

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)	Louis A. Cardinal
Leo Alook	Robin Guild (1:19 p.m.)
Larry Cardinal	Gerald Johnson
Roy Yellowknee	

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Cheri Courtorielle	Tahirih Wiebe
Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) (10:08 a.m.)	Darlene Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
William Auger	Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security
Lee Bissell	Regional Fire Chief
Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
Russell Loughridge	Resident of Wabasca

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell.

Adoption of Agenda:

0621-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

8b. Wolf Bounty

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (October 30, 2024):

0622-2024-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the minutes of the delegation meeting of council held on October 30, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend Minutes of October 30, 2024:

0623-2024-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the minutes of the delegation meeting of council held on October 30, 2024 be approved as amended:

Chipewyan Lake Access Road and Airport:
Replace "in Chipewyan Lake" with "located on highway 813".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Introductions:

Roundtable introductions were held.

Councillor Arrival:

Reeve Marshall Auger joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Approval of Minutes
(November 1, 2024):**

0624-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the minutes of the 1st interim budget meeting of council held on November 1, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report.

0625-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

State of Local Emergency:

0626-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson 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

**Community Safety Plan
Committee Appointment:**

0627-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson and Tahirih Wiebe be appointed to the Community Safety Plan committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wolf Bounty:

0628-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the wolf bounty incentive be eliminated for all communities.

DEFEATED

Municipal Enforcement:

Manager of Bylaw Enforcement & Security, William Auger presented the Municipal Enforcement Department Monthly Report.

0629-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Municipal Enforcement Department monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Fire Department:

Regional Fire Chief, Lee Bissell presented the Regional Fire Department Monthly Report.

0630-2024-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Regional Fire Department monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened 11:32 a.m.

Capital Projects:

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Jason Supernault presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report.

0631-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

Additions to Agenda:**0632-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the following addition to the agenda be approved:

10b. Calling Lake Arena Concession

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture:

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

0633-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Recreation & Culture verbal report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants Committee Report:**0634-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17.

- Wabasca/Desmarais Lions Club approved for \$20,000 for Santa's Anonymous Campaign in December 2024;
- Administration to organize a speaking engagement event for Alexas Kubicki to present her story of becoming a world champion;
- Request from Mistassiniy School travel club approved for \$12,000 to go towards travel costs for trip to London, Paris in March 2025;
- Request from St. Martin's Parish approved for \$1,000 for their annual live auction and dinner event on November 20, 2024;
- Request from Calling Lake Food Bank "Santa's Anonymous" approved for \$5,000;
- Red Earth Creek Fire Department approved for \$5,000 for annual Christmas hampers;
- Request from Calling Lake Community Society be tabled until 2025;
- Request from Calling Lake History Gathering committee be tabled until 2025;
- Request from Angela Lightning approved for \$2,500 and a golf pass for a fundraising event to support the Beaver family;
- Request from Chantal Johnson approved for \$500 to go towards Mackena Auger's travel costs to play in the Battle of the Bands volleyball tournament in Bonnyville on December 6-8, 2024;
- Wabasca Lions Club Campground approved for \$10,000 for operations;
- Request from Steven Alook and Karol Szczesny on behalf of the BCN Vipers junior girls volleyball team approved for \$1,500 to go towards travel costs for the Battle of the Bands volleyball tournament in Alexis on November 22-24, 2024;
- St. Theresa School po-car rally fundraiser for Carmel (student) approved for \$1,500;
- Neepinise Family Healing Centre Food Bank approved for \$100,000 for food bank.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Lakeview Sports Centre
Concession:****0635-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Lakeview Sports Centre Concession be tabled until the next regular meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Arena Concession
Operations:****0636-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the proposal from Errol Cardinal to lease the Jaybird Memorial Arena concession in Calling Lake for 2024/2025 season be approved with an agreement of a \$200 monthly rate and a \$500 damage deposit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened 12:44 p.m.

Councillor Departure: Councillor Leo Alook left at 12:31 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: 0637-2024-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the following addition to the agenda be approved:

18a. Closed Session: Legal – Tax Arrears Proposal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report: Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report.

0638-2024-17MDC
Moved by Marshall Auger that the Finance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session: 0639-2024-17MDC
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that council move to closed session at 12:49 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Tax Arrears Proposal, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure: Reeve Marshall Auger left at 1:10 p.m.

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Leo Alook arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Councillor Departure: Councillor Robin Guild arrived at 1:19 p.m.

0640-2024-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that council return to open meeting at 1:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened 2:06 p.m.

Corporate & Regulatory Services Report: Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services, Rolanna Auger presented the Corporate & Regulatory Services Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0641-2024-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca WTP Generator – Request for Additional Funds: 0642-2024-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that administration be authorized to add \$37,000 to the WTP Generator Capital Project budget GL Code 4-27-00-31-630-00 to be funded from reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request from Nepahwin Holdings Inc. to Renew Tower Lease MLL 780054 Located in Wabasca: 0643-2024-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the renewal of lease MLL 780054 in the Hamlet of Wabasca to Nepahwin Holdings Inc. for the annual fee of \$5,660.23 plus tax for a 5-year term, with two additional 5-year terms, each with CPI adjustments be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

Jayden Sim – Direct Control
District Cardlock Fuel and Heavy
Truck Parking Lot:

0644-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that Development Permit Application 24-DP-080 from Jayden Sim for JLS Trucking Ltd. for a Cardlock Fuel System and Heavy Vehicle Parking Lot at 1230 Industrial Drive be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2024-01: SDAB

Alternate Clerk Appointment: 0645-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that Resolution 2024-01, which is to designate Lynda Gray and Terah Yellowknee as alternate clerks of the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend Childcare Supervisor
Position Salary Grid:

0646-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the request from administration to amend the Childcare Supervisor position salary grid to Scale 4 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chipewyan Lake Airstrip:

0647-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that direction to administration is to issue two Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the removal of brush along Chipewyan Lake access road and airstrip.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MD Housing Units – Furniture: 0648-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the replacement of furniture for the MD Housing Units be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Public Works Monthly Report.

0649-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Public Works report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillors Leo Alook and Roy Yellowknee left at 2:51 p.m.

Loon River First Nation Road
Maintenance:

0650-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the MD of Opportunity continue negotiating with Loon River First Nation for road maintenance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal left at 3:03 p.m.

Utilities Report:

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

0651-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Utilities report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Dialysis Committee
Appointment:**

0652-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that Darlene Jackson and Cheri Courtorielle be appointed to the Wabasca Dialysis committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0653-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regional Advisory Committee
Appointment:**

0654-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Robin Guild be appointed to the Regional Advisory Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peace River School Division
Meeting:**

0655-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Brendan Powell be authorized to attend the Peace River School Division joint meeting in Grimshaw on February 5, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Western Indigenous
Consultation & Engagement:**

0656-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council be authorized to attend the Western Indigenous Consultation & Engagement in Edmonton on February 20-21, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Oil Sands Expo:

0657-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council be authorized to attend the Oil Sands Expo in Fort McMurray on September 10-11, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0658-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0659-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Final Interim Budget Council Meeting
November 26, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting
November 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

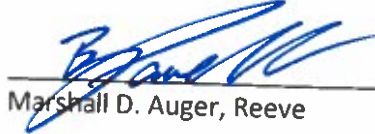
Regular Council Meeting
December 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0660-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

for 

Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer