

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CHIPEWYAN LAKE**  
**OCTOBER 30, 2024**

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The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at the Chipewyan Lake Community Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)                      Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)  
Leo Alook    Gerald Johnson  
Robin Guild    Tahirih Wiebe  
Darlene Jackson    Roy Yellowknee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Larry Cardinal  
Louis A. Cardinal  
Cheri Courtorielle

**MEMBER OF PUBLIC:** Pearl Lorentzen                                      Lakeside Leader

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Tullis    Chief Administrative Officer  
Lynda Gray    Recording Secretary

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** **0601-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Leo Alook that the Delegation Meeting Agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 7c. Firewood
- 7d. Chipewyan Lake Access Road & Airport
- 7e. Loon River Road Maintenance
- 7f. Chipewyan Lake Transfer Site Attendant

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (October 16, 2024):** **0602-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on October 16, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (October 22, 2024):** **0603-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the minutes of the organizational meeting of council held on October 22, 2024 be approved with amendments:

Correction: Nomination for Deputy Reeve – ~~Robin Guild~~ Roy Yellowknee nominated Brendan Powell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**State of Local Emergency:** **0604-2024-17MDC**  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe 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 two weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Peace River School Division –  
Red Earth Creek New School  
Water/Sewer Relocation/  
Realignment:**

**0605-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request from Peace River School Division to provide funding for the relocation costs of water and sewer at \$230,000 (\$228,755 as quoted from Alberta Infrastructure); also that the MD of Opportunity enter into a "Funding Agreement" with the Peace River School Division which will describe the financial contribution towards the total cost to complete the relocation of utilities for the new school and that \$150,000 remain allocated for the library in the new school is also included for total costs towards the project of \$380,000 in Red Earth be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Firewood:**

Council had a brief discussion about accessing firewood for residents in Wabasca. The Chief Administrative Officer stated that West Fraser had dropped off a load near the fireguard. ALPAC has delivered wood to Bigstone Cree Nation but not to the MD of Opportunity.

**Chipewyan Lake Access Road  
And Airport:**

*Amended November 13/24*  


Council had a brief discussion about the Chipewyan Lake access road. Proper access to the community is important. The road takes a while to dry after a rainfall. It needs more gravel. Bigstone Cree Nation has a gravel pit and a crusher in Chipewyan Lake located on highway 813, maybe the MD could cost share.

There is also overgrowth on both sides of the road. Mulching needs to be done in some areas of the access road. If the MD is taking care of the overgrowth at the airstrip, the access road could be included.

**Loon River Road Maintenance:** Loon River council reached out to see if the MD of Opportunity would consider getting a Memorandum of Understanding to maintain their road. They have 7 kilometers of paved road, from highway 88 to the bridge.

Administration to investigate options and the logistics.

**Chipewyan Lake Transfer Site  
Attendant:**

**0606-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council approved a part time transfer site attendant for Chipewyan Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened 11:12 a.m.

**Senior Home Repair Funding  
Adjustment:**

**0607-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to exceed the Senior Home Repair to accommodate emergency repairs for winter 2024/2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RCMP Office in Calling Lake:**

**0608-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to lease the RCMP office located at the Calling Lake Complex to the Calling Lake Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Lease Agreement with Bigstone Cree Nation for Chipewyan Lake Youth Center and Community Hall Facilities:**

**0609-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to proceed with preparing a lease agreement with Bigstone Cree Nation for the Chipewyan Lake community hall and youth center, and that the municipality maintain responsibility for utilities and maintenance until December 31, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request to Exceed Senior Heat Grant Budget 2024:**

**0610-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to exceed the Senior Heat Grant operating budget due to an influx of applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sea Can Placement Request from Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd.:**

**0611-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration enters in a lease agreement with the Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd. for \$2,400 annually as per Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd. proposal.

DEFEATED

**Sea Can Placement Request from Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd.:**

**0612-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request from the Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd. for a sea can placement be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend P.1 Personnel Policy:**

**0613-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed changes to the P.1 Personnel Policy, section K: Travel, Lodging, Subsistence and other allowances to add Daycare Scrub Allowance allowing daycare staff employed six months or more to use the Scrub Allowance to be reimbursed \$200 max provided a receipt is provided; and changes to Schedule C – Travel status compensation to mirror the changes to Canada Revenue Agency prescribed rates in the C.13 Council Remuneration Policy be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:**

**0614-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association Letter of Support:**

**0615-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to draft a letter of support to the Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association for their Digital Museums Grant application on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Gardens and Interpretive Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence:**

**0616-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:**

**0617-2024-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

First Interim Council Budget Meeting

November 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Wabasca Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting

November 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:**

**0618-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the meeting be adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer