

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – RED EARTH CREEK
MARCH 29, 2023

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the Red Earth Creek community hall.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Cardinal

IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
Cyndi Taron Director of Public Works
Gerhard Stickling Director of Regulatory Services
Earl Gullion Director of Utilities
Trina Mineault Chief Financial Officer
Angela Lightning Director of Recreation & Culture
Kimball Newberry Manager of Fleet & Solid Waste

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

Adoption of Agenda: **0132-2023-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8c. Letter of Support for Northern Lakes College
- 8d. CAO Verbal Report
- 16c. i. Labour – Meeting Protocol
- 16c. ii. Labour – Staff Concerns

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes
(March 8, 2023):

0133-2023-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the March 8, 2023 minutes of the regular meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0134-2023-17MDC
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that council move to closed session at 10:22 a.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer and Recording Secretary, to discuss item: 16c.i. Meeting Protocol and ii. Staff Concerns, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0135-2023-17MDC
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council return to open meeting at 11:06 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Council Meeting
Protocol:****0136-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that administration is authorized to adjust protocol regarding council meeting agenda and minutes distribution (minutes will be available once approved, agenda and package available post meeting).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Chief Administrative
Officer Verbal Report:**

Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer gave a verbal report on ministry meetings during the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) convention on March 20-23, 2023 in Edmonton.

**Speakers Bureau of
Canada Discussion:**

Amended April 12, 2023
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0137-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to reach out to Speakers Bureau of Canada for an evening engagement for up to \$20,000 and invite them to the MD/BCN golf tournament on August 10, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Marketing & Branding
Working Committee:****0138-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Marshall Auger, Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson, Gerald Johnson, Brendan Powell and Tahirih Wiebe are appointed to the Marketing & Branding Working Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Letter of Support for
PREDA:****0139-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to draft a letter of support to the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) for the Child & Youth Mental Health Worker program for Northern Lakes College.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

**Children's Place
Playschool Update:**

The director of Recreation & Culture, Angela Lightning gave a verbal update on the Children's Place Playschool. Direction to invite the director to a council meeting as a delegate.

**Alberta Treaty Hockey
Tournament Donation
Request:****0140-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Tanya Sinclair and Miranda Sinclair is approved for \$1500 to assist with costs for taking a group of girls to participate in the Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament that will be hosted in Calgary, AB on April 13-16, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Whistling Elk Massage
Rental Space Request:****0141-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Whistling Elk Massage (Darla Auger) to rent a room at the Eagle Point Clubhouse is approved with a rental rate of \$200 per month and a \$500 deposit for the 2023 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Proposal from Zachary Rathbone-Zabot:**0142-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to enter into a contract with Zachary Rathbone-Zabot as the Golf Events Coordinator at the Eagle Point Golf Course for the 2023 season for up to approximately \$20,000 with funds from GL 2-71-14-31-512-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Declaration: Councillor Darlene Jackson declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 12:59 p.m.

Wabasca Community Gardener Contract:**0143-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the 2023 Wabasca Community Gardener contract is awarded to Karol Szczesny in the amount of \$28,600 with funds from GL 2-71-00-31-530-00.

CARRIED

Councillor Return: Councillor Darlene Jackson returned to the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Regional Water Treatment Plant Study Grant:**0144-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the 2023 grant funded Regional Water Treatment Plant Study operational budget amendment of \$200,000 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 2023-02: This bylaw authorizes the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$9,438,710.00 for the purpose of the Wabasca Paving Projects 2023.

Second Reading:**0145-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2023-02 Borrowing Bylaw for Wabasca Paving Projects 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading:**0146-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2023-02 Borrowing Bylaw for Wabasca Paving Projects 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ward Chemical Raw Land Calling Lake:**0147-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Ward Chemical is approved to purchase +/- 50 acres of raw land at a fair market value, administration to hire an appraiser for SW-30-71-21-W4M and SE-30-71-21-W4M in Calling Lake. All costs including, but not limited to, subdivision, registration, access and servicing are at the expense of the purchaser.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**TELUS Request to
Extend Fibre Optic
Internet Services:**

0148-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to enter into a right of way agreement with TELUS for the purpose of trenching and placing a fibre optic cable at 3' deep to service the Hamlet of Red Earth Creek at a one time rate of \$8,150 for the ROW agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**F.12 Procurement Policy
Amendment:**

0149-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposed amendment to F.12 Procurement Policy to remove GST Registration Number and add "or confirmation of exemption" after Workers' Compensation Board registration is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023 Paving Project
Contract Award:**

0150-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council approved the lowest most qualified bid for the 2023 Paving Project for Wabasca with added addendum and is awarded to Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. for \$7,874,691.75 for the roadway paving and \$1,142,905.00 for the addendum for a total of \$9,017,596.75.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2023-04:
Water, Sewage
& Solid Waste:**

A Bylaw regulating and providing for the terms, conditions, rates and charges for the supply and use of water services, sewage services and solid waste services provided by the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17

Second Reading:

0151-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2023-04 Water, Sewage and Solid Waste as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading:

0152-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2023-04 Water, Sewage and Solid Waste as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0153-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Invite Ethan Bear to an
Evening Engagement:**

0154-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to engage Ethan Bear for an evening engagement and invite him to the MD of Opportunity/Bigstone Cree Nation golf tournament on August 10, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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JSG Engagement:**0155-2023-17MDC**

Moved by that council is authorized to participate in the JSG Engagement hosted by Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services, Mike Ellis along with Minister of Justice, Tyler Shandro on April 18, 2023 in Slave Lake, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sturgeon County Mayor's**Golf Tournament:****0156-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Reeve Marshall Auger is authorized to attend the Sturgeon County Mayor's Golf Tournament on June 16, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Workshop:**0157-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that a workshop for council be held the week of July 17-21, 2023, with location to be determined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillors Leo Alook and Roy Yellowknee left at 3:42 p.m.

Information/**Correspondence:****0158-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0159-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting
April 26
10:00 a.m.
Sandy Lake Community Hall

Adjournment:**0160-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the meeting is adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer