

**M I N U T E S**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – RED EARTH CREEK**  
**MARCH 26, 2024**

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The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Red Earth Creek Sports Centre Boardroom.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
	Leo Alook	Gerald Johnson
	Cheri Courtorielle	Tahirih Wiebe
	Darlene Jackson	Roy Yellowknee

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** Robin Guild

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Larry Cardinal Louis Cardinal

<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
	Cyndi Taron	Director of Public Works
	Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** Reeve Marshall Auger called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** 0157-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

7g. Career Pathways Building

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (March 13, 2024):** 0158-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the March 13, 2024 minutes of the Regular Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake State of Local Emergency:** 0159-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell to keep the State of Local Emergency (S.O.L.E) for Calling Lake in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rescind C.5 Voting Policy:** 0160-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Robin Guild that the C.5 Voting Policy is rescinded in its entirety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Incentives for New Nurses:** Councillor Guild thought it would be a good idea to give welcoming baskets to new medical staff coming to the community.

The MD has an Attraction & Retention of Skilled and Professional Staff policy in place for a non-transferable annual recreation admission pass for all recreation facilities in the municipality. It would be great to have the passes ready, but the MD is not aware who is hired at the hospital, schools or RCMP. The process can be engaged but someone must communicate with the MD for new hires.



**Amend P.1 Personnel Policy:** 0161-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the proposed changes to the P.1 Personnel Policy short and long term disability to 100% employer paid is approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Fire Services Policy:** 0162-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that the proposed amendments to the Fire Services Policy – Section 116 is approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Declaration:** Councillor Tahirih Wiebe declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 10:18 a.m.

**Sandy Lake Fire Chief Appointment:** 0163-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson to appoint Tyler Wiebe as Fire Chief for Sandy Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:** Councillor Tahirih Wiebe returned to meeting at 10:22 a.m.

**Career Pathways Building:** 0164-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that the lease for the old Career Pathways Building is tabled for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**All-Metal Signs:** 0165-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the metal signs allocations approved are 10 for Wabasca, 8 each for Calling Lake, Red Earth Creek and Sandy Lake; and councillors will specify which signs they want.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sandy Lake Fox Drive Playground:** 0166-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to approve Lot 1005 Fox Drive for the playground in Sandy Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend C.13 Council Remuneration Policy:** 0167-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that the proposed changes to Section 9 - Reimbursable Expenses of the C.13 Council Remuneration Policy is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend F.12 Procurement Policy:** 0168-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the proposed changes to Appendix A of the F.12 Procurement Policy is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0169-2024-17MDC  
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the C.13 Council Remuneration Policy clarifies that the advance payment is up to \$2,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Peace Library System – CEO Louisa Robison  
Roundtable Introductions

Louisa was in to give council an update on library services provided by Peace Library Systems. They provide services to 37 municipalities and 1 Metis settlement. They serve 46 public libraries and 36 schools. She explained that membership fees are based on population figures.

Peace Library System services include library collections, access to resources, IT services and support, and training programs

The Peace Library System helps libraries offer more to their patrons, residents have access to far more resources and up-to-date sources of information and connects member libraries to other libraries across the province.

Council thanked the delegate for her attendance. Delegate left at 11:20 a.m.

**Pee Kis Kwe Tan Lets Talk  
Society Grant Request:**

0170-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the grant funding request from Pee Kis Kwe Tan Let’s Talk Society for \$170,000 for 2024 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Draft a Letter of Support to  
Minister of Mental Health &  
Addictions:**

0171-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the MD of Opportunity and Bigstone Cree Nation draft a letter of support to the Minister of Mental Health & Addictions for additional resources and funding from the province for Pee Kis Kwe Tan Let’s Talk Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend T.32 Organization Use  
of Municipal Busses Policy:**

0172-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed changes to the T.32 Organization Use of Municipal Busses Policy to add “All Minor Organized Sports Clubs will each have one free use of the Municipal Charter Bus per year, rental agreement shall be filled out, refundable damage deposit must be paid prior to scheduled trip, all other rentals will be paid as per rate schedule”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Declaration:**

Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 11:42 a.m.

**Award Red Earth Creek Paving  
Contract:**

0173-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to award the Red Earth Creek Paving contract to the lowest and most qualified bid and is awarded to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for \$4,417,703.21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:**

Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell returned to meeting at 12:01 p.m.

**Council Round Table:**

0174-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sturgeon County Mayor's  
Golf Tournament:**

0175-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council is authorized to attend the Mayor's Golf Tournament hosted by Sturgeon County Council on June 20, 2024 in Sturgeon County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence:** 0176-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:**

0177-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:**

0178-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that council move to closed session at 12:32 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss item: a) Council Code of Conduct, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0179-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

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

Delegation Council Meeting  
April 24, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Sandy Lake Community Hall

**Adjournment:**

0180-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting is adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer