

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
INTERIM BUDGET/DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
November 22, 2021

The interim budget/delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Larry Cardinal Darlene Jackson
Louis A. Cardinal Gerald Johnson (10:06 a.m.)
Cheri Courtorielle (10:15 a.m.) Tahirih Wiebe
Robin Guild Roy Yellowknee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leo Alook

IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
Trina Mineault Chief Financial Officer
Gerhard Stickling Director of Corporate Services
William Auger Director of Regulatory Services
Cynthia Taron Director of Transportation & Public Works
Angela Lightning Director of Recreation & Culture
Earl Gullion Director of Utilities
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
Eloise Stickling Legal Liaison
Kimball Newberry Manager of Fleet and Solid Waste
James Bronson Facilities Maintenance Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bruce Thomas The Fever
Joe Williams Lakeside Leader

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

Introductions: Roundtable Introductions

Adoption of Agenda: **0654-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Agenda is adopted with additions.

- 6a. 11:00 a.m. Delegation – Denis Carnochan
- 8c. Asset Transfer from MDHC to WDHA
- 8d. Community Halls in Peerless Lake and Trout Lake
- 9b. Christmas Celebrations
- 11a. Provincial/Federal Child Care Agreement
- 14a. Fire Department Flooding Community Rinks
- 17c. Expense Claims

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Gerald Johnson arrived at 10:06 a.m.

**Adoption of Minutes
(November 10, 2021):** **0655-2021-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the November 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting are adopted as presented

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Municipal Library Board**Appointment:****0656-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that Gloria Cardinal is appointed to the Municipal Library Board effective November 22, 2021 to October 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subdivision & Development**Appeal Board****Appointment:****0657-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Dollie Anderson is appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board as an alternate for the 2021-2022 term effective November 22, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Asset Transfer from
MDHC to WDHA:****0658-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to transfer thirty-six (36) properties and assets for \$1.00 each from the Municipal District of Opportunity Housing & Development Corporation to Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority plus the transfer of one (1) property and assets for \$1.00 from Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority; and to refer back to administration with direction of the 5 vacant properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival:

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle arrived at 10:15 a.m.

**Peerless Lake and Trout
Lake Community Halls:****0659-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to proceed with leasing out the Peerless Lake and Trout Lake community halls to Peerless Trout First Nation for an annual lease payment of \$1 with Peerless Trout First Nation taking on all operating costs for the facilities and duration of lease will extend until the Treaty Land Entitlement is processed and if agreement is not reached, administration will permanently close the halls on January 1, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Christ in You Hope
Of Glory Church-
Waive Hall Fees:****0660-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request received from The Christ in You Hope of Glory church to waive the rental hall fees in Peerless Lake is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation Staff –
Additional Positions
Request:****0661-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to hire two additional permanent full time Arena Facility Operators/Parks effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Christmas Celebrations: 0662-2021-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to host Christmas activities for Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek with funds coming from Special Events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:
(11:00 a.m.)****Resident of Wabasca, Denis Carnochan**
Round Table Introductions

Denis was in to propose the idea of growing food forests in MD communities. The idea is that we give life for future generations. With the loss of forests, we are losing our medicinal and food plants.

An idea proposed is to surround parks and maybe small sections whether on school grounds, church areas and playgrounds with Saskatoon trees. If they work well and the community buys into it, plant other trees such as apple and cherry. This would give people the opportunity to pick fruit in the summer months. This would create more self-reliance within our communities. Let us help build people's self-esteem and encourage them to plant gardens and fruit trees.

We could start in schools, teach students to become more reliant about gardening. If a project is developed where people are taught to plant trees, we could have a community filled with nutrition. The whole principle is that trees should be accessible to people.

Another suggestion is to have an Arbor Day, where everybody in the community plants a tree on that day.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance
Delegate left at 11:30

**Provincial/Federal
Child Care Agreement
Discussion:**

It was announced last week that the provincial government negotiated an agreement with the federal government that will support the expansion of accessible, affordable and high-quality childcare. The plan is to reduce fees for parents by an average of half next year and provides an average of \$10 per day per kid.

MD is waiting to get more information.

**Wabasca MD Landfill &
Reserve 166 BCN
Landfill Sharing:****0663-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the sharing of Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 MD landfill and Bigstone Cree Nation 166 landfill is tabled pending further information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Fire Department Flooding
Residential Rinks:****0664-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Municipal of District Opportunity No. 17 fire departments are not permitted to flood residential skating rinks for liability reasons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Peekiskwetan "Let's Talk"

Society Grant Request: 0665-2021-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the grant request from Peekiskwetan "Let's Talk" Society to provide annual financial support is tabled for more information to December 8, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Atoske Action Group
Grant Request:**

0666-2021-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the grant request from Atoske Action Group (AAG) to provide financial support for four years with funding of \$50,000 per year starting in 2021 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022 Operating/Capital
Budget Review:**

The Chief Financial Officer reviewed the 2022 Operating Budget with Council.

The final Budget meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

Council Round Table:

0667-2021-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0668-2021-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0669-2021-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the calendars are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0670-2021-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal to go into a closed session at 3:43 p.m. for agenda item 17c) Expense Claims, with the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer to discuss matters protected from disclosure per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0671-2021-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to go out of the closed session at 3:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Next Meeting Dates: Final Interim Budget Meeting
December 6, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting
December 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0672-2021-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the meeting is adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer