

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
APRIL 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook Darlene Jackson
Larry Cardinal Gerald Johnson
Louis A. Cardinal Roy Yellowknee
Robin Guild
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheri Courtorielle
Tahirih Wiebe
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
Trina Mineault Chief Financial Officer
Gerhard Stickling Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Cynthia Taron Director of Public Works
Angela Lightning Director of Recreation & Culture
Earl Gullion Director of Utilities
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
- PUBLIC PRESENT:** Denis Carnochan The Fever

Call to Order: Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: 0181-2022-17MDC
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8f. Open House in Red Earth Creek
- 8g. Old Red Earth Creek Hall
- 9h. 2022 RCMP Fish Derby
- 11g. Outsourcing Human Resources Grievances
- 12c. Equipment Sale – Unit 5008 – 2000 GMC Water Tanker
- 12d. Reallocate Capital Fleet Funds
- 12e. Landscaping at Keekenow Senior Facility
- 17c i. Organizational Chart

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adoption of Minutes (March 23, 2022): 0182-2022-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the Minutes of the March 23, 2022 Delegation Council meeting be approved with corrections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Change "Woodcock" to "Woodcock" (pg. 7 Public Hearing)

Admin Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0183-2022-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO Vacation Request: 0184-2022-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the request received from Chief Administrative Officer Chad Tullis for nine (9) vacation days on July 18–28, 2022 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Workshop:

0185-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to set up a council workshop in Edmonton on April 28, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Healthier Communities
Golf Tournament:**

0186-2022-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council are authorized to attend the Healthier Communities Golf Tournament on July 8, 2022 in Lac La Biche, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Planning
Association of Alberta
Annual Conference:**

0187-2022-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council is authorized to attend the Community Planning Association of Alberta 2022 Annual Conference on May 2 - 4, 2022 in Leduc, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Old Red Earth Creek
Hall Discussion:**

Council discussed what they would like to do with the old Red Earth Creek hall. A church group is interested in purchasing the building. Another group/person would like to lease it. Another suggestion was that it could be used for storage by the Facility Maintenance department.

Before council makes a decision, an open house will be setup to get feedback from the residents.

**Old Red Earth Creek
Community Hall:**

0188-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to table the requests received to lease and/or purchase the old Red Earth Creek community hall until community feedback is received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek Open
House:**

0189-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request to host an open house to get community feedback in Red Earth Creek on April 25, 2022 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Children's Place
Playschool Location
Discussion:**

There was a brief discussion about the Children's Place Playschool location. The building they are interested in utilizing has been allocated to the Utilities department.

One solution would be to grant additional dollars if we don't have actual space to accommodate them.

This will be discussed further at the May 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

**Invite Wabasca/Desmarais,
Athabasca & Red Earth
Creek RCMP to the
Calling Lake Delegation
Meeting:**

0190-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to invite the RCMP Sergeants from the Wabasca/Desmarais, Athabasca and Red Earth Creek detachments to present their Annual Policing Priorities at the next delegation meeting in Calling Lake, which is on August 24, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture
Services:**

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

0191-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Minor Hockey
Grant Request:**

0192-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the grant request received from Wabasca Minor Hockey Association for \$2,500 to go towards their year-end banquet will be allocated for the Nolan Hockey School on April 29 - May 1, 2022 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegation: (11:00 a.m.)

Jim Yuill, MD17 Taxpayer
Round table introductions were held.

Jim Yuill was in attendance to request a long term agreement on property taxes for the phase two (2) industrial development on Airport Road. The property is being taxed for development and he is requesting that it be treated as raw land until the lots sell.

He gave a brief history on the Jr. Land Industrial Development. He had purchased land from the MD of Opportunity at a raw land price and it has been developed to sell. The land has all services available (water, sewer, power, gas).

He would also like to see the road presentable as it is a municipal road. Maybe lots will begin selling if the road is graveled and maintained.

Council thanked delegate for his attendance and information.

Delegate left the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

**RECESS Society
Grant Request:****0193-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the grant request received from Red Earth Community Engaged in Student Success (RECESS) Society for \$3,000 to go towards the two-day event planned for the community on June 6-7, 2022 is approved with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grant Request for
AAA Hockey:****0194-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request received from Connie Cardinal to assist with travels for Caihen Thunder and Tyrus Cardinal to attend the Alberta Wolfpack 2022 Spring Hockey Team hockey practices and tournaments from April 2, 2022 to mid June is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**First Memorial Quad
Rally Donation Request:****0195-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the donation request received from Melissa McLeod to go towards the 1st Annual Dwight Shaw Quad Rally is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Quad Rally Donation
Request:****0196-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the donation request received from Cori Alook to go towards the Mike Yellowknee Memorial Quad Rally is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022 RCMP Fish Derby
Grant Request:****0197-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the grant request received from RCMP to go towards the 37th Annual Fish Derby is approved for \$1500, one adult season golf pass and use of the tourist booth on June 10-12, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mistassiniy High School
Grant Request:****0198-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the grant request received from Mistassiniy School for \$3000 to go towards the grade 12 graduation is tabled for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Senior Men's Hockey
Provincial Grant
Request:****0199-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request received from Devon Rathbone to assist with travel and accommodations for the Bigstone Men's team attending Senior Native Provincials is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Finance Report:

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

0200-2022-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Transfer funds from MDHC to WDHA:

0201-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to transfer \$296,473.54 from the Municipal District of Opportunity Housing & Development Corporation ATB Account to Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Asset Transfer from MD to WDHA and MDHC to MD:

0202-2022-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to approve the transfer from Municipal District of Opportunity to the Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority of Plan 112 1093, Block 17, Lot 1 (4000 Chapan Street) in Wabasca and Plan 052 5897, Block 30, Lot 24A (3013 Central Drive) in Calling Lake and to approve the transfer of five (5) vacant properties from Municipal District of Opportunity Housing & Development Corporation to the Municipal District of Opportunity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal District of Opportunity Housing & Development Corporation (M.D.H.C.):

0203-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to dissolve the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 Housing & Development Corporation (M.D.H.C.) and to close the bank account.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mistassiniy High School Grant Request:

0204-2022-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the grant request received from Mistassiniy School for \$3000 to go towards the grade 12 graduation is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.13 Remuneration Council Policy:

0205-2022-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the proposed amendments to the Council Remuneration Policy is approved with the following changes effective May 1, 2022:

- Decrease Mileage Rate to follow the CRA Travel Allowance Rate
- Increase the Meal Rates: Breakfast \$25, Lunch \$30 and Dinner \$45
- Increase Parking & Incidentals to \$100

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Corporate & Regulatory Services Report:

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

0206-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Corporate & Regulatory Services report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

Expired Fire Fighter Bunker Gear & PPE:**0207-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to donate the expired fire fighter bunker gear and personal protective equipment (PPE) to Firefighters in Ukraine.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SCBA Equipment Training Exchange/Donation with Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Services (LSLRFS):**0208-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to accept the training offer from the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Services (LSLRFS) and donate the remaining old self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment to a firefighter charitable organizations with the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Services (LSLRFS).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mud Bog Capital Project - Requesting Additional Funds:**0209-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to increase the area to 19.7 hectares and approves additional funding of \$155,000 to the Mud Bog capital project to complete clearing and logging activities. And salvage logs for sale in the fall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022 FireSmart Proposal Submissions:**0210-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council acknowledges awareness and is in support of the projects listed for the May 2022 proposal submissions to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA):

- Calling Lake: Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update
- Sandy Lake: Update Wildfire Preparedness Guide (WPG) and develop a sprinkler plan
- Wabasca: Wildfire Preparedness Guide (WPG) and develop a sprinkler plan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Outsourcing Human

Resources Grievances: Council requested an update on outsourcing Human Resources Grievances. MD is looking to engage to help with other HR Services. Administration has reached out to a couple of contacts.

Staff are going directly to council with concerns instead of discussing it with their director. Staff need to be comfortable and may find it easier to talk to someone they don't know. It's a huge part of morale in the office. There is a Workplace Violence and Harassment Intervention policy in place.

Gravel Sales:**0211-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to sell up to two (2) – 12 tonne loads of gravel to property owners within the MD of Opportunity at a price of \$325.00 plus GST per load including delivery and \$50.00 to spread each load if requested.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

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

0212-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Public Works report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Scrap Metal Contract
Tender Award:****0213-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to award the Scrap Metal Contract to Tystar Trucking at a rate of \$50 per tonne for scrap metal removal from Wabasca & Red Earth Creek landfills and \$30 per tonne from Peerless Lake, Trout Lake & Calling Lake transfer sites.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Equipment Sale – 2000
GMC C8500 Water
Tanker – Unit 5008:****0214-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the sale of unit 5008 – 2000 GMC C8500 Water Tanker to Bigstone Cree Nation Fire Department for \$5,000.00 is tabled for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reallocate Capital Fleet
Funds:****0215-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to reallocate the 2021 Capital Fleet purchases into the 2022 Capital Fleet budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KSF Landscaping:

Council asked for an update on the landscaping at Keekenow Senior Facility. Administration will engage Albert to move forward with assistance from public works staff for the seeding and top soil work. Decorative rocks will be ordered and trees will be planted around the facility.

Direction to Administration to get a hold of the Housing Coordinator/Safety Advisor.

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

0216-2022-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Utilities Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table: **0217-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Labour Solutions Summit:

0218-2022-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council are authorized to attend the Labour Solutions Summit in High Prairie on May 26, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCPA Conference: **0219-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council are authorized to attend the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA) 2022 Conference in Canmore on May 9-11, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/ Correspondence:

0220-2022-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0221-2022-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0222-2022-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that council move to closed session at 2:40 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Public Works, Director of Utilities and Recording Secretary to discuss items 17a. Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA), 17b i. Land Industrial Subdivision, 17b ii. Drainage Issues and 17b iii. Red Earth Creek Industrial Lot, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure: Councillor Leo Alook left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Councillor Departure: Councillor Gerald Johnson left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The Director of Public Works, Director of Utilities, Chief Financial Officer and Recording Secretary left the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

0223-2022-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that council return to open meeting at 3:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates: Delegation Council Meeting
April 27, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Sandy Lake Community Hall

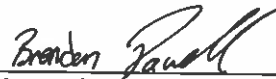
Regular Council Meeting
May 11, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0224-2022-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the meeting is adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer