# **Community Government of Whati**

Regular Meeting of Council – March 03, 2020 7:00pm – Whati Council Chambers Minutes

Attending:

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza @7:54pm

Councillor George Nitsiza Councillor Leo Nitsiza

Councillor Edzo Nitsiza Councillor Mike Nitsiza **Councillor Michel Moosenose** 

Councillor Rasinda Beaverho

Councillor Alex Nitsiza

Councillor Joseph Moosenose

Staff:

SAO, Lisa Nitsiza

Finance Manager, Pushp Seth

Delegates:

**RCMP Cameron Dutz** 

RCMP Bradley Barbour

Council has selected Councillor Leo Nitsiza as Chair until Chief Alfonz Nitsiza returns from Yellowknife, NT. Chair Leo Nitsiza called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza arrives at 7:54pm, Chair Leo Nitsiza steps down from Chair and Chief Alfonz Nitsiza Chairs the Council Meeting.

#### 01 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Items removed: 6.c Motion Required - Strategic Plan Revision 2020-2025

7.a Economic Initiatives - GNWT ITI Brenda McDonald

Item amend:

7.b Joint Council Meeting with CG of Behchoko March 26th to 30th

# **MOTION #: 2020-018**

Moved by Councillor Mike Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor George Nitsiza, that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED** 

#### 02 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

#### 03 DELEGATIONS & REPORTS:

#### a. RCMP Report

(Cpl. Bradley Barbour)

7:17-7:35pm The Whati RCMP Detachment responded to a total of 107 calls for the month of February 2020. Cst. Doucet raised funds to support a community breakfast, which was cooked by Cst. Doucet, Cpl. Barbour, Doreen Nitsiza and Robert Wormald. Cst. Doucet and Cpl. Barbour attended the Heritage Fair and the Mezi Community School. Whati RCMP seized 34 bottles of liquor in 8 separate seizures on the winter road. Additional members for the handgame weekend, scheduled shifts from 9am to 2am in which they will be patrolling the community and winter road.

8:25pm Chair Leo Nitsiza calls for a short recess.
8:45pm Chief Alfonz Nitsiza called the meeting to order.

<u>b.</u> Public Works Foreman Report
 No written report received for this meeting.

(Alfred Nitsiza)

c. Recreation Coordinator Report

A written report received for information.

(Doreen Nitsiza)

d. Fire Chief Monthly Report

A written report received for information.

(John Steinwand)

e. Finance Manager Report

A written report received for information.

(Pushp Seth)

f. SAO ReportReport received for information.

(Lisa Nitsiza)

#### 04 PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. February 17, 2020 Minutes - Regular Meeting of Council

**MOTION #: 2020-019** 

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Mike Nitsiza, that Council approve the February 17, 2020 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**CARRIED** 

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Chief Alfonz Nitsiza calls for a short recess.

10:17pm Chief Alfonz Nitsiza called the meeting to order.

# 05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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#### 06 NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion Required – Provisional Operating & Maintenance Budget 2020-2021 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 1st. To meet this objective, Administration has prepared a PROVISIONAL budget for Council's consideration. Please note, similar to the last six years, Administration is proposing a PROVISIONAL budget so that we can meet the letter of the law, of Council approving a budget allowing operations effective April 1st, however Council also recognizes that not all information can be collected in time for that date.

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 Operating & 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 #: 2020-020**

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Joseph Moosenose, that Council approve the **2020-21 PROVISIONAL Operating & Maintenance Budget** as presented at the March 03, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

<u>b.</u> <u>Motion Required – Provisional Water & Sewer Budget 2020-2021</u>
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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 1st, 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 #: 2020-021**

Moved by Councillor Mike Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Michel Moosenose, that Council approve the **2020-21 PROVISIONAL Water & Sewer Budget** as presented at the March 03, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED** 

- c. Motion Required Strategic Plan Revision 2020-2025 Item has been removed from the agenda.
- d. Motion Required Reschedule April 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to April 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> I have attached to this memo an e-mail from Olivia Lee in regards to Asset Management Introductory Training Round 2 in Yellowknife for the week of April 7-9, 2020 with travel day April 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Therefore, Administration

respectfully requests that Council reschedule April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to either April 15<sup>th</sup> or April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in order for Administration to prepare for a Council Meeting.

#### MOTION #: 2020-022

Moved by Councillor George Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, that Council reschedule Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented on March 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

e. Motion Required – Whati Housing Plan GNWT Janelle Derksen (phone) 7:44pm-8:20pm The Whati Community Government and the NWTHC codeveloped the Whati Housing Plan over a one-year period. The final housing plan document and appendices are now ready for council feedback and adoption. The Whati Community Government Chief and Council and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC) came together in October 2018 to discuss a partnership to develop a Housing Plan for the community of Whati.

The purpose of the Housing Plan is to assess the current housing situation and develop goals and actions to address housing needs and aspirations. The Housing Plan will guide the community leadership in decision-making and future housing investment. The final stage of the housing planning process is to adopt the plan. Once adopted, the NWTHC will work alongside the Whati Community Government and the Tłįcho Government to work towards the goals and actions identified in the plan. It is recommended that Chief and Council adopt the Whati Housing Plan as a planning too! to guide future housing investment.

#### MOTION #: 2020-023

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Joseph Moosenose, that Chief and Council approves the Whati Housing Plan that started in October 2018 with the finalizing of the plan in December 2019, presented to Council on March 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

#### 07 INFORMATION/REQUESTS TO COUNCIL

- a. Economic Initiatives GNWT ITI Brenda McDonald Tlicho Superintendent Item has been removed from the agenda; Brenda was not able to attend meeting.
- b. Motion Required Joint Council Meeting with CG of Behchoko March 30/20 As Council is aware, with so much development happening in the Tłįchǫ Region, it is important for the Council's of Whatì and Behchokǫ to ensure that there is clear information exchange on the progress of these projects. This is especially

important in areas where public safety is involved, such as the Ground Ambulance and Hazardous Response (GAHR) needed for the Tłįchǫ All Season Road. Administration proposes that Behchokǫ again host Whatì Council on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. At that time, we will also arrange for a presentation including:

- TASR Anthony Ondrak of MACA Emergency Services
- TASR Ginger Gibson (Firelight Consulting)
- Whati Community Housing Plan (NWTHC)
- Ec Dev Regional Business Licenses
- Ec Dev ITI & North Arm Park Development
- as well as other topics yet to be confirmed.

#### MOTION #: 2020-024

Moved by Councillor Joseph Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Edzo Nitsiza, that Chief and Council approves the Joint Council Meeting to be held at Community Government of Behchoko on Monday March 30, 2020 presented to Council on March 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED** 

- 08 COUNCIL CONCERNS
- 09 IN CAMERA SESSION
- 10 NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting of Council – April 15, 2020

11 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #: 2020-025

10:52pm

Moved by Councillor George Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Alex

Nitsiza, that Council adjourn.

**CARRIED** 

Minutes were approved this 15 day of April , 2020.

Chief Alfonz Witsiza

Lisa Nitsiza, SAC

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.

# Community Government of Whati Regular Meeting of Council

Tuesday, March 03, 2020 (7:00pm - Whatì Council Chambers) AGENDA

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#### 05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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- b. Motion Required Provisional W & S Budget 2020-2021
- c. Motion Required Strategic Plan Revision 2020-2025
- d. Motion Required Reschedule April 6th Council Meeting to April 15th or 20th
- e. Motion Required Whati Housing Plan

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#### 08 COUNCIL CONCERNS

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#### 09 IN CAMERA SESSION

a. Land, Legal and/or Personnel Matters

- 10 **NEXT MEETING** April 06, 2020
- 11 ADJOURNMENT