

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, February 8, 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  
Trina Mineault      Chief Financial Officer  
Cynthia Taron      Director of Public Works  
Angela Lightning      Director of Recreation & Culture  
Earl Gullion      Director of Utilities  
Gerhard Stickling      Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services  
Lynda Gray      Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:** Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** 0050-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that the Agenda be adopted with additions:

- 8b. Local Contractors
- 9c. Red Earth Creek Zamboni

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes  
(January 25, 2023):** 0051-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Minutes of the January 25, 2023 Delegation Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regional Health Care  
Attraction & Retention  
Committee Appointment:** 0052-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Cheri Courtorielle is appointed to the Regional Health Care Attraction & Retention committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:** Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report.

0053-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Workshop for Local  
Contractors:** 0054-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is directed to organize a workshop for local contractors in Wabasca, Red Earth Creek and Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Athabasca Detachment – Cpl Charles Dubois, Sgt. Mark Hall  
Roundtable Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to update council on the third quarter reporting community priorities and current status results. Their two main priorities are crime reduction/property crimes and police visibility community engagement.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance. Delegate left at 11:17 a.m.

**Delegation:  
11:18 a.m.**

Wabasca/Desmarais Detachment – Sgt. Amie Blize  
Roundtable Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to introduce herself to council. She gave a brief history of her work experience.

The Wabasca/Desmarais Detachment is prioritizing on relationship building with indigenous communities. They are doing school visits and participating in community events. The RCMP are doing more proactive stops. She updated council on the current stats.

Council thanked the delegate for her attendance. Delegate left at 11:35 a.m.

**Recreation & Culture  
Services:**

Director of Recreation & Culture Services, Angela Lightning presented the Recreation & Culture Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0055-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bigstone Cree Nation  
Advisory Elders Society  
Donation Request:****0056-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request from the Bigstone Cree Nation Advisory Elders Society is approved for \$2,000 with funds from FCSS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REC Zamboni:****0057-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to donate the old zamboni located in Red Earth Creek to Peerless Trout First Nation including delivery to Peerless Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Larry Cardinal left at 12:01 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report.

**0058-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Finance Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Bylaw 2023-01:** A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No.17 to allow Borrowing for Municipal Expenditures.

**First Reading:** 0059-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2023-01 Borrowing Bylaw for Municipal Expenditures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading:** 0060-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Gerald Johnson to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2023-01 Borrowing Bylaw for Municipal Expenditures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Reading:** 0061-2022-17MDC  
Moved by Robin Guild to give UNANIMOUS READING to Bylaw 2023-01 Borrowing Bylaw for Municipal Expenditures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:** 0062-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2023-01 Borrowing Bylaw for Municipal Expenditures.

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.

**First Reading:** 0063-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Gerald Johnson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2023-02 Borrowing Bylaw for Wabasca Paving Projects 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory  
Services Report:**

Acting Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services, Rolanna Auger presented the Corporate & Regulatory Services Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0064-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Futures  
Sponsorship Request:**

0065-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Marshall Auger that the sponsorship request from Community Futures for Spark the North Event scheduled for May 2023 with an alternative date in October 2023 in Slave Lake is approved for \$1000 and an in-kind support of \$350; and that council and staff are authorized to attend.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Bylaw 2023-03:** Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the Province of Alberta to cancel part of subdivision plan no. 9020285 registered in respect of NE-7-87-8-W5M located within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17.

**First Reading:** 0066-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Gerald Johnson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2023-03 to cancel part of subdivision plan no. 9020285 registered in respect of NE-7-87-8-W5M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading:** 0067-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2023-03 to cancel part of subdivision plan no. 9020285 registered in respect of NE-7-87-8-W5M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Reading:** 0068-2022-17MDC  
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to give UNANIMOUS READING to Bylaw 2023-03 to cancel part of subdivision plan no. 9020285 registered in respect of NE-7-87-8-W5M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:** 0069-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2023-03 to cancel part of subdivision plan no. 9020285 registered in respect of NE-7-87-8-W5M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FireSmart Expressions of Interest Submissions:** 0070-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council acknowledges awareness and is in support of the projects listed for the February 2023 Expressions of Interest submissions to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA):

- Calling Lake: Block CAL 1-8 (11.5 ha)
- Red Earth Creek: Block RE 23 (14.5 ha) and Block RE 19 (3.4 ha)
- Wabasca: Block 7-1 (16.8 ha)
- Sandy Lake: Block SL 3-1 (9.2 ha) (maintenance/re-treat project)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca FFP-22-25  
FireSmart Tender  
Award:**

0071-2023-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to award the Wabasca FFP-22-25 FireSmart project to Eric Auger and Sons Contracting Ltd. for a price of \$97,500 (\$9,750 per hectare).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sandy Lake FFP-22-24  
FireSmart Tender Award:** 0072-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to renegotiate with Eric Auger and Sons Contracting Ltd. for the Sandy Lake FFP-22-24 FireSmart project for up to \$6,500 per hectare or retender.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Public Works Report:** Director of Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Public Works Monthly Report.

**0073-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Public Works Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2022-12:** Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of regulating the use of highways under the direction, control and management of the municipality and the parking of vehicles on such highways and on privately owned property located within the municipality.

**First Reading:**

**0074-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2022-12 Traffic Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading:**

**0075-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2022-12 Traffic Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Reading:**

**0076-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Marshall Auger to give UNANIMOUS READING to Bylaw 2022-12 Traffic Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:**

**0077-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2022-12 Traffic Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Utilities Report:**

Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report.

**0078-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Marshall Auger that the Utilities Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:**

**0079-2023-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/  
Correspondence:**

**0080-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the information/correspondence items are accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Calendars:****0081-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:****0082-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council move to closed session at 2:42 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Utilities and Recording Secretary, to discuss item: 16a. Senior Lodge Requisition, 16b. Peekiskwetan "Let's Talk" Society, and 16c. Calling Lake Inspections, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director of Utilities left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

**0083-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting at 3:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 2022-07 Water, Wastewater & Solid Waste will be presented to council at the Delegation Council meeting on February 21, 2023.

**0084-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to issue the annual grant for 2023 in the amount of \$170,000 to Peekiskwetan "Let's Talk" Society without the society providing audited financial statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**


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

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

**Adjournment:****0085-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer