

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
NOVEMBER 27, 2024

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brendan Powell (D/Reeve) Robin Guild
 Leo Alook Gerald Johnson
 Larry Cardinal Roy Yellowknee

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)
 Cheri Courtorielle
 Darlene Jackson (10:03 a.m.)
 Tahirih Wiebe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Louis A. Cardinal

IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
 Angela Lightning Director of Recreation & Culture
 Trina Mineault Chief Financial Officer
 Lynda Gray Recording Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Pearl Lorentzen Lakeside Leader
 Russell Loughridge Resident of Wabasca
 Ken Beaudry Resident of Wabasca

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell.

Introductions: Roundtable introductions were held.

Adoption of Agenda: **0663-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the Delegation Meeting Agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 7b. Christmas Community Dinners
- 8a. Canadian Animal Task Force
- 11g. Christmas Parade
- 11h. Santa's Anonymous
- 11i. Grant Request from Emery Gullion on behalf of Senior Men's Volleyball Team
- 11j. Grant Request from Makayla Cardinal on behalf of Laila Cardinal
- 18a. Closed Session: Legal – Tax Arrears Proposal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (November 13, 2024): **0664-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on November 13, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (November 26, 2024): **0665-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the Final Interim Budget meeting of council held on November 26, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve mb, CAO 01

State of Local Emergency: 0666-2024-17MDC
 Moved by Cheri Courtorielle 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 two weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Christmas Dinners: There was a brief discussion about the Christmas community dinners. Get the dates for the Christmas community events in Chipewyan Lake, Sandy Lake, Calling Lake, Wabasca, and Red Earth Creek. Council are welcome to attend the community events.

Canadian Animal Task Force: Administration to get an update on the spay and neuter clinic potentially scheduled for September or October 2025. Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security to include an update on the next monthly report.

Christmas Parade: There was a brief discussion about the Christmas Parade. Suggestion to give internal prizes (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) for MD of Opportunity floats.

Santa's Anonymous: Request from Councillor Darlene Jackson to get keys and the alarm code to Eagle Point Clubhouse for the purpose of Santa's Anonymous. Santa's Anonymous is utilizing the facility to prepare hampers.

Grant Request from Senior Men's Volleyball Club: 0667-2024-17MDC
 Moved by Gerald Johnson that the grant request from Emery Gullion on behalf of the Senior Men's Volleyball Club that will be playing in the Battle of the Bands tournament in Bonnyville on December 6-8, 2024 be approved for \$1,500 to cover travel and meal expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Request from Bigstone Community Wellness: 0668-2024-17MDC
 Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Bigstone Community Wellness seeking support for an upcoming event in honor of National Addictions Awareness Week 2024 be approved for \$1,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Request from Wabasca Senior Girls Volleyball Team: 0669-2024-17MDC
 Moved by Robin Guild that the request from Jackie Cardinal and Tanya Sinclair on behalf of the Wabasca Senior Girls volleyball team that will be playing in the Battle of the Bands tournament in Bonnyville on December 6-8, 2024 be approved for \$1,500 to cover travel and meal expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Request from Shelly Clearwater: 0670-2024-17MDC
 Moved by Leo Alook that the request from Shelly Clearwater on behalf of Levant Clearwater who will be playing volleyball in the Battle of the Bands tournament in Bonnyville on December 6-8, 2024 be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rescind Bylaw 2022-03 Rates & Fees and Replace with Bylaw 2024-10: Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to Establish the Schedule of Rates and Fees for Services, Use of Facilities, and the Sale of Miscellaneous Inventory Items.

First Reading to Bylaw 2024-10: 0671-2024-17MDC
 Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Bylaw 2024-10 be given FIRST READING.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading to
Bylaw 2024-10:**

0672-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2024-10 be given SECOND READING.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Consent to
Bylaw 2024-10:**

0673-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to SEEK UNANIMOUS CONSENT to Bylaw 2024-10.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to
Bylaw 2024-10:**

0674-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that Bylaw 2024-10 be given THIRD READING.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Donation Request for Funeral
& Wake Expenses:**

0675-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request from Nora Yellowknee and Leanne Yellowknee for a financial contribution or donated item for the po-car rally on November 21, 2024 be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Entertainment:
Sacred Enigmas - First Nation
Programming Discussion:**

0676-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the proposed community entertainment: Sacred Enigmas – First Nation Programming be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened 10:59 a.m.

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

Travis Malone – Wabasca Resident
Round table introductions were held.

The delegate was in attendance to make a formal request for water & sewer services on Neewatin Drive. There are five (5) lots (2880 through 2850) and the neighbors are committed to improving the community’s infrastructure and believe that the addition of these essential services will enhance the sustainability in the area.

The delegate had approached administration at the October 4, 2024 annual general meeting in Wabasca. Administration did a cost estimate and it would be around \$540,000.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information. Delegate left at 11:03 a.m.

**Delegation
11:05 a.m.**

Josh Friessen – Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake

The delegate was in attendance to present to council the proposals for Preparing for Community Growth Project, Learning for Community Growth Project, and Accept Care and Elevate (ACE) Project. He is also seeking letters of support for the projects and an investment of \$8,000 to support the development of these studies/packages.

The Preparing for Community Growth project and initiative is spearheaded by Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake. This project is strategically designed to support the preparations for economic growth in the Lesser Slave Lake Region. The program is to help set up a learning platform for the area. It will be developed for teaching online entrepreneurship, customer service, basic skills, and live courses throughout the region. The program enables communities to stand out in a competitive market by: a) showcasing unique selling points, b) build credibility by providing reliable, actionable data, and c) engage potential investors with professional and persuasive materials, and d) foster long-term relationships with stakeholders, creating a foundation for sustained economic growth. Community Futures is applying to the Northern Regional Economic Development Program for funding to administrate and launch the Preparing for Community Growth project.

The Learning for Community Growth project is strategically designed to bolster entrepreneurship capacity and elevate workforce skills. The approach includes building an online learning program, provide in-person training opportunities for entrepreneurs and workforce training. Community Futures is applying to the Small Community Opportunity Program for funding and is seeking a letter of support for this program.

The Accept Care and Elevate (ACE) project stands as a visionary, community-driven initiative dedicated to nurturing cultural exchange, celebrating diversity, and fostering unity within our vibrant communities. This initiative is anchored by three pivotal services: a) Expended Ethnocultural Celebration Campaign, b) Hockey as a Second Language and c) Culture Pockets. Community futures is applying to the Ethnocultural Grant Program and is seeking letter of support for this program.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information. Delegate left at 11:23 a.m.

0677-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is to draft letters of support and commit a financial contribution of \$8,000 each for Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek with funds from Professional Services GL 2-13-00-31-239-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Request from Makayla Cardinal:

0678-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the grant request from Makayla Cardinal on behalf of Laila Cardinal who will be playing in the Battle of the Bands volleyball tournament in Bonnyville on December 6-8, 2024 be approved for \$500 to cover travel expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend P.4 Personnel Policy - Hiring Policy & Procedures:

0679-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the P.4 Personnel Policy – Hiring Policy & Procedures section Interview Process be approved with amendments:

- Replace “Manager” with “Director” throughout the policy;
- Application Process – Remove the second paragraph;
- Interview Process - Replace “Human Resources” with “additional local” staff member if needed”; and remove sections 3 and 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded Vote:

Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell asked for a recorded vote on the following motion:

Amend Childcare Policy:

0680-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the proposed amendments to the Childcare Policy to add additional closures for the daycares, specifically a two-week Christmas break and a one-week Spring break; and to change the Professional Development days from February, May, August and November to March or April (during Spring break), June, September and December (during Christmas break) be approved.

CARRIED

For: Leo Alook, Marshall D. Auger, Larry Cardinal, Cheri Courtorielle, Robin Guild, Darlene Jackson, Gerald Johnson, Tahirih Wiebe, Roy Yellowknee
Against: Brendan Powell

**Delegation
11:45 a.m.**

Jim Yuill – Wabasca Resident
Round table introductions were held.

The delegate was in attendance to inquire about the industrial lots at the subdivision located on Drillbit Drive in Wabasca.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and information. Delegate left at 11:50 a.m.

Loon River Road Maintenance: 0681-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that MD of Opportunity enter into a temporary agreement with Loon River First Nation to maintain 6 kilometres of paved road for the 2024/2025 winter season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4-Way Stop at Intersection of Moonshine Drive and Bambi Street in Wabasca:

0682-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to turn the intersection of Bambi Street and Moonshine Drive in Wabasca into a 4-way stop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0683-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0684-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0685-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened 12:16 p.m.

Closed Session:

0686-2024-17MDC

Moved by Marshall Auger that council move to closed session at 12:17 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Brownlee Law Representative, and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Tax Arrears Proposal as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chief Financial Officer and Brownlee Law Representative left at 1:10 p.m.

0687-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council return to open meeting at 1:17 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Special Budget Council Meeting
December 3, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
December 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
January 8, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0688-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer