

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CALLING LAKE
JANUARY 22, 2025

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at the Calling Lake Community Complex.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Tahirih Wiebe

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
William Auger	Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
Chris Fitben	Tri-West Security

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Reeve Marshall D. Auger.

Adoption of Agenda:

0038-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the agenda be adopted with additions:

7g. Dash for Dialysis
7h. Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association (ASCHA) Convention
8c. Red Earth Creek Security
11b. Golf Course Restaurant Operations
18a. Closed Session: Labour - Administration

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table Introductions:

Round table introductions were held.

Approval of Minutes (January 8, 2025):

0039-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on January 8, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

State of Local Emergency:

0040-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the MD of Opportunity State of Local Emergency (S.O.L.E) for the Hamlets of Calling Lake, Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Chipewyan Lake and Red Earth Creek be extended for another 2 weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta North Central Alliance:

0041-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to appoint Marshall Auger and Brendan Powell to the Alberta North Central Alliance committee and that administration is to draft a letter of request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAO CA

Lesser Slave lake Housing Authority Board:

0042-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Tahirih Wiebe be removed as an alternate member from the Lesser Slave Lake Housing Authority Board; housing boards do not have alternate members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Northland School Division:

0043-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to table the request from Northland School Division to support Collegiate School for Pre-Employment Carpentry Camp until later in the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Business Support:

0044-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration draft a business support letter for Gordon Woodcock as requested.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministerial Meetings:

Administration to contact Alberta Counsel to schedule ministerial meetings during the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Convention on March 17-19, 2025 with Minister of Jobs, Economy & Trade, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Minister of Energy & Minerals.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened 11:00 a.m.

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

Transportation & Economic Corridors & Egis Canada Ltd. – Jude Ducharme, Garth McCulloch, & Chase Milligan
Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in attendance to present to council the construction project for Highway 686 East to Peerless Trout First Nation.

The province entered into an agreement with Bigstone Cree Nation, Loon River First Nation and Peerless Trout First Nation. The United Northern Partnership Agreement is a project that aims to connect Fort McMurray and Peerless Lake with a 218-kilometer, two-lane gravel highway in Alberta. They are working collaboratively with the government.

Phase 1 is from Red Earth Creek to Peerless Lake which is 65 km and phase 2 is from Peerless Lake to Fort McMurray.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance and information. Delegates left at 11:32 a.m.

**Delegation (Virtual)
11:33 a.m.**

Alberta Counsel – Aileen Burke, Cody Mackoway
Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in attendance to present the Alberta Indigenous/Municipal Police Transition Study Grant Report. They summarized high level of points, went over intent of grant and the purpose.

The feasibility study is a business case for a potential RCMP detachment in Calling Lake. It is a grant funded project. 78% of residents that did the survey support a local detachment. Policing gaps were identified. Benefits of having a detachment are community safety, economic benefits and social impacts.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance and information. Delegates left at 12:02 p.m.

**Delegation
12:03 p.m.**

LaPrairie Group of Companies – Gary Brooks & Sheldon Downie
Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in attendance to discuss with council about a potential early development of an access to Highway 813 from Industrial Drive location.

LaPrairie will be putting in a development permit application for the highway maintenance yard, storage of trucks and equipment, and a facility for staff.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance and information. Delegates left at 12:46 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened 12:56 p.m.

**Delegation
12:56 p.m.**

Canadian Natural Resources – Mike Vasseur (Contractor)
Round table introductions were held.

The delegate was in attendance to present to council information on the seismic activity in Sandy Lake. He explained how that is being done.

There are a lot of water bodies and are repairing areas that surround them. It's all foot traffic and skidoos. There are environmental benefits. Benefits are limitless trails for hunting, and opens sunlight for new growth. Thinning out fuel for wildfire with these trails.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information. Delegate left at 1:24 p.m.

Dash for Dialysis:

There is a relay scheduled to take place on June 7, 2025 between Calling Lake and Wabasca. The relay is to raise awareness and raise funds for a dialysis machine in Wabasca. The committee is looking at putting packages together for sponsorship. This event is still in the preliminary stages and the committee will be looking for support in the future.

ASCHA Convention & Trade Show:

0045-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that MD of Opportunity members appointed to the Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority board be authorized to attend the Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association (ASCHA) 2025 Convention and Trade Show on March 31, 2025 to April 2, 2025 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Northland School Division
Request for Support:**

0046-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the request from Northland School Division to support Collegiate School for Pre-Employment Carpentry Camp be tabled and that it be added to the agenda when more information is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Enhanced Policing in Calling Lake:

0047-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration budget \$25,000 for Enhanced Policing in Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Alberta Indigenous/Municipal
Police Transition Study Grant
Report:**

0048-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Alberta Indigenous/Municipal Police Transition Study Grant Report be approved as presented and submitted to Alberta Government; and that a letter to the Minister be drafted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Red Earth Creek Security:**0049-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that direction to administration to look into a bylaw/security position for Red Earth Creek and bring back to council on February 12, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration:

Amended February 12, 2025

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle declared a conflict and left at 12:50 p.m.

Grants Committee Report:**0050-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16 (\$278,000) and GL 2-00-00-31-770-17 (\$7,400) and that the request from Calling Lake Community Society be tabled and added to the February 11, 2025 grants meeting agenda.

- Request from Mistassiniy School Fish Derby be approved for \$5,400 for the 2025 Fish Derby fundraiser for Mistassiniy School Grad celebration;
- Request from Kito Sakahekan Seniors Society be approved for \$20,000 for 2025 Calling Lake Seniors events and operations;
- Request from Pee Kis Kwe Tan "Let's Talk Society" be approved for \$170,000 for 2025 mental health and addiction services;
- Request from Career Pathways School be approved for \$5,000 to be used for alternative school use, not for the field trip request;
- Request from Alberta Education Instructors Association W.I.S.E. for training programs be accepted as information;
- Request from Robin McLeod for \$3,500 for Senior Men's Hockey team jerseys be accepted as information;
- Request from Gavin Gladue for \$2,000 for Senior Men's Hockey team jerseys be accepted as information;
- Request from Raven Cardinal for \$500 to go towards Spring Hockey Slave Lake Cyclones player Rayden Cardinal be approved;
- Request from Kelly Gladue for \$2,000 to go towards Wabasca Men's Rec Hockey Tournament (fundraiser for WMH) on February 28 – March, 2025 be approved;
- Request from Reanna Courtorielle for \$2,500 for her grandmother Mathilda Logan's 90th birthday be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Return:

Amended February 12, 2025

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle returned at 1:00 p.m.

Golf Course Restaurant:

A request for Proposal will be advertised for restaurant operations at the Eagle Point Golf Course.

Special Council Meeting:**0051-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the proposed special council meeting to appoint a new audit firm and review the F.6 Community Grants Policy be held on February 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L.1 Land Development and Sale**Policy Amendment:****0052-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the proposed amendment to L.1 Land Development & Sale Policy, section C. Petroleum & Natural Gas Rental Rates and Fees be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sandy Lake FFP-24-24 FireSmart**Tender Award:****0053-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to award the Sandy Lake FFP-24-24 FireSmart project to 1439000 AB Ltd. (Davidson Oilfield Construction) for a price of \$46,360 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration: Reeve Marshall Auger declared a conflict and left at 2:12 p.m.

**CRS-33-01 Chipewyan Lake
Airstrip Vegetation
Management:**

0054-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to engage Kisikaw Compliance Ltd. to complete the Chipewyan Lake Airstrip Vegetation Maintenance project for a price of \$28,350 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CRS-33-02 Chipewyan Lake
Access Road Vegetation
Management::**

0055-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to engage 1439000 AB Ltd. (Davidson Oilfield Construction) to complete the Chipewyan Lake Access Road Vegetation Maintenance project for a price of \$7,500 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Return: Reeve Marshall Auger returned at 2:20 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened 2:30 p.m.

Council Round Table:

0056-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FCSS Northwest Spring Regional
Meeting:**

0057-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council be authorized to attend the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Northwest Spring Regional meeting on May 14-15, 2025 in Grande Cache.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0058-2025-17MDC

Moved by Louis Cardinal that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0059-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0060-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council move into a closed session at 2:37 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss item: a) Administration, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure: Councillor Leo Alook left at 2:55 p.m.

0061-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve md CAO CA

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
February 12, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers


Delegation Council Meeting
February 24, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

Adjournment:

0062-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting be adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer