

**Community Government of Whati**  
**Regular Meeting of Council – April 19, 2021**  
**10:00am – Whati Council Chambers**  
**Minutes**

Attending: Councillor Mike Nitsiza                      Councillor Rasinda Beaverho  
              Councillor Edzo Nitsiza                     Councillor Alex Nitsiza  
              Councillor Michel Moosenose

Phone: Councillor Leo Nitsiza  
          Councillor Joseph Moosenose  
          Seamus Daly -

Absent: Chief Alfonz Nitsiza -duty travel  
          Councillor George Nitsiza -duty travel

Staff: SAO, Lisa Nitsiza  
          Finance Manager, Pushp Seth

Delegates: RCMP Cpl. Marc Jones  
              Jan Joubert – Mezi School Councilor

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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

Council selects Councillor Mike Nitsiza as Chair, Chief Alfonz Nitsiza -duty travel.

Chair Mike Nitsiza called the meeting to order at 10:24am, breakfast provided.

**01 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Mike Nitsiza called for additions/deletions to the Agenda.

**MOTION #: 2021-027**

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Michel Moosenose, that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**02 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

**03 DELEGATIONS & REPORTS:**

a. RCMP Report (Cpl. Marc Jones)  
*10:27am-10:48am During the month of March, responded to 131 calls. Cpl Jones and Cst. Neal participated in men's group. Cst. Neal has set up a basketball program at the school for youth two days a week. Both officers made*

*patrols and check stops on the winter road and seized and destroyed 6 bottles of liquor and 30 cans of beer.*

11:05am Chair Mike Nitsiza calls for a short recess.

11:13am Chair Mike Nitsiza called the meeting to order

b. Public Works Superintendent Report (Dolphus Nitsiza)

*A written report received for this meeting.*

c. Recreation Coordinator Report (Doreen Nitsiza)

*A written report received for this meeting.*

d. Fire Chief Monthly Report (John Steinwand)

*A written report received for this meeting.*

e. Finance Manager Report (Pushp Seth)

*No written report received for this meeting.*

f. SAO Report (Lisa Nitsiza)

*A written report received for this meeting.*

#### 04 PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. March 22, 2021 Minutes – Regular Meeting of Council

##### **MOTION #: 2021-028**

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Rasinda Beaverho, that Council approve the March 22, 2021 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 06 NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion Required – Contribution Agreement Water & Sewer 2021-2022

On February 10, 2021 Chief and council approved the provisional budget for Water & Sewer by Motion **2021-012**. On April 7, 2021 GNWT MACA sent Community Government of Whati final contribution agreements for FY 2021-22 for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 for Water & Sewer for **\$739,000**.

Please note for 2020-21, previous year W&S funding was \$716,000. There is a slight increase in GNWT MACA Water and Sewer subsidy to the tune of \$23,000 (+3.21%) this year.

##### **MOTION #: 2021-029**

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, that Council supports the Water & Sewer subsidy

funding Contribution Agreement for \$739,000 with Municipal & Community Affairs –for the period April 2021 to March 2022 presented on April 19, 2021 Council meeting and provide authority to the Chief and/or Senior Administrative Officer to enter into this agreement on behalf of the Community Government of Whati.

**CARRIED**

b. Motion Required – Contribution Agreements Operations & Maintenance 2021-2022

On February 10, 2021 Chief & Council approved the provisional budget for O&M by Motion **2021-013**. On April 7, 2021 GNWT MACA sent Community Government of Whati final contribution agreements for 2021-22, for the period April 2021 to March 2022 for Operations and Maintenance for \$ **1,597, 000**.

Please note for 2020-21, previous year O&M funding was also \$ 1,597,000. There is NO CHANGE in O&M funding for 2021-22.

**MOTION #: 2021-030**

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Michel Moosenose, that Council supports the O&M funding Contribution Agreement with Municipal & Community Affairs to the tune of \$1,597,000 for the period April 2021 to March 2022 presented on April 19, 2021 Council meeting and provide authority to the Chief and/or Senior Administrative Officer to enter into this agreement on behalf of the Community Government of Whati.

**CARRIED**

c. Motion Required – Capital Planning Tool 2021-2026

In February and March 2021, Administration presented a series of Provisional Budgets for Councils consideration. The term 'provisional' being that some of the information needed for the budget was not known. We are now aware of what our funding levels are for 2021-22. Also, some capital costs have been recognized that were not available at the time of the provisional budget being presented.

Administration has prepared the capital plan as per GNWT MACA provided capital planning tool. This tool is a living document, which council and administration needs to review periodically to assess the community's infrastructure needs.

S.No.	Project Name	Mode of Financing	Capital Cost	Project Timeline	
				Start	End
2020-01	Lot Development	CPI	250,000	May 2020	Jul 2023
2020-02	Greenup Community	CPI	25,000	Jun 2020	Aug 2021
2020-03	Street lights	CPI	60,000	Aug 2020	Mar 2021
2020-04	Visitor Centre	CPI	250,000	Apr 2020	Oct 2022
2020-05	Day use park in the municipal boundary	CPI	200,000	Apr 2020	Oct 2022
2020-06	Arena and Youth Centre Upgrade	Gas Tax	65,000	Apr 2020	Mar 2023
2020-09 A	Vehicles	CPI	100,000	Nov 2021	Mar 2022
2021-09 B	WTP Emerg Genset & Washroom	25% CPI, 75% - SCF	125,000	Nov 2021	Mar 2022
2020-09 C	BMO Loan and Interest	CPI	770,000	Apr 2021	Sep 2023
2021-01	Fire Department Capital Expenditure	CPI	50,000	Jun 2021	Mar 2023
2021-02	Roads and Street Upgrades	ICIP	2,500,000	Jun 2021	Mar 2023
2021-03	Alarm Systems for CG of Whati facilities and buildings	CPI	115,000	May 2021	Jun 2021
2021-04	Pellet System for Cultural Centre	Gas Tax	250,000	Oct 2021	Mar 2023
2021-05	Cold Storage Building-upgrade to heated parking	CPI	750,000	Jun 2021	Mar 2023
2021-06	Power genset/Generator for Admin Building	CPI	225,000	Sep 2021	Mar 2022
2021-07	ICIP Cultural Camp	ICIP	500,000	Sep 2020	Mar 2022
2021-08	Furniture and fittings/ Technology	CPI	28,000	Apr 2021	Mar 2022
2021-09	Recreation Equipments and ugrades	Gas Tax	25,000	Apr 2021	Mar 2022
2021-10	Solid Waste site cleanup	CPI	80,000	Jun 2021	Mar 2022
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,368,000</b>		

CPI funded projects	2,928,000
Gas Tax funded projects	340,000
SCF funded projects	100,000
ICIP funded projects	3,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,368,000</b>

#### **MOTION #: 2021-031**

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, that Council approve the **2021-22 Annual Five Year Capital Budget** as presented on April 19, 2021 regular council meeting.

**CARRIED**

#### **d. Motion Required – Appoint a Returning Officer for 2021 Election**

According to the Government of the NWT *Local Authorities Elections Act, R.S.N.W.T 1988, c.L-10*, Section 27(1), "A local authority shall appoint a person as returning officer."

Administration is currently advertising for a returning officer and resumes are to be submitted by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4pm then Council appoints the Returning Officer via motion. However, if no resume, administration can seek if a Community Government of Whati employee is willing to be the Returning Officer or the Senior Administrative Officer shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the returning officer by default.

#### **MOTION #: 2021-032**

Moved by Councillor Rasinda Beaverho, Seconded by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, that Council would like to repost the returning officer position for Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 12:00pm, if resumes are submitted by the deadline, Special meeting will be scheduled for

Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 3pm with a 48-hour notice to the public no later than Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. "\_\_\_\_" as the Returning Officer for the 2021 General Election and, further, MACA will arrange for training later in the month in Yellowknife as presented to Council on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**07 INFORMATION/REQUESTS TO COUNCIL**

- a. Permafrost Update – Seamus Daly  
12:55pm-1:16pm Report given to council for information.
  
- b. Art Project – Jan Joubert Mezi Community School Councilor  
11:14am-11:30am Jan presented to council of an art project for the school of seeking a new mural. He was seeking ideas of how to select the artist, therefore council suggested to contact a few local artists and advertise as well.

**08 COUNCIL CONCERNS**

**09 IN CAMERA SESSION**

**10 NEXT MEETING**

Regular Meeting of Council – May 10, 2021

**11 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #: 2021-033**

1:18pm Moved by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Michel Moosenose, that Council adjourns.

**CARRIED**

Minutes were approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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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- a. *Land, Legal and/or Personnel Matters*

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