

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Robin Guild
Leo Alook	Darlene Jackson
Larry Cardinal	Gerald Johnson
Louis A. Cardinal	Tahirih Wiebe
Cheri Courtorielle (10:57 a.m.)	Roy Yellowknee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Gerhard Stickling	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
Cynthia Taron	Director of Public Works
Katelyn Alook	Manager of Lands & Planning
Rolanna Auger	Manager of Safety & Fire Services
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:**

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

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**0060-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 7e. CL RCMP Townhall
- 7f. Tourism
- 16c. Labour Issue – Staffing
- 7c. Appointment of DEM/Deputy DEM moved to 16c. Closed Session
- 11c. Clinic Contract moved to 16a. Closed Session

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes  
(January 24, 2024):**

**0061-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the January 24, 2024 minutes of the Delegation Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes  
(February 2, 2024):**

**0062-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the February 2, 2024 minutes of the Special Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0063-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wolf Bounty:****0064-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to have the Wolf Bounty in place for the communities of Trout Lake and Peerless Lake, subject to Peerless Trout First Nation consultation, with a \$5,000 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Arrival:**

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle arrived at 10:57 a.m.

**Delegation:  
(11:00 a.m.)**

ROHL Global Network – Keith Foord, Gord Williamson  
Round table introductions

ROHL Global Network was in to present to council information about the fibre distribution to homes. Arrow Technology will approach homeowners to potentially sign up to provide service in the home. There will be a combination of some plowing, trenching and underground boring.

They asked if the community will be expanding because they are putting certain amounts of fibre in the community so they can send enough fibre to those spaces. They will put flower pots or a vault so the home can be serviced at a later date.

The project will start on Tuesday after May long weekend and should be done by October 31<sup>st</sup>. There is no initial cost to a potential customer if they sign up now but it will cost \$4,000 if a customer decides to hook up later.

Council recommended that they have a community engagement to inform the residents in the municipality. They also recommended that they hire a local person to assist them with signing up customers.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:44 a.m.

**Letter of Support for ROHL:****0065-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to draft a letter of support for ROHL Global Network to work in the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:****0066-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council move to closed session at 11:46 a.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Staffing Issue, b) Clinic Contract and c) Appointment of Director of Emergency Management and Deputy Director of Emergency Management as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0067-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Appointment of Director of  
Emergency Management and  
Deputy Director of Emergency  
Management:****0068-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to appoint Rolanna Auger as the Director of Emergency Management and Gerhard Stickling as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the MD of Opportunity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Clinic Contract:**

Direction to administration to negotiate with Satori Group and include the expected level of service.

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**Calling Lake RCMP Town Hall Meeting:**

**0069-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to draft a letter to Sgt. Mark Hall and to send a copy to his boss to request that the planned Calling Lake RCMP townhall meeting be held in person and provide a virtual option.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake State of Local Emergency:**

**0070-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to keep the State of Local Emergency for Calling Lake in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request Meeting with MLA:**

**0071-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is to request a meeting with MLA Scott Sinclair to discuss Calling Lake Policing and Government Relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Capital Projects:**

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Jason Supernault presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report.

**0072-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grass Cutting:**

**0073-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to engage more contractors for grass cutting and to include parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tourism:**

**0074-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to add an additional \$100,000 to the Tourism Promotional Supplies budget GL 2-27-10-31-511-10.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture:**

Director of Recreation & Culture, Angela Lightning presented the Recreation & Culture Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0075-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Consideration of Fireworks Service:**

**0076-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to proceed with the purchase of fireworks for the communities 2024 celebrations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Increase Eagle Point Golf Course Special Events Budget:**

**0077-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to increase the Eagle Point Golf Course Tournament Special Events Budget by \$45,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Draft Letter of Interest to the  
Oilers Foundation:****0078-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to draft a letter of interest to the Oilers Foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grants Committee Report:****0079-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the recommendations from the Grants Committee to approve the following grant applications:

- Request from Jessica Willier is approved for \$400 and \$250 in merchandise for the Red Earth Creek fundraiser on February 20, 2024.
- Request from Boyd Davies is approved for \$15,000 for the Mistassiniy School Travel Club student exchange trip to Spain on April 2-13, 2024.
- Request from SCARS is approved for \$30,000 for their 2024 operations.
- Request from Red Earth Creek School is approved for \$10,000 for the Red Earth Creek Travel Club trip on March 28-April 4, 2024.
- Request from ATOSKE is approved for \$50,000 for their 2024 operations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillors Leo Alook, Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson, and Roy Yellowknee left at 2:56 p.m.

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

**0080-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Larry Cardinal that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2024 Capital Budget Amendments  
and Source of Funding:****0081-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to identify the source of funding for the previously approved Capital budget additions of the Trident Pump System (\$650,000) - Reserves, and the North Bridge (\$735,000) - Reserves. A carry forward plus fund increase of \$100,000 for Wabasca Paving and the addition of new project: Christmas decorations 2024 of \$50,000 are approved. Funds for both additions will come from reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory  
Services Report:**

Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services, Gerhard Stickling presented the Corporate & Regulatory Services Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0082-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New POP Site Arrow Technology  
Group 2620 Muskwa Drive –  
Wabasca****0083-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to approve the request from Arrow Technology Group to lease a 12ft x 12ft area of land for a new POP site within 2620 Muskwa Drive in Wabasca at a rate of \$796.80 plus GST annually for a term of five (5) years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Bylaw 2024-02 Land Use Bylaw  
Amendment Addition of 9.7 R1E  
– Residential District with  
Group Homes into:**

Being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as amended.

**First Reading:**

**0084-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2024-02 to add 9.7 R1E – Residential District into the Land Use Bylaw and that a Public Hearing is scheduled for March 13, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca FFP—23-70 Fire Smart  
Tender:**

**0085-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to award the Wabasca FFP-23-70 Vegetation Management project to 1439000 AB Ltd. (Davidson Oilfield Construction) for a price of \$88,000 plus GST (\$8,000/ha).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Emergency Management  
Mitigation Request for  
Funding:**

**0086-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to add \$225,000 to the Corporate & Regulatory Services operating budget under FireSmart Professional Services GL 2-27-36-00-239-00 to complete FireSmart activities in areas of concern.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regional Fire Chief Position:**

**0087-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild to approve the creation of a Regional Fire Chief position that reports directly to the Chief Administrative Officer and the title change of the Fire Services Coordinator to Regional Deputy Fire Chief and administration to add an additional budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Works Report:**

Director of Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Public Works Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

**0088-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Public Works report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GPR/GPS Cemetery – Sandy  
Lake:**

**0089-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to award the Ground Penetrating Radar and Global Position System (GPR/GPS) Services Contract for the cemetery in Sandy Lake to Maverick Inspections Ltd. for the price of \$21,287.50 plus GST and administration to add it to the capital project list with a budget of \$50,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request to Waive MD Bus  
Rental Fees:**

**0090-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the request from Jason Supernault to waive MD bus fees for the U15 minor hockey club for their upcoming hockey game in Elk Point on February 15, 2024 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Utilities Report:**

Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report.

**0091-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:****0092-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A Cardinal that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**First Nations Housing and  
Infrastructure West Conference  
& Women In Leadership  
Retreat:****0093-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council are authorized to attend the First Nations Housing and Infrastructure West Conference on April 30 – May 1, 2024 in Vancouver, BC and the Women in Leadership Retreat on October 18-20, 2024 in Canmore, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence: 0094-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:****0095-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Delegation Council Meeting  
February 26, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting  
March 13, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:****0096-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the meeting is adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer