

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2021**

---

The organizational meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2021 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Leo Alook Larry Cardinal Cheri Courtorielle Robin Guild Brendan Powell Roy Yellowknee	Marshall D. Auger Louis A. Cardinal Tahirih Wiebe Darlene Jackson Gerald Johnson
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Chad Tullis Lynda Gray	Chief Administrative Officer Recording Secretary
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:</b>	Bruce Thomas Joe Williams Fay Cardinal Russell Loughridge	The Fever Lakeside Leader Member of the Public Member of the Public

**Call to Order:** Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Introductions:** Roundtable introductions

**Adoption of Agenda:** **570-2021-17MDC**  
Moved by Marshall D. Auger that the Agenda is adopted with the following addition:

7d. Ultrasound Equipment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Oath of Office:** The M.D. of Opportunity Council members were sworn into Municipal Office and the Oath of Office documents were signed.

**Selection of Chief**

**Elected Official (Reeve):** The Chief Administrative Officer opened the floor for nominations of the Reeve position:

Darlene Jackson nominated Marshall D. Auger; Marshall D. Auger accepted the nomination.

Leo Alook nominated Larry Cardinal; Larry Cardinal accepted the nomination.

Third and final call for nominations for position of Reeve; no other nominations were received.

**0571-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that nominations for the Reeve position cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*md. C*

**Secret Ballot:** A vote by secret ballot was held for the Reeve position and results were announced.

**Reeve:** **0572-2021-17MDC**  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Marshall Auger is appointed as the Chief Elected Official for the M.D. of Opportunity No. 17 for a term of one year becoming effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022 and that the official title of the Chief Elected Official is "Reeve".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Change in Chair:** The Chief Administrative Officer transferred the chairperson duties to Reeve Marshall D. Auger for the remainder of the meeting.

**Selection of Deputy Chief Elected Official (Deputy Reeve):**

The Reeve opened the floor for nominations of the Deputy Reeve position:

Robin Guild nominated Brendan Powell; Brendan Powell accepted the nomination.

Larry Cardinal nominated Cheri Courtorielle; Cheri Courtorielle accepted the nomination.

Gerald Johnson nominated Darlene Jackson; Darlene Jackson accepted the nomination.

The Reeve called for final call for nominations; no other nominations were received.

**0573-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that nominations for the Deputy Reeve position cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Secret Ballot:** A vote by secret ballot was held for the Deputy Reeve position and results were announced.

**Deputy Reeve:** **0574-2021-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that Brendan Powell is appointed as the Deputy Chief Elected Official for the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 for a term of one year becoming effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022 and that the official title of the Deputy Chief Elected Official is "Deputy Reeve".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0575-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the secret ballots for Reeve and Deputy Reeve appointments be destroyed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2021 – 2022 Meeting Schedule:**

**0576-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the 2021 – 2022 Council Meeting Schedule is approved with amendments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*m.A. Cy*

**Signing Authority:****0577-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Chad Tullis, Cynthia Taron, Trina Mineault, Lynda Gray, Marshall D. Auger, Brendan Powell, Robin Guild, Darlene Jackson, Larry Cardinal and Tahiri Wiebe are the signing authorities for cheque signing effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Remuneration Rates:****0578-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the 2021/2022 Council remuneration rates are amended to reduce council annual salaries by 10% and to reduce mileage rate from .65 per kilometer to .59 per kilometer.

DEFEATED

**0579-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook to approve the existing Council remuneration rates for 2021/2022.

CARRIED

**Council Boards & Committee Appointments****Emergency Management  
Committee:****0580-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Emergency Management Committee members appointed are the Reeve, Deputy Reeve as alternate community specific, and resource staff includes Director of Emergency Management, Deputy Director Emergency Management, Chief Administrative Officer and Communications Officer for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FCSS (Family & Community  
Support Services):****0581-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Family & Community Support Services board consists of all Council and Resource Staff includes; Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Policy Committee:****0582-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Policy Committee consist of all Council and Resource Staff includes Chief Administrative Officer and applicable Department Managers effective October 26, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Slave Lake Housing  
Authority:****0583-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Slave Lake Housing Authority members appointed are Robin Guild and Tahiri Wiebe as alternate for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ml. C7

**Lesser Slave Lake Community  
Futures (Development  
Corporation):**

**0584-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Lesser Slave Lake Community Futures (Development Corporation) member re-appointed is Marshall D. Auger for a term of one year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Greater North  
Foundation:**

**0585-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Greater North Foundation committee member appointed is Cheri Courtorielle for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Education  
Committee (NLC –  
Wabasca):**

**0586-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Community Education Committee members appointed are Tahirih Wiebe and Marshall D. Auger for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Northern Transportation  
Advocacy Bureau:**

*Amended  
Nov 10/21  
CJ ml.*

**0587-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau members appointed are **is** Brendan Powell **and alternates are** Larry Cardinal and Leo Alook for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Assessment Review  
Board:**

**0588-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Municipal Assessment Review Board consist of Brendan Powell, Robin Guild and Gerald Johnson for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Municipal Planning  
Commission:**

**0589-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Municipal Planning Commission members appointed are Tahirih Wiebe, Gerald Johnson, Larry Cardinal, Darlene Jackson and Brendan Powell for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Subdivision and  
Development Appeal  
Board:**

**0590-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board consist of Robin Guild, Cheri Courtorielle and Marshall Auger for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*ml. CJ*

**0591-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board members appointed are Ernie Grach and Erich Twardzik are appointed for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022 and that administration is authorized to re-advertise for two more members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Municipal Library Board: 0592-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Municipal Library Board members appointed are Tahirih Wiebe and Brendan Powell for a term of three (3) years effective October 26, 2021 to October 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peace Regional Library  
Board Representative:****0593-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Peace Regional Library Board representative appointed Tahirih Wiebe and Brendan Powell as alternate effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Ad Hoc Committee****– Atoske Action Group: 0594-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Atoske Action Group member re-appointed is Darlene Jackson for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Ad Hoc Committee –  
Alberta North Central  
Alliance (ANCA):****0595-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Alberta North Central Alliance (ANCA) members appointed are Brendan Powell, Larry Cardinal and Marshall D. Auger, for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Ad Hoc Committee –  
Red Earth Creek  
Economic Development  
Committee:****0596-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that Brendan Powell is appointed to the Red Earth Creek Economic Development Committee for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0597-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Red Earth Creek Economic Development Committee members appointed are Linda Minault, Louise Benson and Trenton Caldwell for a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022 and administration is authorized to advertise for additional members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Wabasca/Desmarais  
Housing Authority – MD  
Of Opportunity No. 17  
“Members at Large”:**

**0598-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Wabasca/Desmarais Housing Authority – MD of Opportunity No. 17 “Members at Large” appointed are Robin Guild, Tahirih Wiebe, Gerald Johnson, Brendan Powell, Cheri Courtorielle and Darlene Jackson as an alternate for a term of two (2) years effective October 26, 2021 to October 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca/Desmarais  
Housing Authority –  
Placement Review  
Committee:**

**0599-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Wabasca/Desmarais Housing Authority – Placement Review Committee members appointed are Gerald Johnson, Brendan Powell, Darlene Jackson and alternates appointed are Cheri Courtorielle and Tahirih Wiebe for a term of two (2) years effective October 26, 2021 to October 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Emergency Management  
Committee:**

**0600-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Emergency Management Committee consist of Director of Transportation & Public Works, Deputy Director Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Regulatory Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Subdivision Authority:**

**0601-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that Jane Dauphnee, Principal and Senior Planner for Municipal Planning Service (MPS) is re-appointed to the Subdivision Authority for a term of one year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Land and Development  
Authority:**

**0602-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Land and Development Authority members are Katelyn Alook –Manager of Planning & Development and Lisa Belanger – Lands Administrator a term of one (1) year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Water North Coalition:**

**0603-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Water North Coalition members appointed are Gerald Johnson, Marshall D. Auger and Robin Guild for a term of one year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Northern Alberta Elected  
Leaders:**

**0604-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) committee member re-appointed is Marshall D. Auger for a term of one year effective October 26, 2021 to October 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*ms* *cl*

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

**Adoption of Minutes  
(October 13, 2021):****0605-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Office Closure for  
Christmas Holiday  
Season:****0606-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the administration offices in Wabasca, Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek are closed from December 27, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and that all recreation facilities are closed on December 25, 2021 and December 26, 2021 with modified hours (noon to 4:00 p.m.) from December 27, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for the Christmas Holiday Season; regular office hours will resume on January 3, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED

**Request for Gravel  
Donation:****0607-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the donation request received from Red Earth Creek Community Engaged in Student Success (RECESS) for two (2) loads of gravel be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD Flag Discussion:**

At their regular council meeting on July 14, 2021, council had made motion to keep flags at half-mast and switched the MD flag with an "Every Child Matters" flag. With Remembrance Day approaching, administration is seeking direction if council would like to put flags back to full mass effective November 1, 2021.

Direction is to keep the flags at half-mast and adjust them for Remembrance Day. On November 11, 2021, flags will be raised to full mast and lower them as it's usually done during the ceremony. The protocol is that both MD and BCN flags will be raised but this year we will have three flags.

It's important to continue to recognize the "Every Child Matters". Once the work ground penetrating radar work is done in the community, council can then choose to raise flags.

**SCARS Donation  
Request:****0608-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the SCARS donation request is tabled until the next council meeting and that administration is authorized to discuss it with Bigstone Cree Nation at the next joint meeting scheduled for November 8, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Ultrasound Equipment:**

This item was brought up to let the newly elected council members about previous discussions regarding ultrasound equipment. We haven't had a lot of support from AHS. Bigstone Cree Nation was trying to work with AHS. The projected start up cost is \$135,935 and \$80,000 of that is for the ultrasound machine. There were a couple options discussed at one of the joint meetings with BCN. It was suggested that this be discussed with Metis Local as well.

MA. CA

**Information/  
Correspondence:**

**0609-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:**

**0610-2021-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Draft Interim Budget Meeting  
November 22, 2021  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:**

**0611-2021-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Reeve

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer