

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CALLING LAKE
JUNE 26, 2024

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at the Calling Lake Community Complex.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Cheri Courtorielle (10:03 a.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Chad Tullis | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Earl Gullion | Director of Utilities |
| Lynda Gray | Recording Secretary |

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

Adoption of Agenda: 0342-2024-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the agenda be adopted with the following additions/accepted as presented:

- 7d. 911 Service
- 10b. Swimming Dock
- 10c. Canada Day
- 10d. Fitness Centre
- 13f. Gravel

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Cheri Courtorielle joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes (June 12, 2024): 0343-2024-17MDC
Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the June 12, 2024 minutes of the Regular Meeting of council be approved with the following amendment:

Robin Guild left the meeting at 1:30 p.m. (after Request for Additional Daycare Staff)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

State of Local Emergency: 0344-2024-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell 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 is extended for another 2 weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MMIP Family Matters: 0345-2024-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to engage with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Family Matters and approved a grant of \$10,000 to the group to assist community members of exposure of their Missing and Murdered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Veteran Banners:

0346-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to cost share with Bigstone Cree Nation to purchase veteran banners at a cost of \$6,837.00 with funds from GL 2-32-00-31-259-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

911 Services:

Concern with the 911 services, specifically with Sandy Lake and Taron’s Ranch. The concern with using Grande Prairie 911 dispatch is they don’t know the community which causes delays. They need to become familiar with the communities.

All Community Signage:

0347-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Municipal Office design from Blanchett is approved with an amendment to modify the red to match wood color.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Vending Machine Operation
In Wabasca – Eagle Point
Golf Course:**

0348-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the request from Steven Yellowknee as a vendor machine operator is approved for the Eagle Point Golf Course in Wabasca with an annual fee of \$250.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Swimming Dock:

A brief discussion about the swimming dock at Eli Park as to when it will be ready. Administration confirmed that parts were ordered for the docks and have been received and it should be ready by the end of the week.

Canada Day:

A brief discussion about Canada Day events. Bingo is usually a planned event, but it is not listed. Administration to check with the coordinator.

Fitness Centre:

There was a brief discussion about replacing damaged gym equipment and a potential relocation to Lakeview Sports Centre.

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.

First Reading:

0349-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2024-07 to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$5,125,000.00 for the purpose of the Red Earth Paving Project 2024 and that a public hearing is scheduled for July 24, 2024.

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.

First Reading:

0350-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2024-08 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 and that a public hearing is scheduled for July 24, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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

Aspen Regional Water Services Commission – Brian Hall, David Packolok, Rob Minns,
Jamie Giberson
Roundtable Introductions

The delegates were in to introduce the Aspen Regional Water Services Commission to council. The commission was established in 2008 to provide wholesale potable water to the three member municipalities (Boyle, Athabasca County & Athabasca) and is governed by a board of directors, with representatives from each of the member municipalities.

Regionally service delivery is the provision of one or more types of public service and allows for municipal authorities and other entities to use their collective resources to create efficiencies in service delivery. Typically, the aim of regional service delivery is to utilize economies of scale and deliver services at a lower cost.

They talked about the possible collaboration opportunities:

- Athabasca County and the Aspen Regional Water Services Commissions have experience building and operating regional water lines. This model may be transferable to working with stakeholders in the Calling Lake region.
- Increased water production at the regional plant will reduce unit costs.
- A regional pipeline may provide a reasonable alternative to constructing and operating a complex and costly new water treatment plant in the Calling Lake region.
- A regional water line extension will provide a reliable resource of clean drinking water for stakeholders between Calling Lake and the Town of Athabasca, reducing water hauling struggles for many, in both Athabasca County and Municipal District of Opportunity.
- Will provide an opportunity to establish a positive working relationship with neighboring municipalities and other communities by sharing in providing a critical service in the region.

They provide wholesale potable water, selling bulk water for \$4/cube.

The process starts with a feasibility study. If there’s an interest, the MD of Opportunity can set up a meeting.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:35 a.m.

Sale of MD Surplus:

0351-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the auction item list is accepted with amendments and to approve the disposal of equipment and miscellaneous equipment for Wabasca and Calling Lake and to ensure reasonable reserved bids for the items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Transportation Policy
T.22:**

0352-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed amendments to Transportation Policy T.22 is accepted as presented to change Transportation to Public Works and change the wording, MD boundaries to hamlet boundaries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Repeal Traffic Bylaw 2022-12
to 2024-09:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the province of Alberta, for the purpose of regulating the use of highways under the direction, control and management of the Municipality and the parking of vehicles on such highways and on privately owned property located with the Municipality.

**First Reading to
Bylaw 2024-09:**

0353-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2024-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading to
Bylaw 2024-09:**

0354-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2024-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Consent to
Bylaw 2024-09:**

0355-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to SEEK UNANIMOUS CONSENT to Bylaw 2024-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to
Bylaw 2024-09:**

0356-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2024-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 Line Painting:

0357-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed thermoplastic line painting for 2024 is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Paving Unpaved Section
In Communities:**

0358-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request to pave the remaining unpaved roads in Wabasca and Calling Lake is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gravel:

MD of Opportunity provides grading and snow removal to Taron's Ranch but we don't provide gravel. Direction to administration to look into the logistics of the road to Taron's Ranch.

**RMA Charity Golf
Tournament:**

0359-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to register a team for the 2024 Charity Golf tournament hosted by Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) on June 28, 2024 in Nisku.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANCA Membership:

0360-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to cancel the MD of Opportunity membership with Alberta North Central Alliance (ANCA) committee effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0361-2024-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0362-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0363-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

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

Delegation Council Meeting
July 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Sandy Lake Community Hall

Adjournment:

0364-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer