

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
EXTENDED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - VIRTUAL TOWN HALL
May 6, 2020

The Virtual Town Hall Special meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Robin Guild
Everett Gottfried (D/Reeve)	Kevin Bigstone
Leo Alook	Brendan Powell
Victor Gladue	Roy Yellowknee
Louis A. Cardinal	Barry Schmidt
Darlene Jackson	

IN ATTENDANCE:

William Kostiw	Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling	Director of Corporate Services
Mark Schonken	Chief Financial Officer
Cynthia Taron	Director of Transportation & Public Works
William Auger	Director of Regulatory Services
Chad Tullis	Director of Recreation & Culture
Halena Szmata	Director of Housing & Social Programs
Simon Cardinal	Director of Utilities
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary
Terah Yellowknee	Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Reconvene: 0386-2020-17MDC
Moved by Victor Gladue that the meeting is reconvened from Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COVID-19 State of Local
Emergency (SOLE) Plan
And Future:**

*As amended
May 7, 2020*

0387-2020-17MDC
Moved by Barry Schmidt that administration is authorized to proceed with following Provincial Guidelines with Covid-19 while maintaining State of Local Emergency (SOLE), curfew hours, road monitoring stations where applicable to allow travel **once a week and isolation is strongly recommended upon return from outside MD boundaries** ~~with isolation upon return as per Alberta Health~~ and recommending no more than two (2) adult vehicle passengers and discourage children unless medical related and encourage local businesses to make wearing masks mandatory.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded Vote: Deputy Reeve Everett Gottfried requested for a recorded vote on the following motion.

0388-2020-17MDC
Moved by Victor Gladue that the residents of MD17 under our State of Local Emergency be allowed to travel for essential services effective Friday, May 8, 2020 be approved.

MA.

For: Leo Alook, Louis A. Cardinal, Victor Gladue, Robin Guild, Brendan Powell, Barry Schmidt, Roy Yellowknee
Against: Reeve Marshall D. Auger, Deputy Reeve Everett Gottfried, Kevin Bigstone, Darlene Jackson

CARRIED

MD17 Organizational Chart:

0389-2020-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that administration is authorized to prepare a revised organizational chart to reflect downsizing for Council perusal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Temporary Staff Layoff or Salary Reduction for Non-Essential Staff:

0390-2020-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that administration is authorized to retrench (E.I.) all non-essential staff temporarily/permanently and MD will pay their benefits for two months after separation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergency Pay for Key Personnel and Danger Pay for Physicians:

0391-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to cease the COVID-19 emergency pay for key personnel and danger pay for physicians effective after the May 9, 2020 pay period.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MD Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Facilities:

0392-2020-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the outdoor recreational facilities (parks, playgrounds, municipal campgrounds and Eagle Point golf course) open on May 14, 2020 as per stage 1 of Alberta's relaunch strategy, under some restrictions to encourage social distancing and safety of the public; indoor facilities (community halls, pool, arenas, fitness centres, and other recreational facilities) to open under stage 3 of Alberta's relaunch strategy be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

YellowBike Projects Funding:

0393-2020-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to look for provincial and federal funding for YellowBike projects for Calling Lake, Red Earth Creek and Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Peerless Lake Water Treatment Plant Upgrade:

0394-2020-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that administration respond to the request from Alberta Infrastructure and the estimate put forth by MPE Engineering; and that Alberta Infrastructure be requested to approve the project at no cost to MD and MD to exclusively manage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M.A.

Councillor Departure: Councillors Robin Guild and Barry Schmidt left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and did not return for remainder of the meeting.

Sandy Lake Feasibility Study Payment:

0395-2020-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to pay 50% of the Sandy Lake ATCO Gas feasibility study which was carried out to Bigstone Cree Nation the amount \$38,885.00 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects Discussion:

0396-2020-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Capital Projects discussion is accepted as discussed and will be presented to Council at the next regular Council meeting on May 13, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess:

0397-2020-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting recess at 2:04 p.m. and will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer