

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
JANUARY 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook Darlene Jackson
Larry Cardinal Gerald Johnson
Louis A. Cardinal Tahirih Wiebe
Cheri Courtorielle Roy Yellowknee
Robin Guild
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
Trina Mineault Chief Financial Officer
Gerhard Stickling Director of Corporate Services
William Auger Director of Regulatory Services
Cynthia Taron Director of Transportation & Public Works
Angela Lightning Director of Recreation & Culture
Earl Gullion Director of Utilities
Devon Rathbone Manager of WWFEC
Travis Gullion Health & Safety
Kimball Newberry Manager of Fleet & Solid Waste
Rolanna Auger Manager of Safety, Bylaw & Enforcement
Chantal Kuhberg Interim Manager Lands & Planning
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
- PUBLIC PRESENT:** Bruce Thomas The Fever
Joe Williams Lakeside Leader
Russell Loughridge Resident of Wabasca
Mike Woodcock Resident of Wabasca
Sheldon Haggith Resident of Wabasca
Sherman Atkinson Resident of Wabasca
- Call to Order:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- Introductions:** Roundtable introductions
- Adoption of Agenda:** **0001-2022-17MDC**
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions:
- 9e. Eagle Point Golf Course Rates & Fees
 - 9f. Fruit Trees
 - 9g. Grant Funding Concerns
 - 14f. Wabasca Fireguard Community Smoke Concerns
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Adoption of Minutes
(December 8, 2021):** **0002-2022-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Admin Report:

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

0003-2022-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:
11:00 a.m.****Jesse Roberts, Local Business Owner**
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to voice concerns on a non prejudicial basis he has about an RCMP officer. He has also voiced his concerns with the superior, corporal and staff sergeant and feels this RCMP officer is a threat to his business.

There are forms available online for RCMP commission complaints. Council suggested that he file a complaint online.

Jesse suggested that the MD of Opportunity set up a special committee that will meet every couple of months. Council suggested quarterly meetings with RCMP to share our thoughts and concerns.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information.
Delegate left at 11:18 a.m.

Delegation 11:10 a.m.**Ken Beaudry, Local Business Owner**

The delegate was in attendance to voice similar concerns about the same RCMP officer which is affecting his towing business.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information.
Delegate left at 11:26 a.m.

Council departure:

Councillor Gerald Johnson left at 11:28 a.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

**Peerless Trout First
Nation Asset O&M
Update:****0004-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to accept the Peerless Trout First Nation Asset Operations and Maintenance update as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COVID-19
Recommendations:****0005-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to reduce the number of people in the main office to fifty percent (50%) until January 31, 2022 and for funerals, it is up to the families if they want proof of vaccination which would allow a maximum attendance of 100 for both the wake and funeral; and if they choose not to, provincial regulations will be followed which means no wakes allowed and limit funeral to 50 people.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Emerging Trends in
Municipal Law 2022
Workshop:**

0006-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that all council members are authorized to attend the Brownlee "Emerging Trends in Municipal Law" Workshop on February 17, 2022 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded vote:

Councillor Robin Guild requested a recorded vote on the following motion.

**Public Access to Council
Meetings:**

0007-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to remove the zoom option for the public to access council meetings and that they are welcome to attend in person.

For: Leo Alook, Roy Yellowknee

Opposed: Robin Guild, Tahirih Wiebe, Cheri Courtorielle, Marshall Auger, Brendan Powell, Larry Cardinal, Louis A. Cardinal, Darlene Jackson

DEFEATED

**Public Access to Council
Meetings:**

0008-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Public Access to Council meeting is tabled until the February 23, 2022 Delegation Council meeting.

CARRIED

**Recreation & Culture
Services:**

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

0009-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Metis Local #90 Grant
Request:**

0010-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the grant request from Metis Local #90 in the amount of \$35,000 is tabled for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Cross Country
Ski Club Grant Request:**

0011-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the grant request from the Wabasca Cross Country Ski Club for financial assistance in the amount of \$3,000 is approved with funds coming GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek New
Community Hall Change
Order (Flooring):**

0012-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the change order for the cost of flooring in the new Red Earth Creek community hall is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Eagle Point Golf Course
Rates & Fees:**

There was a brief discussion regarding the Eagle Point Golf Course rates and fees. The bylaw will be revisited at the February policy meeting.

Fruit Trees Update:

Council asked for an update on the fruit trees. No plans have been developed yet but information from the tree providers has been received. They only do seedlings and we were hoping to purchase mature trees. In the future we could consider protecting seedlings.

Grants & Concerns:

There was a brief discussion regarding the grant funding concern about duplication of services.

Finance Report:

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

0013-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Desmarais
Housing Authority Fund
Transfers 2022:**

0014-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority fund transfers for 2022 in the amount of \$1,503,500 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022 Keekenow Senior
Facility Requisition:**

0015-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the 2022 Keekenow Senior Facility requisition in the amount of \$2,936,500 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Provincial Education
Requisition Credit (PERC)
& Designated Industrial
Properties (DIRC)
Application:**

0016-2022-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 council confirms that the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) of \$788,736 and the Designated Industrial Properties Credit (DIRC) of \$7,644 application for a total of \$796,379 of the education requisition for the 2015-2020 tax years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Corporate Services
Report:**

Director of Corporate Services, Gerhard Stickling presented the Corporate Services Monthly Report.

0017-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Corporate Services report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Transportation and Public
Works Report:**

Director of Transportation and Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Transportation and Public Works Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0018-2022-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Transportation and Public Works report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Fleet – Purchase of 1
Plow, Sand, Gravel Truck
for Wabasca:**

0019-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to purchase one (1) Western Starr 2022 Plow/Sand/Gravel truck for Wabasca from Brandt Tractor for \$398,106.25 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

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

0020-2022-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regulatory Services
Report:**

Director of Regulatory Services, William Auger presented the Regulatory Services Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0021-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Regulatory Services report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request Authorization to
Use Burning as Disposal
Method for Upcoming
FireSmart Projects for
Wabasca:**

0022-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is to proceed with mechanical debris disposal only for all Wabasca FireSmart projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request Authorization to
Use Burning as Disposal
Method for Upcoming
FireSmart Projects for
Trout Lake and Peerless
Lake:**

0023-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to allow burning as a debris disposal method for the upcoming FireSmart projects in Trout Lake and Peerless Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2022-01 – Land
Use Bylaw:**

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 for
Bylaw 2022-01:**

0024-2021-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2022-01 to rezone Plan 832 1796, Block 0, Lot 59 also known as 830 Pelican Road in Sandy Lake from R1C – Residential District to C3-Commerical District is tabled to the Delegation Council meeting on January 26, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request to Rescind Motion
0510-2021-17MDC and
Request to Amend the
Tower Lease Agreement with
Arrow Technology Group
In Calling Lake with an
Alternate Location:**

0025-2022-17MDC

*Amended
January 26/22
MA.*

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request to rescind motion 0510-2021-17MDC is approved and to amend the Tower Lease Agreement with Arrow Technology Group to the alternate location, ~~3000~~ 2980 Highway 813 in the Hamlet of Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request from the Department
of Agriculture, Forestry &
Economic Development to
Renew Land Lease in the
Hamlet of Wabasca:**

0026-2022-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the request from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development (AFRED) to renew the lease for a five (5) year term with a 3% increase to \$21,098.84 per year on land described as E1/2 of 27-80-25-W4M, in the hamlet of Wabasca is referred back to administration with direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Fireguard
Community Smoke
Concerns:**

0027-2022-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to pay Schroder Oilfield Services for work completed on the Wabasca Fireguard Phase 2 project and use remaining budget to hire local contractors to complete the fireguard project with minimal burning.

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0028-2022-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to carry forward the Red Earth Creek and Wabasca Fireguard capital projects to 2022; and that the remaining grant funds are to be depleted before March 31, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:**0029-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0030-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that Marshall Auger is appointed to the Community Engagement Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0031-2022-17MD

Moved by Brendan Powell that Darlene Jackson, Marshall Auger, Cheri Courtorielle, Gerald Johnson and Brendan Powell are authorized to attend the Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement session in Athabasca on February 17, 2022

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:****0032-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0033-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:**0034-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to go into a closed session at 5:28 p.m. to the public for agenda items: 17a) Keekenow Senior Facility with the CAO, Director of Corporate Services and Recording Secretary to discuss matters protected from disclosure per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director of Corporate Services, Gerhard Stickling left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

0035-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to go out of the closed session at 5:53 p.m.

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0036-2022-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to accept option 1 and request an additional \$250,000 for the Keekenow Senior Facility capital project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek
Fireguard:**

0037-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to terminate Northern Waste Disposal effective immediately for the Phase 2 Fireguard project in Red Earth Creek and hire local contractors to finish the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
January 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Calling Lake Complex Boardroom

Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Peerless Lake Community Hall

Adjournment:

0038-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer