

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – RED EARTH CREEK
MARCH 26, 2025

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at the Red Earth Creek Community Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Marshall Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
	Leo Alook	Darlene Jackson
	Larry Cardinal	Tahirih Wiebe
	Cheri Courtorielle	Roy Yellowknee
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:	Robin Guild	Gerald Johnson
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Louis A. Cardinal	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
	Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary
PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:	Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
	Ryan Musch	Bloom CME Inc.
MEMBER OF PUBLIC:	Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Reeve Marshall D. Auger.

Adoption of Agenda: **0155-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted with additions:

- 7a. General Update from CAO
- 7b. Dash for Dialysis
- 7c. Alberta North Central Alliance
- 7d. Keekenow Senior Facility
- 14a. Gravel Sales
- 18b. Closed Session: Land Issue

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (March 12, 2025): **0156-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on March 12, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dash for Dialysis: **0157-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the request from Dash for Dialysis be approved for \$10,000 to go towards promotional items for the relay race on June 7, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Keekenow Senior Facility: Residents from the Keekenow Senior Facility would like a new teepee, but not to be placed on the cement. Direction to administration is to remove the teepee that is currently there. It is an MD asset and can be used in collaboration with MD/FCSS events e.g. Cultural Days

Amended April 9/25
ms. CJ

Signage for internal rooms will be facilitated by Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority. The outdoor sign will be facilitated by the MD of Opportunity, that is phase 2 of the signage program. A council workshop will be set up with Unfussy to go through signage/design options.

Initials: Reeve ms. CAO CJ

Alberta North Central Alliance:

The Alberta North Central Alliance committee is looking at tourism in the region as part of their priority and strategic planning. It's \$2 per capita, based on census data for the municipality as a whole, population is 4,500. We are looking at under \$10,000.

Chad Tullis, CAO for the MD of Opportunity will be the contact.

CAO General Update:

Chief Administrative Officer gave a verbal update on upcoming meetings and information.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened 10:57 a.m.

**Delegation:
(10:57 a.m.)**

Armada Nowlit – Deric Orton, Marc Ma
Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in to introduce the Total Solutions for Gas Treatment and Grid Balancing, leveraging Data Empowerment to Contribute to the Green Economy by Armada Nowlit. They aim to become the leading solution provider to convert underutilized energy to power data centres. Armada Nowlit is a new group emerging into the area. They have obtained approval for its acquisition of natural gas assets located at Hoole Plant in Wabasca and are expected to supply the power of 50MW data centre.

They have staff to people to operate wells and pipelines and can also train local people who want to learn to operate generators and equipment. They have course levels 1, 2 and 3. They have two goals: 1) Create and acquire producing gas wells and 2) Supply agreements associated with crypto mines. The plan is to build a 200MW data centre. The final goal is to build a 1GW of power generation.

Armada Nowlit is eager to be part of the community. They are here to be open and be a responsible player for the local community.

Council thanked the delegate for their attendance and information. Delegates left at 11:37 a.m.

**Delegation:
(11:38 a.m.)**

Luxury First Hotel – Yolalia Cruel, Jason de Champlain– KIK Transport Manager, Ian Kallay
Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in to talk about the Traffic Bylaw the MD of Opportunity has in place. Yolalia spoke about the impact it has on the Luxury First Hotel business.

Jason would like to continue supporting the business. They rent a room for KIK Transport employees. He said that they wouldn't park loaded trucks and parking would be limited to 1.5 hours, maximum is 2 hours. This would give them time to grab a coffee, have a shower, and have lunch.

They are requesting that the MD of Opportunity come up with a workable solution.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance and information. Delegates left at 12:06 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened 12:29 p.m.

**Request to Increase Budgets
for Ice Refrigeration Systems
in Wabasca & Red Earth Creek: 0158-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to increase the 2025 capital budgets Wabasca GL 4-71-11-31-630-02 with an additional \$247,598.00 and Red Earth Creek GL 4-71-11-38-630-05 with an additional \$228,920.00 for Ice Refrigeration System replacements for Marian Wolitski arena in Wabasca and Back Lakes Sports Center in Red Earth Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Proposal for Ice Refrigeration
System Replacements for**

Wabasca and Red Earth Creek: 0159-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award the contract to TRANE Canada ULC for the replacement of the refrigeration systems for Wabasca Marian Wolitski Arena at the project price and screw piles with a total of \$1,092,600.00 and Red Earth Creek Back Lakes Sports Center at the project price and screw piles with a total of \$1,075,620.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CCP.10 Childcare Policy

Amendment to Childcare Fees: 0160-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the proposed amendment to CCP.10 Childcare Policy be approved to align childcare fees with the Daycares Affordability Grant funding from the province and that parent fees will be prorated for the months that the Spring and Christmas breaks occur, and that the drop-in rate be reduced from \$47.62 to \$40.00 per day; and that the provincial childcare subsidy program be removed from policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2025-03 Municipal Reserve
Disposal for Peace River School**

Division Subdivision REC: Being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the Province of Alberta to dispose a 3.122 acre portion of the Municipal Reserve Designation from Lot 33MR, Lot 35MR and Lot 37MR, Plan 8722773 in the Hamlet of Red Earth Creek within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17.

First Reading:

0161-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-03 - Municipal Reserve Disposal for Peace River School Division Subdivision in Red Earth Creek be given FIRST READING and that a public hearing be scheduled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Council Meeting:

0162-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that a special council meeting be scheduled for April 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Red Earth Creek for the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2025-03.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Luxury First Hotel, 101
Opportunity Drive – Heavy
Truck Parking Lot Direct
Control District:**

0163-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that Develop Permit Application 25-DP-017 for a Heavy Vehicle Parking Lot the Luxury First Hotel, 101 Opportunity Drive be approved with conditions to upgrade parking lot, trucks to have empty loads, no idling and that it's for a 6-month temporary period.

CARRIED

Gravel Sales:

Residents are inquiring about gravel sales. The CAO indicated that it's an annual Request for Decision that is presented to council, usually in May.

**Canada Housing Infrastructure
Fund:**

0164-2025-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration submit the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invitation from Loon River First Nation to Attend Swear-In-Ceremony:

0165-2025-17MDC

Moved by Bendan Powell that council be authorized to attend the Loon River First Nation Swear-In-Ceremony on April 24, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0166-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invitation to Attend the Greenhouse Business Innovation:

0167-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council be authorized to attend the Greenhouse Business Innovation discussion in Athabasca on April 8, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: **0168-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0169 -2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Reeve Marshall D. Auger left at 1:45 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened 1:52 p.m.

Closed Session:

0170-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council move into a closed session at 1:52 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer and Recording Secretary to discuss item: a) Land Issue, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0171-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting at 2:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
April 9, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Special Council Meeting
April 16, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Red Earth Creek Community Hall

Delegation Council Meeting
April 23, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Sandy Lake Community Hall

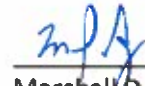
Initials: Reeve MA . CAO CA

Adjournment:

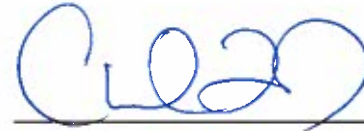
0172-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer