PRESENT

Announcement: Katelyn Alook, Manager of Lands and Planning, announced the purpose of the Public Hearing is to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as amended.

Introductions: Round Table introductions were held.

Objections to Council Members: The Chairman asked if the public had any objections to Council members present.

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

Hearing Order: Bylaw 2013-14, being the Land Use Bylaw, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows: That inset 11.2.7 A-7: Hamlet of Wabasca and Inset 11.2.10 A-10 Hamlet of Wabasca South is amended by classifying the following lot, which is currently classified as R1D – Residential District, to R3 – Residential District. All of Lot 4, Block 1 of Plan 1920562 containing a total of 0.186 ha (or 0.46 acres) as shown within schedule "a". The area to be classified as R3- Residential District is shown on schedule "a" of this Bylaw.

In Favor of Bylaw: NO PUBLIC PRESENT

In Opposition of Bylaw: NO PUBLIC PRESENT

Fair/Impartial Hearing: The Chairman asked the public if they felt they had a fair and impartial Hearing.

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**Public Hearing Concluded:**

0238-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the public hearing for Bylaw 2019-01 is adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading to Bylaw 2019-01:**

0239-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give Second Reading to Bylaw 2019-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to Bylaw 2019-01:**

0240-2019-18MDC

Moved by Leo Alook to give Third Reading to Bylaw 2019-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Utilities Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, William Kostiw presented the Utilities Report.

0241-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regulatory Services:**

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

0242-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Naming of Red Earth Service Road:**

0243-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the current road in Red Earth Creek known as Highway 88 Service Road will now officially be known as Moore Road-Drive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Alberta Spay Neuter Task Force – Spay and Neuter Clinic:**

0244-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to donate \$8,000 to the Alberta Spay Neuter Task Force from General Revenue to host a Spay and Neuter Clinic in Wabasca on June 7-9, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request from Canadian Natural Resources Limited to Renew Lease HAM 9406002 – Calling Lake:**

0245-2019-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that the request received from Canadian Natural Resources Limited to renew the mineral service Lease HAM 9406002, located in Calling Lake is approved for a term of 25 years, in accordance with the L.1 Land Policy, for an annual fee of \$3,185 plus the \$2000 fee for the first year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wolf Reduction Incentive Program – Regulatory Services Policy R.S. 1**

0246-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Wolf Reduction Incentive Program – Regulatory Services Policy R.S.1 is accepted as presented and effective immediately.

CARRIED

**Recreation and Culture Services:**

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

0247-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2019 Canada Day Events - Wabasca:**

0248-2019-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the 2019 Canada Day Event Schedule for Wabasca is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek Dart League - Year End Banquet:**

0249-2019-17MDC

Moved Brendan Powell the donation request received from Red Earth Creek Dart League for a \$1000 is approved and funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16 Grants to Individuals and Organizations to host a Dart League Year End Banquet & Awards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation 2:13 p.m.**

**Green Space Alliance**

Lucas Sherwin, Green Space Alliance Planner, Dnyanesh Deshpande, Green Space Alliance Principal, Armin Preiksaitis, Pario Plan Principal

**Round Table Introductions**

Delegates were in attendance to update Council with the current Area Structure Plans for all the Hamlets in the Municipality. Green Space informed Council of the municipality’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the communities within the municipality.

Council thanked the delegates for their information.

Delegates left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

**Delegation:  
2:45 p.m.**

**Local Entrepreneurs**

Pat Molloy, Neil Gladue, Robert Zobot, Shawn Molloy, Robert Davis, Troy Phillion, Dennis Auger, Jason Supernault

**Round Table Introductions**

The delegates were in attendance to address to Council the concerns of supporting local businesses.

- The downturn of the Oil Industry has struck the community of Wabasca and the local businesses and contractors are impacted.
- The housing of employees when hiring out of town, when there are currently 30-40 houses on the market.
- There are no local laborers or contractors at current project.

The delegates would like to work together with the municipality and would also like the municipality to support locals by promoting a local first attitude.

Council thanked the delegates for their information.

Delegates left the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Flame of Hope  
Golf Tournament:**

**0250-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that a team of 4 Council are authorized to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Flame of Hope Golf Tournament in Gibbons, Alberta on August 29, 2019 is approved and that a Hole Sponsorship in the amount of \$1000 is included.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/  
Correspondence:**

**0251-2019-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:**

**0252-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:**

**0253-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to go in closed session at 3:38 p.m. with the CAO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Darlene Jackson left the meeting at 4:15 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

**0254-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild to go out of the closed session at 4:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Virginia Hills:**

**0255-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the MD of Opportunity continue legal action with Virginia Hills and tax recovery in General.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Bigstone Cree Nation: – 0256-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the Bigstone Cree Nation negotiations are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peerless Trout First Nation:**

**0257-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Peerless Trout First Nation negotiations are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Canadian Natural Resources Limited:**

**0258-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration seek tax assessment options for negotiation and present to Canadian Natural Resources Limited.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Daycare Report:**

**0259-2019-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Personnel Discussion:**

**0260-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the personnel discussion accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Delegation Meeting  
April 24, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
– Sandy Lake Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting  
May 8, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:**

**0261-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Chief Administrative Officer