

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – RED EARTH CREEK
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, September 23, 2024 at the Red Earth Creek Community Hall Boardroom.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve) Leo Alook Gerald Johnson Larry Cardinal	Louis A. Cardinal Darlene Jackson Tahirih Wiebe Roy Yellowknee
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:	Robin Guild Cheri Courtorielle	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Reeve Marshall D. Auger	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chad Tullis Lynda Gray Rolanna Auger Jason Supernault	Chief Administrative Officer Recording Secretary Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:	Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell.	
Adoption of Agenda:	<u>0501-2024-17MDC</u> Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Delegation Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.	
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
Approval of Minutes (September 11, 2024):	<u>0502-2024-17MDC</u> Moved by Darlene Jackson that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on September 11, 2024 be approved as presented.	
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
State of Local Emergency:	<u>0503-2024-17MDC</u> Moved by Leo Alook 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 October 16, 2024.	
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
Abandoned Trailer Behind Fillmore Apartments:	There is an abandoned trailer behind the Fillmore Apartments in Wabasca. Manager of Bylaw, Enforcement & Security has already engaged with the RCMP.	
Councillor Arrival:	Councillor Cheri Courtorielle joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.	
Fire Department Fleet Capital:	The fire department purchased a recovery unit that will be used as a site command. It will be utilized when fire fighters go out on scene for long events and when deployed.	
	Fleet was approved at the last budget meeting and the recovery unit was on the list Some items were deferred to 2025.	

Initials: Reeve md CAO C1

ALL – Community Signs:**0504-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to replace and update the dual faced pylon sign located at the tourist booth in Wabasca with new LED lighting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca & Red Earth Creek
Landfills:****0505-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration be authorized to proceed with Journey Engineering Action Plan for Wabasca and Red Earth Creek landfills with professional services funds for \$487,190.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened 10:58 a.m.

Delegation**11:00 a.m.****Maskwa Medical Center – Ken Drysdale, Tab Pollock**

Round table introductions were held.

The delegate was in attendance to present to council regarding the Maskwa Medical Center. The Maskwa Medical Center will play a pivotal role in the healthcare of Peace Country and Northwest Alberta residents and significantly impact the well-being of community members.

Ken introduced the project. Maskwa is an innovative, Alberta-based, not-for-profit registered charity committed to accelerating the process and improving access to medical specialists and family physicians. Any surplus funds from the tenancy of the building will be reinvested into research and education.

The Maskwa Medical Center is opening in Grande Prairie in 2026. It will have a specialist clinic where they will provide a treatment plan in 10 days from referral, retail will include a pharmacy, medical supply business, daycare, restaurant, etc., and an academic teaching clinic which will reduce ER visits by 50%, offer a 2-year program for family physicians and they expect 10 graduate students per year.

The ground breaking ceremony will take place in October and hopefully start the building construction this year. Suggestion was to have someone from the municipality join their membership to attend meetings twice a year.

They are requesting a letter of support from the municipality.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information. Delegate left at 11:30 a.m.

**Letter of Support for Maskwa
Medical Center:****0506-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to draft a letter of support for Maskwa Medical Center.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PREDA:**0507-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity host the next Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) meeting in Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:**0508-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAO CH

**Mental Health & Addictions
Symposium:****0509-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council is authorized to attend the Mental Health & Addictions Symposium in Slave Lake on October 2, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0510-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0511-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the calendars be accepted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Louis Cardinal left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened 12:14 p.m.

**Virtual Bid Opening for
Fire Smart Tenders:**

The Requests for Proposals (RFP's) were issued for the Fire Smart projects in Calling Lake, Red Earth Creek, Sandy Lake and Wabasca on September 11, 2024 with a submission deadline of September 23, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. (MDT).

As per Procurement Policy, all sealed bids shall be opened in the Wabasca administration office in the presence of the procurement officer, authorized department representative and at least one (1) council member for all procurement bids more than \$200,000.

With the council meeting held in Red Earth Creek, bids were opened by directors Rolanna Auger and Jason Supernault.

**Calling Lake FFP-23-68 Fire
Smart Tender Award:****0512-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to negotiate the price with Cortex Management Inc. for the FFP-23-68 Calling Lake Fire Smart project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek FFP-24-25
Fire Smart Tender Award:****0513-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award FFP-24-25 Red Earth Creek Fire Smart to the lowest qualified bidder and is awarded to Way-mor Construction for a price of \$44,250 (\$7,500/ha) plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sandy Lake FFP-23-69
Fire Smart Tender Award:****0514-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to negotiate the price with Cortex Management Inc. for the FFP-23-69 Sandy Lake Fire Smart project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca FFP-24-32 Fire
Smart Tender Award:****0515-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award FFP-24-23 Wabasca Fire Smart to the lowest qualified bidder and is awarded to 1439000 AB Ltd (Davidson Oilfield Construction) for a price of \$101,600 (\$8,000/ha) plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve md CAO CT

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
October 16, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Organizational Council Meeting
October 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting
October 30, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

Adjournment:

0516-2024-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer