

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
	Larry Cardinal	Gerald Johnson
	Louis A. Cardinal	
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:	Leo Alook	Darlene Jackson
	Cheri Courtorielle	Tahirih Wiebe
	Robin Guild	Roy Yellowknee
MEMBER OF PUBLIC:	Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
	Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
	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

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

Adoption of Agenda: **0461-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the agenda be adopted with the following addition:

11e. Keekenow Senior Facility

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (August 28, 2024): **0462-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the delegation meeting of council held on August 28, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0463-2024-17MDC
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

State of Local Emergency: **0464-2024-17MDC**
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

Utilities Report:

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

0465-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Utilities report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sandy Lake Lagoon & Lift Station:**0466-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to retender Sandy Lake water/sewer servicing in 2025 and transfer budgeted funds of \$2,203,077.00 from Wolf Trail servicing to Sandy Lake Lagoon and Lift Station project. Add additional funds of \$896,923.00 to capital project GL 4-42-00-32-610-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Landfills – Wabasca & Red Earth Creek:**0467-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to hire two (2) fulltime landfill attendants, one for Red Earth Creek and one for Wabasca; and two (2) casual labourers (4 months in the summer), one for Red Earth Creek and one for Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Fire Department:

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

0468-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Regional Fire Department monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Signage:**0469-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to have the MD logo and thank you for visiting "name of community" on the community entrance signs for a total cost of \$16,377 per sign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects:

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

0470-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened 11:10 a.m.

Request for Additional Facility Maintenance Staff:**0471-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request for three (3) general labour positions under Facility Maintenance be tabled until the organizational council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture:

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

0472-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation & Culture verbal report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants Committee Report:**0473-2024-17MDC**

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

- Request from Audrey McLeod be approved for \$5,000 to go towards the Dennis McLeod Memorial Fiddle Music Legacy event on October 5, 2024;
- Request from Aaron Cardinal & Kayla Sinclair be approved for \$8,000 to go towards Ryder Cardinal's registration fees for the Indigenous Hockey Academy for the 2024/25 Hockey Season;
- Request from Julious Cardinal for \$2,000 to go towards the 1st Annual Lyle Yellowknife Softball Memorial Tournament on September 6-8, 2024 be accepted as information; and
- Request from Joel Auger on behalf of Native Dream Team Project Inc. for \$150,000 in Italy on April 13-22, 2025 to go towards tournament entry fees, tour fees and airfare be tabled for additional information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Family & Community Support
Services (FCSS) Committee****Recommendations:****0474-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the recommendations from the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Committee be approved as presented:

- The 2024 FCSS operating budget be increased by \$250,000 to fund the 2024 3rd Annual Cultural Days event in Wabasca. The \$250,000 increase will reflect in the FCSS Professional Services GL 2-51-00-31-239-00 FCSS; and
- FCSS Coordinator Janice Auger be authorized to sign all grant applications that apply to FCSS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MD of Opportunity Recreation**Committee Recommendations: 0475-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the recommendations from the MD of Opportunity Recreation Committee be approved as presented to increase the current 2024 Capital Project budget by \$850,000 to continue progress in the park improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Keenow Senior Facility:**0476-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request from Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority to waive fees for seniors at Keenow Senior Facility to utilize the swimming pool once a week for one (1) hour as part of their weekly program be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened 1:00 p.m.

Finance Report:

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

0477-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Finance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada North Offer to Purchase:**0478-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Canada North Offer to Purchase be moved to closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:**0479-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council move to closed session at 1:05 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Canada North Offer to Purchase, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0480-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting at 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada North Offer to Purchase:**0481-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild to accept the offer to purchase Canada North property sale once it is reviewed and/or edited by Brownlee Law's real estate team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corporate & Regulatory Services Report:

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

0482-2024-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**Delegation
1:30 p.m.**

Native Dream Team Project Inc. – Joel Auger
Round table introductions were held.

The delegate was in to present to council on behalf of Native Dream Team Project Inc. The NDT Project Inc. consists of many indigenous/non-indigenous coaches, representing many different nations and communities.

He is requesting funding to go towards tour fees, airfare and float for extra curricular activities and unexpected expenses. Two teams are registered for the Cornacchia Cup Volleyball tournament in Italy on April 13-22, 2025. The total cost to send 24 athletes and 4 coaches/ chaperones is \$150,000.

NDT will be hosting tryouts for U17 boys and girls (born after January 1, 2008) which will be open to athletes within the boundaries of MD of Opportunity No. 17 to represent NDT at this prestigious and annual event.

The athletes will experience international travel and participate in a volleyball competition. Along with the competition dates, athletes will also experience the Italian culture, see incredible sights, compete at the highest levels, intermingle with other teams/athletes from around the world.

Council suggested that Joel come back in the next month or two to give an update on Native Dream Team's financial security for the volleyball tournament to Italy.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information. Delegate left at 2:08 p.m.

**Proclamation Alberta
Development Officers
Week:**

0483-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 proclaims September 22-28, 2024 as Alberta Development Officers week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Truth & Reconciliation Day
Proclamation:**

0484-2024-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the MD of Opportunity proclaims September 30th as Truth and Reconciliation Day each year. This initiative aims to support education on the impacts of Indian residential schools, strengthen Indigenous relations, and raise awareness about the lasting effects of this historical injustice. Through this proclamation, we commit to fostering understanding and promoting healing within our community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2024 FireSmart Expression
Of Interest Submissions:**

0485-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council acknowledges awareness and is in support of the projects listed for the September Expressions of interest (EOI) submissions to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA):

- Calling Lake: 7.5 hectares maintenance project in blocks CAL 3-1_1 (4.3 ha) and CAL 3-1_2 (3.2ha);
- Red Earth Creek: 10.3 hectares vegetation management project in block RE 31;
- Wabasca: 11.5 hectares vegetation management project in block WA 61; and
- Sandy Lake: 14.4 hectares in block SL 3-4 vegetation management project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Safety Code Service Provider: 0486-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the MD of Opportunity enter into a contract for five (5) years with the option for two (2), 2-year extensions with Superior Safety Codes Inc.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

Director of Public Works, Kimball Newberry presented the Public Works Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0487-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Public Works report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Tahirih Wiebe left the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Calling Lake Paving:**0488-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to approve the request for an additional \$140,000 to the Calling Lake paving budget to cover extra asphalt and possible extras + \$75,000 for a total of \$215,000; Leveling course (20mm and 40mm lift), additional 10mm station 4+700 to 8+320 (8m width), additional 680t @\$160t for additional tonnage = \$108,800.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Noel Drive Culvert and Ditching:**0489-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to replace Noel Drive Culverts and ditching and approved the quote received from Northern Roadbuilders for \$103,550.00 plus contingency and engineering for a total of \$122,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Declaration:

Councillor Gerald Johnson declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 3:06 p.m.

Grader Contract for Calling Lake:**0490-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to award the grader contract for Calling Lake to the lowest most qualified bid and is awarded to Orloff Enterprises for a cost of \$160.00/hour operating a Volvo G 740B.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Return:

Councillor Gerald Johnson rejoined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Grader Contract for Red Earth Creek:**0491-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal to award the grader contract for Red Earth Creek to the lowest most qualified bid and is awarded to Eagle Road Maintenance for a cost of \$200.00/hour operating a Volvo 6960B.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:**0492-2024-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RHPAP Conference:**0493-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council be authorized to attend the Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention conference on October 8-10, 2024 in Wainwright, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SCARS Critters & Cocktails Gala:**0494-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council be authorized to attend the 2024 Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) Critters and Cocktails Gala on November 2, 2024, in Edmonton and that administration be authorized to purchase one table for \$1,100.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Treaty 8 First Nations of
Alberta Gala:****0495-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council be authorized to attend the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Gala on November 29, 2024 in Edmonton and that administration is authorized to purchase two tables for \$1,500 each.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0496-2024-17MDC

Moved by Larry Cardinal that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cell Phone Booster:**0497-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council be authorized to expense the purchase of a cell phone booster.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reschedule Regular Council
Meeting Date:****0498-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to reschedule the October 23, 2024 delegation council meeting to October 30, 2024 so council can attend the Alberta Recreation & Parks conference on October 24-26, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0499-2024-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
September 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Red Earth Community Hall

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

Adjournment:**0500-2024-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Marshall D. Auger, Reeve


Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer