

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
MAY 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday May 8, 2024 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook	Gerald Johnson
Larry Cardinal	Roy Yellowknee
Louis A. Cardinal	

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Cheri Courtorielle	Darlene Jackson
Robin Guild	Tahirih Wiebe

IN ATTENDANCE:

Earl Gullion	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Rolanna Auger	Acting Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
Katelyn Alook	Manager of Planning & Development
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

0252-2024-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

7d. Library Board
7e. Letter to Minister of Alberta Environment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (April 24, 2024):

0253-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the April 24, 2024 minutes of the Delegation Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (April 26, 2024):

0254-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the April 26, 2024 minutes of the Special Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Earl Gullion presented the CAO Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

0255-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake State of Local Emergency:

0256-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the State of Local Emergency for Calling Lake be extended for two weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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NorthWest FCSS Regional Meeting:

0257-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council are authorized to attend the NorthWest FCSS Regional Meeting on May 15-16, 2024 in Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Library Board:

0258-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to remove Judy Stewart as a Library Board member and administration to advertise for a member at large.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Letter to Ministers:

0259-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to draft a letter to the Minister of Environment & Protected Areas and Minister of Energy & Minerals

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects:

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Jason Supernault presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

0260-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Award All-Community Signage Contract:

0261-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to award the All-Community Signage contract to the lowest bidder and is awarded to Blanchet Signage Solutions for \$656,528 with funds from 4-32-00-610-15.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:00 a.m. Public Hearing Bylaw 2024-03:

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

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at 11:00 a.m.

Public Attendance:

Jake Papineau, Dylan Smith

Announcement:

Katelyn Alook, Manager of Planning & Development announced the purpose of the Public Hearing is to amend Bylaw 2013-14 the Land Use Bylaw as follows: That a portion of 846 Mistassiniy Road South (WABISKA;;28) is rezoned from R1D – Residential District to R3 – Residential District.

Roundtable Introductions:

Round table introductions were held.

Objections to Council Members:

The Chairman asked if the public had any objections to Council members present.

No objections

Hearing Order:

Bylaw 2024-03: 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 that a portion of 846 Mistassiniy Road South (WABISKA;;28) is rezoned from R1D – Residential District to R3 – Residential District.

In Favor of Bylaw:

No expressions in favor of Bylaw were made.

In Opposition of Bylaw:

No expressions in opposition of Bylaw were made.

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Fair/Impartial Hearing: The Chairman asked the public if they felt they had a fair and impartial Hearing.
The public present indicated it was a fair and impartial Hearing.

Public Hearing Concluded: 0262-2024-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2024-03 is adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading to Bylaw 2024-03: 0263-2024-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell to table second reading for Bylaw 2024-03 until May 22, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0264-2024-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants Committee Report: 0265-2024-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved.

- Request from Neepinise Family Healing Centre approved for \$60,000 for the food bank.
- Request from Bigstone Community Wellness for Indigenous Day Celebrations on June 19, 2024 is tabled for more information.
- Request from Summer Literacy Program for Cultural Day teachings for Calling Lake Community is tabled for more information.
- Request from Veteran's Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre is approved for \$2,000 to support interpreter and for accommodations for the dinner and celebration for Noel Boskoyous on June 8, 2024.
- Request from Bigstone Community Wellness is approved for a golf season membership, half cart pass and use of range balls for the Father's Day event at Eagle Point Golf Course on June 17, 2024.
- Request from Mikka Sinclair is approved for a season golf pass (choice of 2 youth passes or 1 adult pass) and \$500 in merchandise to go towards the fundraising event for her to attend a hockey tournament.
- Request from Red Earth Creek Rod & Gun Club is approved for \$500 worth of merchandise for the Mother's Day Shoot and Celebration event on May 11, 2024.
- Request from Mistassiniy School is approved for \$5,400 with use of the visitor information center for the Fish Derby Event fundraiser on June 7-9, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0266-2024-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corporate & Regulatory Services Report: Manager of Safety & Emergency Management, Rolanna Auger presented the Corporate & Regulatory Services Monthly Report.

0267-2024-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Public Works Report: Director of Public Works, Kimball Newberry presented the Public Works Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

0268-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gravel Sales: **0269-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to proceed with gravel sales to Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek residents while supply lasts for \$475 plus GST to a maximum of two (2) loads which includes the spreading of gravel on the driveway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rates for Mowing Equipment & Weed Whacking: **0270-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell to approve the proposed rates for mowing equipment and weed whacking \$1.75 per HP (horsepower), \$1.70 per foot of mower deck; for grass trimmers/weed whacker rate is \$35.00 per hour.

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

0271-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Celebrate Public Works Week May 19-25, 2024: **0272-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal to acknowledge National Public Works Week on May 19-25, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Additional Funds: **0273-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Gerald Johnson to approve additional funds of \$317,576 for the Airport Lift Station project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Award Airport Lift Station Contract: **0274-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Gerald Johnson to award the Airport Lift Station contract to AGS Contracting for \$1,602,798 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table: **0275-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Accessibility to Properties in Wabasca AB – St. Martin’s Parish & Other Areas:

0276-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to approve the extension of the agreement between the MD of Opportunity and Bigstone Cree Nation to access properties in Wabasca – St. Martin’s Parish Cemetery and other areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Peace Officer Graduation:

0277-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Marcel Auger is authorized to attend the Community Peace Officer Graduation on May 24, 2024 in Lac La Biche, AB

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0278-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0279-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0280-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council move to closed session at 1:14 p.m. with Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Manager of Safety & Emergency Management, Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Chief Financial Officer and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Wabasca Vegetation Management Project, b) Calling Lake Senior Home Complex Decks, and c) Tax Forfeiture Properties on Airport Road, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Manager of Safety & Emergency Management left at 1:30 p.m.

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance left at 1:36 p.m.

Chief Financial Officer arrived at 1:36 p.m. and left at 2:05 p.m.

0281-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca FireSmart Vegetation Management Project:

0282-2024-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that that administration is authorized to pay \$6,787.50 to Eric Auger & Sons Contracting to complete the Wabasca FireSmart Vegetation Management project with funds from Wabasca Fire Smart Operating Budget GL 2-27-36-31-260-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake Senior Complex Decks Project:

0283-2024-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to pay \$9,147.42 to Robert Davis to complete the CL-Senior Complex Decks project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Draft a Cease & Desist Letter: 0284-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is to request Brownlee Law draft a cease and desist letter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
May 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Red Earth Creek Community Hall


Regular Council Meeting
June 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0285-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting is adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer