

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CHIPEWYAN LAKE**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

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The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the Chipewyan Lake Community Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marshall Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook	Gerald Johnson
Louis A. Cardinal	Tahirih Wiebe
Cheri Courtorielle (10:59 a.m.)	Roy Yellowknee
Darlene Jackson	

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Larry Cardinal  
Robin Guild

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

**MEMBER OF PUBLIC:**

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
Ernie Grach	The Fever

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Reeve Marshall D. Auger.

**Adoption of Agenda:** **0103-2025-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted with additions:

- 11c. Calling Lake Meeting with Calling Lake Societies Update
- 7f. Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (February 12, 2025):** **0104-2025-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on February 12, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**State of Local Emergency:** **0105-2025-17MDC**  
Moved by Darlene Jackson 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 until March 12, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Boards & Committees:** **0106-2025-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that Robin Guild, Tahirih Wiebe and alternate Darlene Jackson be appointed to the Joint Infrastructure Committee; and that Robin Guild be appointed to the Wabasca Health Care Attraction and Retention Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**F.12 Procurement Policy Revisions :** **0107-2025-17MDC**  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the proposed changes to the F.12 Procurement Policy be approved as presented:

- Adding B.6 and B.7 to define Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) and specify their use in the procurement process
- Revisions to procurement thresholds regarding Group Purchasing Organization (GPO)
- Added section D.5 specifying cooperative procurement as a procurement method contemplated within the policy
- Added definitions for CFTA, NWTPA, GPOs and MASH Sector

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA, CAO C1

**Kinetic Group Purchasing  
Organization (GPO)  
Membership:**

**0108-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the application for membership with Kinetic Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2025 Edmonton Boat and  
Sportsmen's Show:**

**0109-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council are authorized to attend the annual Edmonton Boat and Sportsmen's Show on March 20-23, 2025 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Desmarais Housing  
Authority:**

**0110-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to draft a letter for Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority to support a change to the senior requisitions ministerial order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rescind Motion 0608-2024-  
17MDC:**

**0111-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council rescind motion 0608-2024-17MDC which was to lease the RCMP office located at the Calling Lake Complex to the Calling Lake Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request for Space from  
WDHA:**

**0112-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to lease the RCMP office space located at the Calling Lake Complex to the Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority for their operational needs for \$1.00 per year for three years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened 10:54 a.m.

**Councillor Arrival:**

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle arrived at 10:59 a.m.

**Calling Lake Community  
Meeting:**

Councillors Gerald Johnson and Cheri Courtorielle gave an update on the meeting that was held on February 23, 2025 in Calling Lake between the different societies/groups.. Some of the societies/clubs are now on their own e.g. Historical Society, Sailing Club.

There is a lease agreement for the Seniors Centre but the groups would like clarification on who can utilize the facility in Calling Lake.

**F.18 Annual Grants to  
Organizations Policy:**

**0113-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed F.18 Annual Grants to Other Organizations be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Greater North Foundation  
Request for Support:**

**0114-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 approves an annual capital requisition from the Greater North Foundation for a Capital Maintenance Reserve, based on 1/20 of the most recent 20-year maintenance plan, with an aggregate limit not to exceed \$3,000,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2025-02 Schedule of Rates & Fees Amendment to Development Permit Fees:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to Establish the Schedule of Rates and Fees for Services, Use of Facilities, and the Sale of Miscellaneous Inventory Items.

**First Reading to Bylaw 2025-02:**

0115-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that Bylaw 2025-02 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading to Bylaw 2025-02:**

0116-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that Bylaw 2025-02 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Consent to Bylaw 2025-02:**

0117-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-02 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to Bylaw 2025-02:**

0118-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2025-02 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend P.1 Personnel Policy:**

0119-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed changes to the P.1 Personnel Policy to change the amount for funerals for staff from \$5,000 to \$2,500 and to add that active firefighters also qualify for the funeral funds for staff be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:**

0120-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence:**

0121-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & FCSS Committee Meetings:**

0122-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) committee meetings be scheduled for March 11, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:**

0123-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

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

Delegation Council Meeting  
March 26, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
Red Earth Creek Community Hall

**Adjournment:**

**0124-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer