

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – SANDY LAKE**  
**JULY 24, 2024**

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The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity council was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at the Sandy Lake community hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) | Brendan Powell (D/Reeve) |
| Leo Alook                 | Darlene Jackson          |
| Larry Cardinal            | Gerald Johnson           |
| Louis A. Cardinal         | Tahirih Wiebe            |
| Robin Guild               | Roy Yellowknee           |

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheri Courtorielle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Chad Tullis      | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Kimball Newberry | Director of Public Works     |
| Lynda Gray       | Recording Secretary          |

**Call to Order:** Reeve Marshall Auger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** **0398-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8b. Sandy Lake Fire Department
- 7c. Wabasca and Red Earth Creek Grazing Leases
- 7d. Council Code of Conduct
- 7e. Email Correspondence
- 7f. Council Workshop

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Arrival:** Councillor Darlene Jackson arrived at 10:04 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes (July 10, 2024):** **0399-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on July 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (July 18, 2024):** **0400-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the minutes of the special meeting of council held on July 18, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**State of Local Emergency for the Hamlets of Calling Lake, Chipewyan Lake, Sandy Lake, Red Earth Creek & Wabasca & Chipewyan Lake SOLE:** **0401-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Gerlad Johnson that the State of Local Emergency (S.O.L.E) for the Hamlets of Calling Lake, Chipewyan Lake, Sandy Lake, Red Earth Creek and Wabasca be extended for another 2 weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**State of Local Emergency for the Hamlet of Chipewyan Lake:** **0402-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the State of Local Emergency (S.O.L.E) for the Hamlet of Chipewyan Lake due to a wildfire be renewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek's Distress Over**

**Crime and Justice System:** Direction to administration to set up a virtual meeting with Chief Prosecutor of Regional Prosecutions for the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service to discuss the Red Earth Creek community concerns about the crime and the justice system. Administration to extend an invitation to the Wabasca and Athabasca RCMP staff sergeants.

**Grazing Lease:** Fireguard/Grazing leases status update. The leases have been executed in Red Earth Creek and Wabasca. The lessee for the small section that was leased out locally in Red Earth Creek has 4-5 head of cattle.

**Council Code of Conduct:** There was some distress about posts made on social media. The public feels they are not getting enough information, and a councillor can't relay information when they don't know what's happening. Council is not involved with the Emergency Command Centre; therefore, they don't attend those meetings. Council needs to be on the same page and work together.

The public should be notified that council is not involved with the Emergency Command Centre and understand that we are governed by the Municipal Government Act.

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

STARS – Glenda Farnden  
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to present the STARS update to council. Since 2010, STARS has transported 78 patients within the MD of Opportunity boundaries. Missions and critical medical transfers have increased across the province.

STARS is more than rapid transport. They have an Emergency Link Centre which is integrated with all dispatch centres and resources. They have precise GIS mapping coordinates and respond to more than 36,000 emergency requests per year. STARS also transports physicians for medical and procedural guidance for every critical call. They schedule logistical arrangements with receiving doctors/hospitals and provide virtual care.

They have night vision goggles because 50% of calls occur at night, have universal blood onboard, and they have a massive hemorrhage protocol.

Next year, STARS will be celebrating 40 years. This would not be possible without the support of rural and urban municipalities. She thanked the MD of Opportunity for their ongoing support. Because MD of Opportunity is a supporter, the next goal is to get an MD logo on a helicopter.

Council thanked the delegate for her attendance. Delegate left at 11:35 a.m.

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

**Email Correspondence:**

An email was sent to administration from a councillor to request that a special meeting be held and didn't get a response. Under the Municipal Government Act, Section 194(1) states that the Chief Elected Official (Reeve) may call (a) a special meeting whenever the official considers it appropriate to do so, and (b) must call a special council meeting if the official receives a written request for the meeting, stating its purpose, from a majority of the councillors.

**Council Workshop:**

With the current fire situation, some councillors wanted to know if the council workshop is still on. The consensus was yes and that the council workshop will go ahead as planned.

**Amend Emergency Services  
Manual – Section 502:**

**0403-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that Section 502 of the Emergency Services Manual be approved with the amendment to streamline the process for disposing of surplus equipment and expired Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the Fire Services Division.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sandy Lake Fire Department: 0404-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is to expedite bringing back service to the Sandy Lake fire department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:** The meeting recessed at 12:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12:43 a.m.

**Bylaw 2024-07:** A Bylaw to authorize the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$5,125,00.00 for the purpose of the Red Earth Paving Project 2024.

**Second Reading:** 0405-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2024-07 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:** 0406-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that Bylaw 2024-07 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2024-08:** A Bylaw to authorize the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$4,190,000.00 for the purpose of the Calling Lake Paving Project 2024.

**Second Reading:** 0407-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2024-08 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to:** 0408-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that Bylaw 2024-08 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend F.16 Corporate Credit Card Policy:** 0409-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed amendment to the F.16 Corporate Credit Policy to add a new credit card with a limit of \$10,000 for the Manager of Facility Maintenance be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Policy T.22 Portable Bathroom Rental/Use:** 0410-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the proposed amendment to Policy T.22 Portable Bathroom Rental/Use to include rental to Bigstone Cree Nation reserves 166 in Sandy Lake, 166A, 166B, 166C & 166D in Wabasca and Jean Baptiste Gambler in Calling Lake; and to increase the rental rate to \$100.00 per day be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Water Truck:** The public works department is exploring options for a water truck. Instead of buying or leasing one, they would like to utilize the water truck that Bigstone Cree Nation has in Chipewyan Lake.

Administration to add this as an agenda item for discussion to the next joint meeting with Bigstone Cree Nation Chief & Council.



**Calling Lake RV Dump Station: 0411-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the request from administration to build a RV dump station with an asphalt surface on Township Road/Central Drive in Calling Lake be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Motion 0334-2024-17MDC:****0412-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to amend motion 0334-2024-17MDC to read "Moved by Darlene Jackson to relocate generator from Wabasca M&M (Mistassiniy & Mamawintowin) Lift Station to Red Earth Creek Water Plant and award contract to BMS for installation of generator; and approve additional funds of \$30,000 from Reserves".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Motion 0336-2024-17MDC:****0413-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to amend motion 0336-2024-17MDC to read "Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that WB WTP New Plant \$500,000 be postponed and the allocated funds be split into 2 new capital projects. WB WTP Engineering Pilot Study \$300,000 and Red Earth Hall Sewer Installation/MIEX Pilot Plant \$200,000".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:****0414-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Alberta C.A.R. E. Conference: 0415-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council are authorized to attend the Alberta C.A.R.E. Conference on September 11-13, 2024 in Bonnyville.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence: 0416-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD/BCN Joint Fundraising  
Golf Tournament  
Sponsorship:****0417-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity sponsor four (4) teams subject to availability for the MD/BCN Joint Fundraising Golf Tournament on August 8, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:****0418-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Regular Council Meeting  
August 14, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting  
August 28, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Calling Lake Community Complex



**Adjournment:**

**0419-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer