

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
JANUARY 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook	Darlene Jackson
Larry Cardinal	Robin Guild
Louis A. Cardinal	Roy Yellowknee
Cheri Courtorielle	

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Gerald Johnson
Tahirih Wiebe

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
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
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

William Auger	Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security
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MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Reeve Marshall D. Auger.

Adoption of Agenda:

0004-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the agenda be adopted with additions:

- 7c. Alberta North Central Alliance
- 7d. Annual General Meeting in Calling Lake
- 10b. Calling Lake Senior Housing Working Committee
- 12b. Provincial Education Requisition Credit
- 18c. Closed Session – Labour Issue

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change February 26, 2025

Delegation Meeting Date:

0005-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the delegation meeting scheduled for February 26, 2025 in Chipewyan Lake be changed to February 24, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(December 11, 2024):**

0006-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on December 11, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(December 20, 2024):**

0007-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the minutes of the special meeting of council held on December 20, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve md CAO Q

**Approval of Minutes
(January 3, 2025):**

0008-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the special meeting of council held on January 3, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

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

0009-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

State of Local Emergency:

0010-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson 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

**Alberta North Central
Alliance:**

0011-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Alberta North Central Alliance committee be tabled for further consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Annual General Meeting in
Calling Lake:**

0012-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the annual general meeting in Calling Lake take place on February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0013-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Enhanced Policing hours be tabled until the January 22, 2025 delegation council meeting for further information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Enforcement:

Manager of Bylaw Enforcement & Security, William Auger presented the Municipal Enforcement Department Monthly Report.

0014-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Municipal Enforcement Department monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened 11:00 a.m.

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

Liz Herbert – Physical Literacy for Communities, Sport 4 Life
Round table introductions were held.

The delegate was in attendance to present an overview of the Physical Literacy for Communities, Sport for life project and the proposed expansion of the project that has taken place in Calling Lake from the spring of 2022 to March 2025 and to request \$50,000 for three years (\$150,000), commencing in April 2025 and ending in June 2028. The intent is to expand the project to the entire MD of Opportunity No. 17.

The project has become collaborative and has helped to build very important relationships in the community, with the overall aim of improving physical activity in the children and youth through a focus on physical literacy. It's a preventative health project and increases physical literacy in youth. It's more the ability to do skills.

An overview of specific areas that the project table would like to scale deeper in the next stage of PL4C in the MD of Opportunity is capacity building with local staff who work with children and youth, including education and training opportunities in the region. Child and youth programming development based on physical literacy development and intersectoral collaboration by the building of a PL4C partner table representing a range of organizations and staff who can positively impact physical literacy development.

The partner table includes Alberta Health Services from Slave Lake, MD recreation staff, Northland School Division, Calling Lake School, and Bigstone Cree Nation. Project partners would be involved in planning and execution of project goals, participation in educational opportunities, discussions and think creatively and contribute ideas; and participation in monthly meetings over the term of the project.

Council thanked the delegate for her attendance and information. Delegate left at 11:25 a.m.

0015-2025-17MDC

Moved by to Tahirih Wiebe that the recreation operating budget GL 2-00-00-31-770-17 be increased by \$50,000 for the Physical Literacy for Communities, Sport for Life program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Fire Department:

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

0016-2025-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Regional Fire Department monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects:

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

0017-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake Senior Housing Working Committee:

The Calling Lake Senior Housing Working Committee would like administration to set up a meeting. They would like to know how the project is coming along and a do walk through of the housing units.

Recreation & Culture:

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

0018-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakeview Sports Center Concession Proposal:

0019-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposal from Derek Bigstone to operate the Lakeview Sports Center concession be approved with a monthly rental fee of \$200, a damage deposit of \$500 and compliance with Aspen Health Services licensing requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAD G

Finance Report: Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report.

0020-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Finance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Provincial Education Requisition

Credit application: **0021-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Municipal District of Opportunity is confirming the application of \$156,641 to the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program and \$3,216 for the Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC program) for the tax years 2021-2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened 12:15 p.m.

Councillor Departure: Councillor Leo Alook left at 11:56 a.m.

Corporate & Regulatory Services Report:

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

0022-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Repeal Bylaw 1995-06 Subdivision & Development and Replace with Bylaw 2025-01:

Being a Bylaw to establish the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17.

First Reading to Bylaw 2025-01:

0023-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-01 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading to Bylaw 2025-01:

0024-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-01 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Unanimous Consent to Bylaw 2025-01:

0025-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-01 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading to Bylaw 2025-01:

0026-2025-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that Bylaw 2025-01 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CCP.10 Childcare Policy Amendment:

0027-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the CCP.10 Childcare Policy proposed amendment to have two (2) Professional Development Days per year for daycare staff and that they occur during the Christmas and Spring break closures be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek FFP-24-25
FireSmart Project Additional
Hectares:**

0028-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration be authorized to add 2.2 hectares to the Red Earth Creek FFP-24-25 FireSmart project and that the contract with 1075860 AB Ltd. a/o Waymor Construction be amended and to complete this addition for a price of \$16,500 (\$7,500/ha) plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca FFP-24-23 FireSmart
Project Additional Hectares:**

0029-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration be authorized to add 4.0 hectares to the Wabasca FFP-24-23 FireSmart project and that the contract with 143000 AB Ltd. a/o Davidson Oilfield Construction be amended and to complete this addition for a price of \$32,000 (\$8,500/ha) plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

Director of Public Works, Kimball Newberry presented the Public Works Monthly Report.

0030-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Public Works report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report.

0031-2025-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Utilities report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival:

Councillor Leo Alook arrived at 12:35 p.m.

Council Round Table:

0032-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence:

0033-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0034-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0035-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council move into a closed session at 12:53 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss item: a) Labour Issue, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve ms-CAO CA

0036-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting at 1:17 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
January 22, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Calling Lake Community Complex


Regular Council Meeting
February 12, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0037-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer