

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
MAY 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, May 11, 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
 Robin Guild Roy Yellowknee
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheri Courtorielle
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
 Trina Mineault Chief Financial Officer
 Gerhard Stickling Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
 Cynthia Taron Director of Public Works
 Angela Lightning Director of Recreation & Culture
 Earl Gullion Director of Utilities
 Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
- PUBLIC PRESENT:** Denis Carnochan The Fever

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

Adoption of Agenda: **0250-2022-17MDC**
 Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 9d. St. Theresa Golf Tournament
- 9e. Community Barbecue
- 9f. Nolan Hockey School
- 16a. Closed Session - Fireguard Projects
- 16c. Closed Session – Chipewyan Lake

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Minutes (April 27, 2022): **0251-2022-17MDC**
 Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the April 27, 2022 Delegation Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(April 28, 2022): **0252-2022-17MDC**
 Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the April 28, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

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

0253-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7th Annual Big Lakes
Charity Golf
Tournament:**

0254-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council are authorized to attend the 7th Annual Golf Tournament hosted by Big Lakes County in High Prairie, AB on August 18, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture
Services:**

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

0255-2022-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegation: (11:00 a.m.)

Dragonfly Center – Eileen Hoffman - Regional Coordinator
Round table introductions were held.

The delegate was in attendance to introduce services provided by the Dragonfly Center. They provide a range of specialized and individualized services to address the needs of people impacted directly or indirectly by sexual violence. They provide support services including crisis intervention (3 sessions) and counselling (12 sessions). They provide educational programs for schools and are offered to different community groups.

They have expanded their services, which now includes the areas of Wabasca, Slave Lake and Smokey Lake. They are committed to bringing services to our region. The goal is to make positive choices and bring awareness to people in our communities.

They would like to establish a satellite office in the community. They are looking for space or a cost recovery space to host/leave a laptop for community use. Council provided two recommendations to inquire about office space.

Council thanked the delegate for her attendance and information.

Delegate left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Councillor Declaration:

Councillor Darlene Jackson declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 11:21 a.m.

**Wabasca Community
Beautification Contract: 0256-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Wabasca Community Beautification Contract is awarded to Sherry Jackson at a cost of \$3,000 per month and that the Municipal District of Opportunity will provide all flowers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Return: Councillor Darlene Jackson returned to the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

**Proposal from Zachary
Rathbone-Zabot:**

0257-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to enter into a contract with Zachary Rathbone-Zabot to offer golf related events at the Eagle Point Golf Course for the summer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**St. Theresa's Fundraiser
Golf Tournament:**

0258-2022-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to enter two teams for the St. Theresa School Fundraiser Golf Tournament in Wabasca on June 18, 2022 and that a merchandise donation of up to \$500 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Barbecue
Discussion:**

The community planning committee, which consists of members from the Lions Club, MD of Opportunity, RCMP, Bigstone Fire Department, Wabasca Fire Department and Forestry, are planning a community celebration tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 1st, 2022.

They are planning a barbecue to honor the first responders. The committee will be looking for sponsorship for the food.

There will be different events planned for kids as well as a karaoke contest. Each department will be responsible for different events.

**Nolan Hockey School
Discussion:**

Plans are underway for Nolan's Hockey School to take place on August 24-26, 2022 in Wabasca. This will also be open to youth from surrounding communities. As the planning committee gets further into arrangements, maybe look at bussing youth in from surrounding communities to attend the hockey school.

The Nolans work with First Nation youth in First Nation communities. An evening will be planned for motivational speaking which will give the youth/crowd the chance to interact with them. Maybe an evening of round dance or dinner.

There is also a golf tournament hosted by Bigstone Men's Health on August 27, 2022 at Eagle Point Golf Course. This is also an opportunity to have the Nolan's involved in that.

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Closed Session: 0259-2022-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that council move to closed session at 1:02 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services, to discuss items: 16a. Fireguard Projects and 16c. Chipewyan Lake, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0260-2022-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting at 2:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca and Red Earth
Creek Fireguard Additional
Funding:** 0261-2022-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the request for an additional \$550,000 to complete the Red Earth Creek and Wabasca Fireguard projects is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report: Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).
0262-2022-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2022-05
Tax Rate:** Being a Bylaw to authorize the taxation rates to be levied against assessable property within the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 for the 2022 taxation year.

First Reading: 0263-2022-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2022-05 Tax Rate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading: 0264-2022-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2022-05 Tax Rate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Unanimous Reading: 0265-2022-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson to give UNANIMOUS READING to Bylaw 2022-05 Tax Rate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading:**0266-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2022-05 Tax Rate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022 Operating Budget: 0267-2022-17MDC

*Amended June 8, 2022
MA CT*

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the 2022 Operating Budget is approved as amended with moving surplus funds of \$3,029,646 to ~~unrestricted~~ capital reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022 Capital Budget –
Carry Forward:****0268-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the 2022 Capital Budget – Carry Forward is approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022 Capital Budget –
Carry Forward Plus:****0269-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the 2022 Capital Budget – Carry Forward Plus is approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022 Capital Budget –
New:****0270-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the 2022 Capital Budget - New is approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peekiskwetan Grant
Request 2022-2024:****0271-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the grant funding request from Peekiskwetan "Let's Talk" Society to provide annual financial support is approved for \$170,000 for three years from 2022 - 2024.

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).

0272-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Corporate & Regulatory Services report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD17 Wabasca Splash
Park Direct Control
District:**

0273-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Development Permit Application 22-DP-015 for the Wabasca Splash Park is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0274-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Public Works report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022 Line Painting
Program for Wabasca,
Calling Lake and Red
Earth Creek:**

0275-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to award the 2022 Line Painting contract for Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek to the most qualified bid and is awarded to AAA Stripping & Seal Coating Service at a cost of \$51,379.10.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report: Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0276-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Utilities Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Celebrate Public Works
Week - May 15-21, 2022:**

0277-2022-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the MD of Opportunity No. 17 proclaims May 15 to May 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0278-2022-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Clay Shoot Tournament
and Athabasca County's
Fly-In Barbecue:**

0279-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council are authorized to attend Athabasca County's 10th Annual Fly-In Barbecue on July 9, 2022; and to attend the Clay Shoot Tournament hosted by MD of Greenview on September 8, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0280-2022-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0281-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
May 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Red Earth Creek Sports Centre Boardroom

Regular Council Meeting
June 8, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0282-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting is adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer