MINUTES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING -- WABASCA JANUARY 6, 2021

The Virtual Town Hall Special meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)

Everett Gottfried (D/Reeve)

Leo Alook Victor Gladue Barry Schmidt Kevin Bigstone Brendan Powell Robin Guild

Darlene Jackson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roy Yellowknee Louis A. Cardinal

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis William Auger Katelyn Alook Cyndi Taron Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Regulatory Services

Manager of Planning & Development Director of Transportation & Public Works

Lynda Gray Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Adoption of Special

Waiver:

0001-2021-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the adoption of Special Meeting Waiver is accepted

as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Agenda:

0002-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Agenda is adopted with additions:

- Delegation: Alberta Counsel

- Delegation: MLA of Lesser Slave Lake

Covid Update

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegation: 10:09 a.m.

Shayne Saskiw – Alberta Counsel

The delegate was in attendance to address to council that the MLA of Lesser Slave Lake is proposing to set up a "kitchen cabinet" that would cut through red tape to get to the cabinet ministers. If a working committee is set up, meetings would be held frequently which appointed representatives will attend.

He also stated that the Town of Slave Lake is pressuring him to resign and that they are pressuring municipalities to write letters of support. They want to see something positive come out of this negative situation.

Council thanked the delegate for his presentation.

Delegate left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Delegation: 10:26 a.m.

Pat Rehn – MLA for Lesser Slave Lake

The delegate was in attendance to address to council that he is proposing on having more communication by setting up a "kitchen cabinet" and have appointed representatives attend meetings. This committee will meet on a regular basis. It's a clear line to cabinet ministers to fast track requests and get answers quicker.

Pat also apologized for not following travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that the UCP party wants him to serve the rest of the term. They are trying to move quickly as a party and reach out to municipalities in the riding to assure them that he will do a better job.

Council thanked the delegate for his presentation.

Delegate left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

COVID Update:

The numbers are rising climbing in the municipality. Do we need additional measures in place?

The current Covid Pandemic Response Bylaw expires on January 14, 2021. We need to educate our community, explain the rationale about the importance of the measures and regulations currently in place.

Discuss with Bigstone Cree Nation Chief & Council at the January 11, 2021 joint meeting before any decisions are made.

Wabasca Fireguard Phase 2:

0003-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that administration is authorized to extend the Wabasca Fireguard Phase 2 tender submission deadline to January 27, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Red Earth Creek Fireguard Phase 1:

0004-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to offer the Red Earth Creek Fireguard Phase 1 project to Waymor Construction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment:

0005-2021-17MDC

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the meeting is adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer