

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – SANDY LAKE
JULY 26, 2023

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at the Sandy Lake Community Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Darlene Jackson
Leo Alook	Gerald Johnson
Larry Cardinal	Tahirih Wiebe
Louis A. Cardinal	Roy Yellowknee
Cheri Courtorielle	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robin Guild
Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: 0359-2023-17MDC
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

8c. Metal Signs
8d. Calling Lake Senior Housing
10b. Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Days
10c. Rodeo Grounds Maintenance

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (July 12, 2023): 0360-2023-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the July 12, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting of council be approved as presented:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marketing & Branding Logo: 0361-2023-17MDC
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to approve the marketing & branding logo #2 with minor adjustments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RMA District 4 Two-Day Event: 0362-2023-17MDC
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Reeve & Council are in support of the "Getting the most out of Combines Power of the North – Two Day Event".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Metal Signs Discussion: Council discussed a potential project to purchase Metal Signs at a price of \$2,700 per sign which includes mounting. The signs are 4 ft wide x 3 ft tall and are outlined with led light strips.

Direction to defer the potential Metal Signs project to the Recreation Committee to define the scope, determine location and quantity. Administration will prepare a scope document with cost estimates and consider budget for 2024.

Calling Lake Senior Housing Project:

There was a brief discussion about the transfer of the Calling Lake Senior Housing units to Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority. The units will be transferred when the subdivision is complete.

**Delegation:
11:00 a.m.**

STARS – Glenda Farnden, Jon Gogan
Round Table Introductions

The delegates were in attendance to present the STARS update to council. Since 2010, STARS has transported 74 patients within the MD of Opportunity boundaries. Missions and critical medical transfers have increased across the province.

The interior of the air ambulance has highly specialized equipment that can provide critical care anywhere. They recently put a fuel cache in Athabasca. STARS is also working with Alberta Health Services to look at having heliports at all hospitals.

Glenda and Jon thanked MD of Opportunity for their ongoing support. The continued support is a leading municipal partnership.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:34 a.m.

**Delegation:
11:35 a.m.**

Fort Vermillion Grazing Association – Gary Smith
Round Table Introductions

Gary Smith was in attendance to request permission to tour the Wabasca Fireguard to inspect water resources and grazing lease to see if it's feasible for grazing cattle.

The association is interested in taking over both the Wabasca and Red Earth Creek fireguards. The MD of Opportunity is open to negotiating a long-term agreement with the Fort Vermillion Grazing Association.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance. Delegate left at 11:46 a.m.

Sandy Lake Gasification –

Residential Gas Installation: 0363-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to award the Sandy Lake Gasification – Residential Gas Installation project to Remote Oil & Gas Ltd. for a price of \$233.00 per meter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Alberta Indigenous Games: 0364-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to proceed with \$72,000 to go towards Alberta Indigenous Games and to invite Regan Auger to the next recreation committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m.A. CT

Bigstone Cree Nation**Treaty Days Celebrations: 0365-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook to approve a grant of \$15,000 for the Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Day Celebrations in Wabasca, Chipewyan Lake and Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rodeo Grounds:

Direction to administration to get the grass cut, repair fence and culverts relocated.

Letter to Minister of Transportation:**0366-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to draft a letter to the Minister of Transportation to express concerns about grass cutting on highways 88 and 754.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proclamation Alberta Development Officers Week:**0367-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 proclaims September 19 – 22, 2023 Alberta Development Officers week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend the Compensation for Fire Staff Policy - 116:**0368-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed amendments to the Fire Staff Policy – 116 is approved as presented with the following:

- Honorarium Rates for Probationary Firefighters is changed to \$25.00/hour
- Added Honorarium Rates under a State of Local Emergency (S.O.L.E.)
- Added "When no SOLE is declared" under Honorarium, M.D. Employee Salary vs. Honorarium sections 1 & 3
- Travel & Accommodation - Added "For deployments, the member is eligible to claim a "per diem" of \$25.00 for each 24-hour period they are away from home including expenses incurred when meals/accommodations are not supplied by the party requesting assistance."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Changes to P1. Personnel Policy:**0369-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed amendments to the P.1 Personnel Policy is approved as presented with the following:

- Section 3.a Added National Indigenous People's Day as a recognized MD Stat Holiday
- Section 4.2.a Changed Bereavement for Immediate Family from three (3) to five (5) days
- Section 4.2.e Added if Management uses more than five (5) days in lieu of overtime worked, then Time Off in Lieu (TOIL) will be allowed
- Section R – Change Municipal Cellular Telephone Use reimbursement to \$120.00 per month and replaced all mentions of County to Municipality

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m.A. CT

**Request for Grazing Lease –
Fireguard in Red Earth Creek
& Wabasca:**

0370-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook to table the grazing lease request from the Fort Vermillion Grazing Association for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 2023-10:

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the province of Alberta to cancel part of Subdivision Plan No. 9020285 Registered in Respect of NE-7-97-8-W5M located within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17

First Reading:

0371-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2023-10 is given FIRST READING to cancel part of Subdivision Plan No. 9020285.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading:

0372-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2023-10 is given SECOND READING to cancel part of Subdivision Plan No. 9020285.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Unanimous Reading:

0373-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that Bylaw 2023-10 is given UNANIMOUS READING to cancel part of Subdivision Plan No. 9020285.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading:

0374-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Bylaw 2023-10 is given THIRD READING to cancel part of Subdivision Plan No. 9020285.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rescind Bylaw 2023-06:

0375-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to rescind Bylaw 2023-06 Conservation Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 2023-11:

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the province of Alberta to designate Lots 1 & 2 of Plan 641NY in the Hamlet of Calling Lake in the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to Conservation Reserve. In accordance with Section 665(1) of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26.1, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as Amended.

First Reading:

0376-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Bylaw 2023-11 is given FIRST READING to designate lots 1 & 2 of Plan 641NY to Conservation Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading:

0377-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2023-11 is given SECOND READING to designate lots 1 & 2 of Plan 641NY to Conservation Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m.A. CT

Unanimous Reading:

0378-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that Bylaw 2023-11 is given UNANIMOUS READING to designate lots 1 & 2 of Plan 641NY to Conservation Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading:

0379-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2023-11 is given THIRD READING to designate lots 1 & 2 of Plan 641NY to Conservation Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0380-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/

Correspondence:

0381-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0382-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting

August 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting

August 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Calling Lake Complex Boardroom

Adjournment:

0383-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall O. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer