

**Community Government of Whati**  
Regular Meeting of Council – February 10, 2021  
12:00pm – Whati Council Chambers  
Minutes

Attending: Chief Alfonz Nitsiza                      Councillor Michel Moosenose  
                  Councillor Leo Nitsiza                      Councillor Rasinda Beaverho  
                  Councillor Edzo Nitsiza                      Councillor Alex Nitsiza  
                  Councillor Mike Nitsiza                      Councillor Joseph Moosenose

Phone:        Councillor George Nitsiza –duty travel  
                  Alison Brown – North Slave Regional Superintendent

Staff:         SAO, Lisa Nitsiza  
                  Finance Manager, Pushp Seth  
                  Public Works Superintendent, Dolphus Nitsiza

Delegates:   RCMP Marc Jones

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On Friday June 12, 2020: New Orders by NWT Chief Public Health Officer  
New public health orders:

- Emerging Wisely continued Public Health Response to COVID-19 in the NWT
- Relaxing Phase 2: Indoor gatherings, maximum of 25 with strict physical distancing
- Outdoor gatherings, maximum of 50 with strict physical distancing

Due to frozen pipes to the Administration Building, office was closed on February 8 & 9, 2021, therefore, Council meeting rescheduled to Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza called the meeting to order at 12:23pm, lunch provided at noon.

**01     ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza called for additions/deletions to the Agenda.

Item removed: 7.a Fire Department– John Ritchie, Assistant Fire Marshal MACA

**MOTION #: 2021-007**

Moved by Councillor Joseph Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Michel Moosenose, that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**02     DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

**03     DELEGATIONS & REPORTS:**

a. RCMP Report (Cpl. Marc Jones)  
12:35-12:50pm *During the month of January, responded to 87 calls. Cpl. Jones participated in men's group. Prior to winter road opening Cpl. Jones and*

*Cst. Teed made numerous trips up and down the road to deter snowmobiles and bootlegging. After opening both officers made continued patrols and checked 5 vehicles.*

- b. Public Works Superintendent Report (Dolphus Nitsiza)  
*A written report received for this meeting.*
- c. Recreation Coordinator Report (Doreen Nitsiza)  
*No written report received for this meeting.*
- d. Fire Chief Monthly Report (John Steinwand)  
*No written report received for this meeting.*
- e. Finance Manager Report (Pushp Seth)  
*A written report received for this meeting. Provisional water & sewer budget and Provisional Operation & Maintenance Budget*
- f. SAO Report (Lisa Nitsiza)  
*A written report received for information.*
- g. North Slave Regional Superintendent MACA (Alison Brown)  
MACA update.

#### **04 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. January 11, 2021 Minutes – Regular Meeting of Council

##### **MOTION #: 2021-008**

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Mike Nitsiza, that Council approve the January 11, 2021 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 1:15pm Chief Alfonz Nitsiza calls for a short recess.
- 1:28pm Chief Alfonz Nitsiza called the meeting to order

#### **05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **06 NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion Required – Revisit Land Use Plan Yellowknife February 19 & 20, 2021  
On November 14, 2017 Council accepted the motion for the Amendment to the 2017 Land Use Plan, MOTION # 2017-096. Administration worked with David Boote on the 2017 Land Use Plan revisions. David Boote is no longer available due to retirement. We do have a working agreement with Dillon Consulting in order to work on land development and land use plan. February 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 has been selected to have the Land Use Plan/Community Plan to be

revisited with the assistance of Dillon Consulting Limited to be held at the Explorer Hotel. Accommodations and venue have been booked with the Explorer Hotel for Chief, Councillors and Administration.

**MOTION #: 2021-009**

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Michel Moosenose, that Council approve the Review 2017 Whati Land Use Plan of an estimated budget of \$2,900 per person to attend the workshop with Dillon Consulting Ltd for February 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Yellowknife, NT presented on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

b. Motion Required – Revisit Strategic Plan March 2, 2021 in Whati

On December 13 & 14, 2019, Chief, Council and Administration met with Michael Yakabuski (Training and Development Coordinator, MACA) and Alison Brown (Regional Superintendent North Slave, MACA), who helped coordinate the Strategic Plan Workshop in Yellowknife. We are seeking a day session from 10am-4pm for the review, March 2, 2021 here in Whati.

**MOTION #: 2021-010**

Moved by Councillor Mike Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Leo Nitsiza, that Council approve the review 2019/2024 Strategic Plan Workshop for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 with lunch and snacks to be held at the Council Chamber Room with the assistance of MACA as presented to Council on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

c. Motion Required – Cancel February 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council and Administration will be revisiting the Community of Whati Land Use Plan in which has been amended in 2017 with the assistance of David Boote. Travel dates of Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Therefore, Administration respectfully request that Council cancel February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting due to a working session with Council in Yellowknife February 19 & 20, 2021 in which Administration will not be prepared for a Council Meeting on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

**MOTION #: 2021-011**

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Joseph Moosenose, that Council cancel Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting due to revisiting of the land use plan with Council in Yellowknife from February 19 & 20, 2021 as presented to Council on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**CARRIED**

d. Motion Required – Provisional Water & Sewer Budget 2021-2022

The Community Government of Whati is required by legislation to have a budget in place before each new fiscal year. To meet the objective, Administration has prepared a budget for Council's consideration. We are anticipating a small SURPLUS this year in the Water & Sewer Budget, although relatively minor. The budgeted surplus will be around \$884.

Administration has prepared what we believe is a responsible Provisional Budget and, upon completion of the annual audit and funding sources for the coming year, Administration will be recommending adjustments in the form of an Annual Budget in mid-summer. When Council passes this Provisional Budget today, Administration will have authority to function as at April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 but Council will also have a greater opportunity to determine financial decisions later this year with the Annual Budget when more details are known.

**MOTION #: 2021-012**

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Joseph Moosenose, that Council approve the **2021-2022 PROVISIONAL Water & Sewer Budget** as presented at the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

e. Motion Required – Provisional Operation & Maintenance Budget

As Council is aware the Community Government of Whati is required by legislation to have a budget in place before each new fiscal year beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. To meet this objective, Administration has prepared a PROVISIONAL budget for Council's consideration. Administration has prepared what we believe is a responsible budget and, upon completion of the annual audit and funding sources for the coming year, Administration may be recommending adjustments in the form of an ANNUAL Operation & Maintenance Budget in mid-July. When Council passes this budget today, Administration will have authority to function as at April 1<sup>st</sup>, but Council will still have an opportunity to review and determine further financial decisions later this year with the Annual Budget when more details are known.

**MOTION #: 2021-013**

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, that Council approve the **2021-2022 Provisional Operation & Maintenance Budget** as presented at the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

f. Motion Required – 2020-2021 CPI Contribution Agreement – Amendment # 1

The Community Government of Whati received CPI funds to the tune of \$790,000 from GNWT MACA on June 26, 2020. There were some CPI funding gaps identified by NWTAC. On the recommendation of NWTAC, GNWT-MACA is distributing \$28,000 additional CPI funds to the Community Government of Whati. The only change to the agreements is the amount of funding, all other

reporting and terms and conditions remain same. Therefore, total CPI funding for the year 2020-21 is \$818,000.00

**MOTION #: 2021-014**

Moved by Councillor Joseph Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Mike Nitsiza, that Council approve the amendment to 2020-21 CPI funding agreement as presented at the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. 10th

**CARRIED**

**07 INFORMATION/REQUESTS TO COUNCIL**

**08 COUNCIL CONCERNS**

**09 IN CAMERA SESSION**

**10 NEXT MEETING**

Regular Meeting of Council – March 8, 2021

**11 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #: 2021-015**

**2:05pm**

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, that Council adjourn.

**CARRIED**

Minutes were approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
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Chief Alfonz Nitsiza

  
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Lisa Nitsiza, SAO

*Note: Effective May 2, 2011, Council requested that a copy of the original agenda be attached to the minutes to ensure that all topics were covered or addressed.*

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**Monday, February 8, 2021**  
**(12:00pm - Whatì Council Chamber)**  
**AGENDA**

**01 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**02 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**03 DELEGATIONS & REPORTS:**

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|----|--|-------------------|
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| b. | Public Works Superintendent Report       | (Dolphus Nitsiza) |
| c. | Recreation Coordinator's Report          | (Doreen Nitsiza)  |
| d. | Fire Chief's Monthly Report              | (John Steinwand)  |
| e. | Finance Manager's Report                 | (Pushp Seth)      |
| f. | SAO's Report                             | (Lisa Nitsiza)    |
| g. | North Slave Regional Superintendent MACA | (Alison Brown)    |

**04 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. January 11, 2021 – Regular Meeting of Council

**05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a.

**06 NEW BUSINESS**

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b. Motion Required – Revisit Strategic Plan March 2, 2021 in Whatì  
c. Motion Required – Cancel February 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting  
d. Motion Required – Provisional Water & Sewer Budget 2021-2022  
e. Motion Required – Provisional Operation & Maintenance 2021-2022  
f. Motion Required – CPI 2020-2021 CPI Contribution Agreement – Amendment #1

**07 INFORMATION/REQUESTS TO COUNCIL**

- a. Fire Department – John Ritchie, Assistant Fire Marshal MACA

**08 COUNCIL CONCERNS**

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**09 IN CAMERA SESSION**

- a. *Land, Legal and/or Personnel Matters*

**10 NEXT MEETING – February 22, 2021**

**11 ADJOURNMENT**