

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
November 29, 2023

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

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:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Gerhard Stickling	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
Rolanna Auger	Manager of Fire & Safety Services
Derrick Rathbone	Fire Services Coordinator
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

0601-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8c. Christmas Festival
- 8d. Boys Volleyball Club Donation Request
- 8e. Wolf Bounty
- 8f. Senior Home Repair & Senior Heating Grants
- 8g. 40-Lot Concern
- 8h. Council Supplies
- 8i. 2024 Fire Season

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(November 15, 2023):**

0602-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the November 15, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(November 20, 2023):**

0603-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the November 20, 2023 minutes of the Final Interim Budget Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake State of Local
Emergency:**

0604-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to keep the State of Local Emergency in place and will be reviewed at every council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Transitional Housing**Committee Appointments: 0605-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Tahirih Wiebe and Cheri Courtorielle are appointed to the Transitional Housing Committee and that the alternates are Darlene Jackson and Leo Alook.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Christmas Festival:**0606-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request from Bigstone Community Wellness for additional funds for the community Christmas dinners is approved for \$5,516.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Boys Volleyball Club**Donation Request:****0607-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request from Ellslee Knowles is approved for \$2,000 for the Boys Volleyball team to attend the Battle of the Bands volleyball tournament on December 1-3, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wolf Bounty:

Councillor Alook asked for an update on the wolf bounty.

Both the wolf and beaver bounties are suspended. If there are issues, the MD of Opportunity will engage with a local trapper to help rectify the situation on a contract basis.

**Senior Repair/Heating
Grant:****0608-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to add an additional \$10,000 to the senior heating grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Supplies:**0609-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council are authorized to expense the purchase of home office supplies (printer, ink, paper).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 Fire Season**Discussion:**

There is concern about the fire risk as we enter spring of 2024. We need to have a plan in place.

It is the responsibility of the grazing lease holders to mow/mulch the grass, which is at least 3.5 feet high, at the fireguards in Red Earth Creek and Wabasca. The best option is to get livestock out there and make sure they're grazing. Another option is to contact forestry about the possibility of a controlled burn.

Direction to administration to reach out to grazing lease holders and forestry.

40 Lot Concern in Wabasca: 0610-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the concern received from a resident on Caribou Crescent in Wabasca is tabled until the December 13, 2023 regular council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Delegation:
11:00 a.m.

Trident Pump Inc. – Kevin Younker
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to present to council the Trident Pump System and explained how it works. The Trident Community Protection System is comprised of one patented trident pump, hose deployer and sprinkler/handline connections. The configuration of the pump and hose deployer built on an off-high vehicle platform creates a mobile system that can be rapidly deployed once on site, with multi-use water thieves every 200 feet. It takes a four-member crew to run it.

Trident systems don't carry any water; they utilize remote standing water instead and have a pump capacity of 2,000 gpm, with the ability to push water through 4" layflat for at least 8,000' (1.5 miles) at distance and elevation.

It takes about 6 weeks to build one system. A maintenance kit comes with every system. There is a three-year warranty for defects. Training is also available to set up and run the equipment and is free with the purchase of a system. It is a two-day course and there are refresher courses which can be taken online.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance. Delegate left at 11:29 a.m.

Delegation:
11:30 a.m.

Dr. Riyaan Hassen
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to present to council an overview of current operations, challenges and opportunities at the Golden Opportunity Clinic.

The strategy is to provide accessible, comprehensive and quality care. Satori Health has invested significantly in the clinic operations leadership team since 2023 through new leadership.

A walk-in clinic will start in January 2024. Same day appointments will be made available with nurse practitioners.

Dr. Hassen recommended that a clinic committee be established to discuss health concerns in the community.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance. Delegate left at 12:01 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Robin Guild left at 12:01 p.m. and did not return.

Reserved Bid Public Auction
Postponed Property:

0611-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council accepts the appraisal value as presented as the reserve bid for the property on the public sale of land listing 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assessment Review Board
Clerk Appointment:

0612-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Wanda Sinclair is appointed as the Assessment Review Board Clerk for the MD of Opportunity for assessment review board complaints.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Sandy Lake FFP-23-31 Fire
Smart Tender Award:**

0613-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to award the Sandy Lake FFP-23-31 Vegetation Management project to Eric Auger & Sons Contracting Ltd. for a price of \$67,620 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Proposal to Fence Ben Auger
Park in Calling Lake:**

0614-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the proposal received from Nicole, Keliann and Chris Roe to fence the Ben Auger Park in Calling Lake is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peace River School Division
Joint Meeting Invitation:**

0615-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Brendan Powell was appointed to represent MD of Opportunity at the joint meeting (hybrid) with the Peace River School Division Board of Trustees on February 7, 2024 in Grimshaw, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0616-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0617-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:
1:30 p.m.**

Alberta Municipalities – Dean Kabbani, Senior Director
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to present to council the employee benefits overview and proposal provided by Alberta Municipalities for Sunlife.

He gave an overview on streamlined communication, employee benefits, coverage comparison and pricing review through SunLife.

Council thanked the delegates for his attendance. Delegate left at 1:50 p.m.

Trident Pump System:

0618-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to purchase a trident pump system for \$650,000 with funds out of the 2024 budget and add to 2024 capital program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clinic Committee:

0619-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Marcel Auger, Brendan Powell and Darlene Jackson are appointed to the Clinic Committee and Tahirih Wiebe as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Benefit Provider:

0620-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to go with the enhanced option provided by Alberta Municipalities for SunLife as the provider to the MD of Opportunity paying for Short-Term and Long-Term Disability for a total of \$77,506 effective March 1, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0621-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
December 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers


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

Adjournment:

0622-2023-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the meeting is adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer