

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 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	Tahirih Wiebe
Cheri Courtorielle	Roy Yellowknee
Robin Guild	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Gerhard Stickling	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Cynthia Taron	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: 0564-2023-17MDC
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8c. Wabasca Desmarais Housing Issue
- 8d. Santas Anonymous
- 10 c. Vending Machine Proposal from Jessica Cardinal
- 10d. Red Earth Creek Community Supper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (October 24, 2023): 0565-2023-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that the October 24, 2023 minutes of the Delegation Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (November 2, 2023): 0566-2023-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the November 2, 2023 minutes of the First Interim Budget Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0567-2023-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake State of Local Emergency: 0568-2023-17MDC
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the State of Local Emergency (SOLE) for Calling Lake is renewed and will be revisited at the November 29, 2023 delegation meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- WDHA Housing Issue:** The Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority board asked if they could apply for social housing grants through the MD of Opportunity.
- Administration will reach out to Alberta Counsel to see if they can work with WDHA to do some grant work.
- Santas Anonymous:** 0569-2023-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that administration will provide Darlene Jackson with temporary keys and alarm code to access Eagle Point Clubhouse from November 27, 2023 to December 18, 2023 for the purpose of Santas Anonymous.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Capital Projects:** Director of Capital Projects, Jason Supernault presented the Capital Projects Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).
- 0570-2023-17MDC
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Capital Projects report is accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Calling Lake Post Office Renovation Contract Award:** 0571-2023-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Calling Lake Post Office Renovation contract is awarded to Budney's Maintenance Service for the price of \$9,460 excluding GST.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Extended Hours for MD Facilities:** 0572-2023-17MDC
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the WWW&FC pool hours and the Lakeview Sports Centre (LSC) in Wabasca and the recreation centre in Calling Lake are extended until 9:30 p.m. twice a week for adult use.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Recreation & Culture:** Director of Recreation & Culture, Angela Lightning presented the Recreation & Culture Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).
- 0573-2023-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Grant Committee Report:** 0574-2023-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the recommendations from the Grants Committee to approve the following grant applications:
- Request from Frances Bissell, chairperson for the St. Martin's Parish is approved for \$1,000 for the annual live auction and dinner on November 22, 2023;
 - Request from Verna Orr is approved for \$2,500 for a round dance and feast on December 9, 2023;
 - Request from Cori Alook is approved for \$2,000 for the Senior Girls Volleyball team to attend the Battle of the Bands volleyball tournament on December 1-3, 2023;
 - Request from Robert Zobot is approved for \$1,000 for the Bigstone Community Wellness Recovery Conference on November 20-23, 2023;
 - Request from Kelly Gladue for Wabasca Men's Recreation Hockey League is approved for \$2,500 ice rental credit for 2023/2024 season;
 - Request from Valerie McLeod for a taxi service is accepted as information;
 - Request from Deborah Thunder for Bigstone Community Wellness is approved for \$10,000 for the community Christmas dinners on December 11, 13, and 15, 2023;
 - Request from Nancy Cardinal for Calling Lake Christmas/Dinner program is accepted as information;
 - Request from Jeannie Ghostkeeper for the Wabasca Senior Girls Volleyball is approved for \$2,000 for Battle of the Bands volleyball tournament on December 1-3, 2023;
 - Request from Jason Noskiye for the Wabasca Eagles Volleyball Club is approved for \$5,000 to assist with organization start up costs;

- Request from Joanne Hicks for the Calling Lake Food Bank/Santas Anonymous is approved for \$5,000 for Christmas gifts and dinner for Calling Lake families;
- Request from Gladys Cardinal for the Wabasca Iskewak Society is approved for \$10,000 for the Women's Celebration on March 8, 2024; and
- Request from U11 Minor Hockey Team to waive fees for the use of the MD bus to attend a hockey game on December 1-2, 2023 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vending Machine Proposal: 0575-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to accept the proposal from Jessica Cardinal to rent out the vending machine locations and administration to change her contract to \$250 per location (4) per year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Red Earth Creek Community Dinner Partnership:

Last year, the MD of Opportunity in partnership with Red Earth Creek School hosted a community dinner last year in partnership with Red Earth Creek School and would like to do the same this year.

There are funds available in the Red Earth Creek special events budget.

Finance Report:

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

0576-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Departure:

Councillors Leo Alook, Louis A. Cardinal and Roy Yellowknee left at 11:54 a.m.

Corporate & Regulatory Services Report:

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

0577-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 2023-14:

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as Amended.

First Reading:

0578-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2023-14 is given FIRST READING for the Land Use Bylaw amendment to add Group Homes as a Discretionary Use into the R1A – Residential District.

DEFEATED

For: Darlene Jackson

Opposed: Gerald Johnson, Cheri Courtorielle, Tahirih Wiebe, Robin Guild, Larry Cardinal

Red Earth Creek FFP-23-30 Fire Smart Tender Award:

0579-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award the Red Earth Creek FFP-23-30 Vegetation Management project to 1075860 AB Ltd. (Waymor Construction) for a price of \$107,220 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Wabasca FFP-23-32 Fire
Smart Tender Award:**

0580-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award the Wabasca FFP-23-32 Vegetation Management project to 1439000 AB Ltd. (Davidson Oilfield Construction) for a price of \$134,400 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FRIAA RFP November – Fire
Smart Proposal Submissions:**

0581-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council acknowledges awareness and is in support of the projects listed for the November 2023 proposal submissions to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA):

- Calling Lake: Completion of 8.4 ha VM treatment in blocks CAL2-5 and CAL2-7
- Sandy Lake: Completion of 8.6 ha VM maintenance in block SL1-8
- Wabasca: Completion of 11.0 ha VM in treatment block WA29

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

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

0582-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Paving Contract 02-2023 –
Knelsen Sand & Gravel
Request for Extension of
Contract:**

0583-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the request from Knelsen Sand & Gravel to extend the paving contract 02-2023 from October 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024 is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival:

Councillors Leo Alook and Roy Yellowknee returned to the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Councillor Arrival:

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal returned at 12:51 p.m.

Utilities Report:

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

0584-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 1:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2:19 p.m.

**Peerless Lake Water & Sewer
Tank Grant Application from
Jennifer Auger:**

0585-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the water and sewer tank grant application received from Jennifer Auger is approved for \$20,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sandy Lake Water & Sewer
Tank Grant Application from
Joyce Beaver:**

0586-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the water and sewer tank grant application received from Joyce Beaver is approved for \$20,000 and direction to administration to retender.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Red Earth Creek Fire Department
Grant for Christmas Food
Hampers:**

0587-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to approve \$5,000 to the Red Earth Creek fire department for Christmas food hampers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0588-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCPA Conference:

0589-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council are authorized to attend the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA) 2024 Conference in Calgary on May 6-8, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0590-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0591-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Final Interim Budget Meeting
November 20, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting
November 29, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0592-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer