

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**APRIL 10, 2024**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) (11:15 a.m.)    Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)  
Leo Alook    Darlene Jackson  
Larry Cardinal    Gerald Johnson  
Louis A. Cardinal    Tahirih Wiebe  
Cheri Courtorielle (10:22 a.m.)    Roy Yellowknee  
Robin Guild

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Tullis    Chief Administrative Officer  
Angela Lightning    Director of Recreation & Culture  
Jason Supernault    Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance  
Trina Mineault    Chief Financial Officer  
Gerhard Stickling    Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services  
Cynthia Taron    Director of Public Works  
Earl Gullion    Director of Utilities  
Lynda Gray    Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:**    **0181-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:  
  
7f.    Tax Letter  
7g.    Letter to CNRL  
10d.    Senior Home Budget Amendment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (March 26, 2024):**    **0182-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that the March 26, 2024 minutes of the Delegation Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:**    Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report.  
  
**0183-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD of Opportunity & Bigstone Cree Nation State of Local Emergency Discussion:**    **0184-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity and Bigstone Cree Nation State of Local Emergency is tabled for more information from Bigstone Cree Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Community Tripartite Agreement:**

0185-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to appoint Darlene Jackson to the Community Tripartite Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake State of Local Emergency:**

0186-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to extend the State of Local Emergency for Calling Lake for two weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Arrival:**

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle arrived at 10:22 a.m.

**WDHA Social Housing Grants:**

0187-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity facilitate an introductory meeting with Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA) and Grant Match.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tax Letter:**

0188-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is to revise the tax letter and get a legal opinion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Letter to CNRL:**

0189-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to draft a letter to Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) to request a public meeting/consultation regarding the expansion of the Wabasca Class II Industrial Landfill which is located approximately 25km northeast of Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Capital Projects:**

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Jason Supernault presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

0190-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Keekenow Senior Facility Repairs:**

0191-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to allocate \$145,000 with funds from capital reserves and administration to put Request for Proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Arrival:**

Reeve Marshall Auger arrived at 11:15 a.m.

**Lions Club Campground Facility Operator Agreement:**

0192-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the amendment to the Facility Operator Agreement for the Lions Club Campground is tabled to the April 24, 2024 delegation meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture:**

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

**0193-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request from Calling Lake Society:****0194-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Calling Lake Society for MD of Opportunity to provide the society with a rider insurance policy is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grants Committee Report:****0195-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved.

- Request from High Prairie Traditional Pow Wow is accepted as information.
- Request from Wabasca Desmarais Childrens Place Playschool Association is tabled for more information.
- Request from St. Theresa School is approved for \$5,000 to go towards school trips/activities.
- Request from Calling Lake School is approved for \$3,000 to go towards school trips/activities.
- Request from Bigstone Community Wellness is approved for \$1,500 to go towards MMIP Awareness Day on May 13, 2024.
- Request from Calling Lake Food Bank is approved for \$25,000 to go towards 2024 operations.
- Request from Neepinise Family Healing Centre – Families are Sacred Program is approved for \$1,500 to go towards a field trip to Grande Prairie for the Sacred Fire Teachings on April 24-26, 2024.
- Request from Bigstone Men's Volleyball is approved for \$1,500 to go towards entry fee for the Thunderchild First Nation – Volleyball Tournament on May 31 – June 2, 2024.
- RECESS is approved for a donation for silent auction event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Securing Edmonton Oilers Evander Kane as Celebrity Guest for Annual Golf Tournament:****0196-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the "firm offer form" and commitment for securing Edmonton Oilers Evander Kane as a celebrity guest for the annual golf tournament is tabled to the April 24, 2024 delegation meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Community Gardener Contract:****0197-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to award the 2024 Wabasca Community Gardener Contract to Audrey Auger in the amount of \$66,800 with funds from GL 2-71-00-31-530-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Proposal from Zachary Zobot: 0198-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to approve the proposal from Zachary Zobot to provide golf lessons in Wabasca, Red Earth Creek and Calling Lake for the 2024 season for \$20,800.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

**0199-2024-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Additional Credit Cards & Amend F.16 Corporate Card Policy:**

**0200-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the proposed new credit cards and limits of \$10,000 are approved for Manager of Security & Bylaw, Communications Liaison and the Regional Fire Chief. Increase limits by \$5,000 for the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Secretary to CAO & Directors. Amend the F.16 Corporate Credit Card Policy to reflect the changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2024 Capital Budget – 2023 Capital Budget Carry Forward Plus – ALL FD Radio Communications Upgrade:**

**0201-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the 2024 capital project – carry forward plus is approved in principle as presented to carry forward the remaining budget of \$53,215 and an additional \$7,020 to cover the final invoice amount as a 2024 budget for All FD Radio Communications Upgrade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Senior Home Repair Budget Increase for Sandy Lake:**

**0202-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to reallocate \$23,000 to the Senior Home Repair budget for Sandy Lake.

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).

**0203-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2024-03 Rezone a Portion of 846 Mistassiniy Road South (WABISKA;; 28) from R1D – Residential District to R3 – Residential District:**

Being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as amended.

**First Reading:**

**0204-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2024-03 to rezone a portion of 846 Mistassiniy Road South (WABISKA;; 28) from R1D – Residential District to R3 – Residential District and that a Public Hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Change in Chair:**

Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell passed chair duties to Reeve Marshall Auger at 1:10 p.m.



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

0205-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Public Works report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Award 2024 Roadway Line Painting Contract:**

0206-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the 2024 Roadway Line Painting Contract is awarded to the lowest most qualified bid and is awarded to Battle River Striping for \$64,550.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Utilities Report:**

Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

0207-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Award Sandy Lake Wolf Trail Servicing Contract:**

0208-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to retender the Sandy Lake Wolf Trailing Servicing project in 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:**

0209-2024-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence:** 0210-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle left at 2:35 p.m.

**Indigenous Tourism Workshop:**

0211-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council is authorized to attend the Indigenous Tourism Workshop in Edmonton on April 17, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Indigenous Tourism Membership:**

0212-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity register to be a member of the Indigenous Tourism Alberta for an annual fee of \$199.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Calendars:**

**0213-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:**

**0214-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council move to closed session at 2:42 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss item: a) Staffing, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0215-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting at 3:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

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

Regular Council Meeting  
May 8, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:**

**0216-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting is adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer