

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
NOVEMBER 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the Eagle Point Clubhouse in Wabasca, Alberta.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: William Kostiw Chief Administrative Officer
Aleks Nelson Chief Financial Officer
Cynthia Taron Director of Transportation & Public Works
Chad Tullis Director of Recreation & Culture
Halena Szmata Director of Housing & Social Programs
Simon Cardinal Director of Utilities
William Auger Director of Regulatory Services
Tanya Alook Daycare Manager
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
Terah Yellowknee Recording Secretary

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

Adoption of Agenda: 0847-2019-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions:

- 10.b Updated Financial Information
- 11.a Updated Monthly Report
- 14.a Regulatory Services Monthly Report
- 14.b Wabasca Victim Services
- 14.c Request from Canadian Natural Resources Limited to Renew Lease MD17-SL-99-003 in Sandy Lake
- 14.d Calling Lake Security
- 17.a Additional Information/Correspondence
- 18.a OAN Resources
- 18.a Sequoia Resources Corporation – Tax Recovery

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Minutes (October 21, 2019): 0848-2019-17MDC
Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Minutes of the October 21, 2019 Organizational Council Meeting are adopted with the following correction:

Change location of meeting from “Wabasca Council Chambers” to “Eaglepoint Golf Course”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(October 22, 2019): 0849-2019-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Minutes of the October 22, 2019 Delegation Council Meeting are adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MA.

Action Item List:**0850-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Action Item List is adopted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Committee Reports:**0851-2019-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

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

0852-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Funding – 2019 and Ongoing:**0853-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried the full amount of \$954,204 in Municipal Sustainability Initiative Capital Funding for 2019-2020 towards repayment of debt obtained for the purpose of building the Keekenow Senior Facility is tabled to the Budget Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.1 Personnel Policy Amendments:**0854-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the P.1 Personnel Policy amendments be accepted;

- E.2 Normal Hours of Work Field Staff
- H.4.1.b Vacation Leave – Change schedule

and that Schedule A – Code of Ethics – 6. Political Activity is tabled to the November 27, 2019 Delegation Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FireSmart & Grazing Reserve Proposals:**0855-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to fully pursue the grazing reserve and education components of FireSmart funding and set dates to meet with local Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Element Global Solutions:**0856-2019-17MDC**

Moved by Everett Gottfried that administration is authorized to contact Element Global Solutions and extend invitation to Joint Bigstone Cree Nation and MD of Opportunity on November 25, 2019 and include the amount of the feasibility study as an agenda item for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m.A.

**Community Planning
Association of Alberta
(CPAA) 2020 Annual
Conference – Request
For Attendance and
Sponsorship:**

0857-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that Council is authorized to attend the Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) 2020 Annual Conference scheduled for April 27-29, 2020 in Red Deer Alberta; attendees to be determined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peerless Trout First
Nation (PTFN) Meeting:**

0858-2019-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that all of Council accept and attend a meeting with Peerless Trout First Nation in Edmonton, Alberta on November 13, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD of Opportunity
General Assembly:**

0859-2019-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that administration is authorized to host a General Assembly for all staff in Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek with dates to be determined and assembly's to be completed by end of 2019,

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Census:

0860-2019-MD17

Moved by Leo Alook that administration provide options to complete a Municipal Census for 2020 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cell Service on North

East of Wabasca Hamlet: 0861-2019-MD17

Moved by Everett Gottfried that administration provide options to improve the cellular service to the North East portion of Wabasca Hamlet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report:

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

0862-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tax Penalty Bylaw 2012-07
Repeal and Replace with
Bylaw 2019-08:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of imposing penalties on unpaid taxes.

0863-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2019-08.

CARRIED

0864-2019-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2019-08.

CARRIED

m.A.

0865-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried to SEEK UNANIMOUS CONSENT to give third reading to Bylaw 2019-08.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0866-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2019-08.

CARRIED

Employee Benefits Program:

0867-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to collaborate with Jeff Nichol of Lane Quinn to complete a revised Employee Benefit Program and that administration, Reeve and Deputy Reeve finalize with a successful provider be approved.

CARRIED

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

Housing & Social Programs Report:

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

0868-2019-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Housing and Social Programs Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Transportation and Public Works Report:

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

0869-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Transportation and Public Works Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Charter Bus Purchase:

0870-2019-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the request from Wabasca Minor Hockey to purchase a Municipal Charter Bus to Minor Hockey for a monetary fee is referred back to administration for additional information

DEFEATED

Municipal Charter Bus Purchase:

0871-2019-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the request from Wabasca Minor Hockey to purchase a Municipal Charter Bus to Minor Hockey for a monetary fee of 1 (one) dollar and that Wabasca Minor Hockey will register and insure the bus be approved.

CARRIED

Peerless Lake Water Treatment Plant:

0872-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the holding tanks and the propane tanks located at the old Peerless Lake Water Treatment Plant be removed.

CARRIED

MA.

Utilities Report: Director of Utilities, Simon Cardinal presented the Utilities Report.

0873-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regulatory Services Report:

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

0874-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the Regulatory report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca Victim Services:

0875-2019-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the request received from Wabasca Victim Services grant request for \$100,000 to fund their 2020 Program delivery expenses is referred back to administration with direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canadian Natural Resources Limited to Renew Lease MD17-SL-99-003 in Sandy Lake:

0876-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Canadian Natural Resources Limited to renew the mineral surface lease MD17-SL-99-003, located in Sandy Lake, for a term of 25 years, in accordance with the L.1 Land Policy, for an annual fee of \$3167.50, plus the \$2000 fee for the first year be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake Security Discussion:

Concerns about the significant amount of Break & Enter vandalism that occurs in Calling Lake was addressed by cottage residents within the community. The crime wave in Calling Lake is still very high with recent break-ins in one particular area. A resident of one of the homes vandalized expressed that the municipality fails to recognize or address this concern and that there is also a lack of RCMP presence or that his home is repeatedly broken into and because of these repeat break-ins insurance claims are no longer an option for the landowner.

This concern is a community concern and will be addressed to Bigstone Cree Nation Chief & Council at the joint meeting scheduled November 25, 2019. Administration will contact Sweeny or Ramtameel to attempt scheduling a meeting at the Rural Municipalities Association Convention.

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Leo Alook left the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Recreation & Culture Services:

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

0877-2019-17MDC

Moved by Victor Gladue that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m.A.

**Community Education
Committee Donation
Request – Mental Health
First Aid:**

0878-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the donation request received from Community Education Committee to host a Mental Health First Aid Course in Peerless Trout First Nations be approved in the amount of \$1500 and is funded Community Grants GL 2-00-00-31-770-17.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Education
Committee Donation
Request:**

0879-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request received from Community Education Committee to host a Trappers Course in Peerless Trout First Nation be approved as "Special Circumstances" in the amount of \$3000 and funded from half from Cultural Grants GL 2-00-00-03-770-22 (Peerless Lake) and half from GL 2-00-00-04-770-22 (Trout Lake).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Chipewyan Lake School
Donation Request:**

0880-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request received from Chipewyan Lake School is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mistassiniy School
Donation:**

0881-2019-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the donation request received from Mistassiniy School for \$3000 be approved to assist with cost of students travelling to sporting events (tournaments).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Lions Club
Santa's Anonymous
Donation Request:**

0882-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the donation request received from Wabasca Lions Club of \$10,000 to assist with 2019 Santas Anonymous be approved and funded from Grants to Individuals and Organizations GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Youth Volleyball
Team – Donation
Request:**

0883-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the donation request letter received from the Wabasca Youth Volleyball Team for \$1500 be approved to assist with expenses to attend the Battle of the Bands Tournament in Valleyview, Alberta on November 29 – December 1, 2019.

CARRIED

Daycare Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, William Kostiw, presented the Daycare report and Request for Decisions (RFD).

0884-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

md.

**Opportunity Daycare
Christmas Closure:**

0885-2019-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Daycare Facilities will follow the same Christmas holiday schedule as administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0886-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0887-2019-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Departure:

Recording Secretaries, Lynda Gray and Terah Yellowknee left the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Closed Session:

0888-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried to go into a closed session at 4:00 p.m. with the CAO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0889-2019-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal to go out of the closed session at 4:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Legal and Doctor
Recruitments:**

0890-2019-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the legal and doctor's recruitment reports are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Meeting
November 27, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Calling Lake Boardroom

Regular Council Meeting
December 10, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Eagle Point Clubhouse

Adjournment:

0891-2019-17MDC

Moved by Everett Gottfried that the meeting is adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



William Kostiw, Chief Administrative Officer