

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CALLING LAKE
JANUARY 25, 2023

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the Calling Lake Complex Boardroom.

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:

Cynthia Taron	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Gerhard Stickling	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: **0030-2023-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the Agenda be adopted with additions/as presented:

- 8b. Northern Lakes College Chair of Board Governor Delegate Attendance
- 9c. Sanitizing Equipment
- 11c. FRIAA Applications
- 11d. Housing for WDHA CAO
- 11e. Universal Broadband Fund
- 12a. Charter Bus Donation Request

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes
(January 11, 2023):** **0031-2023-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the January 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023 International
Women's Day Gala:** **0032-2023-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that council is authorized to attend the 2023 International Women's Day Gala in Edmonton on March 4, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Northern Lakes College
Chair of Board of
Governor's Delegate
Attendance:**

Barry Sharkawi, the Northern Lakes Chair of Board of Governor's, is interested in attending as a delegate to a council meeting.

Direction to administration to contact him and provide the two options for a presentation. Invite to attend virtually on February 8, 2023 in Wabasca or in person on February 21, 2023 in Grande Prairie.



Wabasca Cross Country**Ski Club Grant Request: 0033-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the grant request from the Wabasca Cross Country Ski Club to purchase more ski equipment is approved for \$10,000 from Grants to Organizations GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca Lions Club**Donation Request:****0034-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the donation request received from the Wabasca Lions Club for the online auction fundraiser scheduled for the month of February is approved for \$1500, a season golf pass, and two loads of gravel to be delivered in Wabasca and/or Sandy Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sanitizing Equipment:

The MD of Opportunity should consider purchasing sanitizing equipment for the Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek arenas. The equipment can be also be utilized by the fire departments.

Direction to administration to get more information and bring back to council.

**Amend P.1 Personnel
Policy:****0035-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to amend the P.1 Personnel Policy to include five (5) sick days and three (3) personal days for permanent staff not eligible for insured benefits but eligible for non-insured benefits; and that the change in definition for permanent part time employees is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Award Camera Upgrade
Contract:****0036-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to enter into a contract service agreement with Budney's Maintenance Services for the Camera Upgrade Project for MD facilities for a budget of up to \$200,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FRIAA Committee:**0037-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to establish a committee to review Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) applications to identify areas for FireSmart projects; and that the committee appointed members are Gerald Johnson, Tahirih Wiebe, Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson and Brendan Powell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Housing for the Wabasca
Desmarais Housing
Authority Chief****Administrative Officer:**

There was a brief discussion about the housing for the Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority. Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority needs housing for the new Chief Administrative Officer.

The MD of Opportunity owns the doctors housing units. There is one vacancy for an unfurnished unit.

**Universal Broadband
Fund Information:**

Information was received for the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF).

The Reeve was asked to be the Master of Ceremonies at the press release on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the George D. Auger Community Hall in Wabasca. The Honourable Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Tourism and Associate Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Honourable Gудie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development, together with the Honourable Nate Glubish, Alberta's Minister of Technology & Innovation for a joint Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) announcement in Wabasca. The announcement will bring improved broadband connectivity to communities in Northern Alberta.

A release from the province says this will help connect 10,400 homes across the province. The funding is the first announced under the new Universal Broadband Fund. The province has set aside \$390 million over four years to bring high-speed internet to rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. The federal government has committed a similar amount. Wabasca-Desmarais and Bigstone Reserves 166, 166B, 166C, and 166 D is among the list of northwestern Alberta communities to get funding for broadband projects

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

County of Athabasca – Camille Wallach, Robert Balay, Gerry Kishlyk
Round table introductions

The delegates were in attendance to present to council the terms of reference for the Regional Health Care Attraction & Retention Committee. The committee has representatives from the County of Athabasca, Village of Boyle, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, MD of Opportunity, Alberta Health Services, and community representatives.

The purpose of the Regional Health Care Attraction & Retention Committee is to develop and support a sustainable system for health care provider attraction and retention that will ensure ongoing health-care services to the community.

The committee provides support for health care providers' attraction and retention; to enhance retention of health care providers by focusing on health care providers settling into the community, family integration into the community, and family quality of life interests. They also facilitate community involvement in the attraction and retention process together with health care providers, AHS and the Aspen Primary Care Network (PCN)

The committee requested a financial contribution for specific functions such as attraction activities, appreciation events, communication and marketing.

The committee also requested a letter of support for the Boyle Hospital.

There is an opportunity for a member of MD council and/or member at large from Calling Lake to be appointed to the committee.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:22 a.m.

**Delegation:
11:23 a.m.**

Aspen Health - Leslie Phillips & Lori Apostol
Round table introductions

The delegates were in to provide information on the Primary Care Network in Wabasca.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:40 a.m.

Closed Session:**0038-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that council move to closed session at 11:40 a.m. with the Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Regulatory & Corporate Services, and Recording Secretary, to discuss item: 16c. Satori Group as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0039-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting at 11:53 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction to administration to set up a meeting with the Satori Group.

**Regional Health Care
Attraction & Retention
Committee:****0040-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Athabasca County is approved for \$5,000 for specific functions such as attraction activities, appreciation events, communication and marketing; and that a member of MD Council and/or member at large from Calling Lake be appointed to the Regional Health Care Attraction & Retention Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sanitizing Equipment:**0041-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to purchase the following sanitizing equipment for the arenas; a Double Sani Sport for Wabasca for a price of \$23,000 plus shipping, and a Supreme Sani Sport for Calling Lake and one for Red Earth Creek for a price of \$17,000 each plus shipping with funds from general revenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Charter Bus Request:**0042-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Nikita McLeod, on behalf of U18 hockey team, for use of the MD bus to attend the Red Deer Minor Hockey Tournament in Delbourn, AB on February 17-19, 2023 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:**0043-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:****0044-2023-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Canadian Petrochemical
Summit:**

0045-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council is authorized to attend the Canadian Petrochemical Summit in Kananaskis, AB on June 6-8, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023 Oil Sands
Conference:**

0046-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council is authorized to attend the 2023 Oil Sands Conference in Fort McMurray, AB on September 13-14, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023 Rural Connectivity
Forum:**

0047-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council is authorized to attend the 2023 Alberta Rural Connectivity Forum in Olds, AB on May 24-25, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0048-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
February 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting
February 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Four Points by Sheraton in Grande Prairie

Adjournment:

0049-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the meeting is adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Marshall D. Auger, Reeve


Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer