

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
OCTOBER 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 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	
MEMBER OF PUBLIC:	Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
	Lee Bissell	Regional Fire Chief
	Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
	Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
	Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
	Loretta Beaver	Manager of Human Resources
	Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
	Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
	Raymond Auger	Manager of Facility Maintenance
	Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Reeve Marshall Auger.

Adoption of Agenda: **0517-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(September 23, 2024):** **0518-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the delegation meeting of council held on September 23, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0519-2024-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Chief Administrative Officer report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

State of Local Emergency: **0520-2024-17MDC**
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the MD of Opportunity State of Local Emergency (S.O.L.E) for the Hamlets of Calling Lake, Wabasca, Sandy Lake, Chipewyan Lake and Red Earth Creek be extended for another 2 weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities: Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0521-2024-17MDC
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Utilities report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAO Q1

**Red Earth Creek Sewer
Services Contract:****0522-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Red Earth Creek Sewer Services three-year contract is awarded to Peer Brothers Industries Inc. (PBI) for \$626,094.00 excluding GST with funds from Contracted Services GL 2-42-00-38-248-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Fire Department:

Regional Fire Chief, Lee Bissell presented the Regional Fire Department Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0523-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Regional Fire Department monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Fire Chief
Appointment:****0524-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Rick McLennan be appointed as Fire Chief in Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additions to Agenda:**0525-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to approve the following additions to the agenda:

- 10b. Keekenow Senior Facility – Attic Insulation Installation
- 10c. Eagle Point Golf Course Club House & Shop Roof Replacement

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:23 a.m.

Sandy Lake Gasification:**0526-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized do a final review of applicants in Sandy Lake that may require natural gasification services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects:

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Jason Supernault presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0527-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Keekenow Senior Facility –
Attic Insulation Installation:****0528-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposal from Lac La Biche Roofing Company for the attic insulation installation at Keekenow Senior Facility for \$134,934.00 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Roof Replacement at Eagle
Point Golf Course Clubhouse
and Shop:****0529-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the quote from Lac La Biche Roofing Company for roof replacement at Eagle Point Golf Course Clubhouse and Shop for \$131,250.00 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

Initials: Reeve MA CAO Q

Additions to Agenda:**0530-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild to approve the following additions to the agenda:

- 11e. Sandy Lake Outdoor Rink
- 11f. MD of Opportunity/FCSS Committee Recommendations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture:

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

The director started presenting the Recreation & Culture report and will resume after the closed session.

Closed Session:**0531-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council move to closed session at 1:24 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss: a) legal item, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Robin Guild left at 1:58 p.m.

0532-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting at 2:13 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:26 p.m.

0533-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration be authorized to issue up to \$10,000 to MMIP Family Matters with funds from the MD of Opportunity & Bigstone Cree Nation joint golf tournament fundraising initiative to complete the reward advertising.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture Report:

Director of Recreation & Culture, Angela Lightning finished presenting the Recreation & Culture monthly report.

0534-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Recreation & Culture verbal report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants Committee Report:**0535-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved.

- a) Recommendation that administration negotiate a service level to utilize MD of Opportunity facilities or possibly cost share with schools about the proposal received from Mathew Cardinal to provide a service including speaking engagements, performances and song writing workshops;
- b) Invitation from Alberta First Nations Voice for On Reserve Shelters Society 5th Annual Gala on October 5, 2024 be accepted as information due to timeline of receiving information;
- c) Request from Shaylea Auger for a donation for a pocar rally fundraiser to support a memorial event be accepted as information due to timeline of receiving information;
- d) Request from Grace Decoine be approved for \$5,000 to assist with her music production opportunity in Calgary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2024 Staff Christmas
Celebrations Options:****0536-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to approve that the MD of Opportunity staff have catered Christmas suppers with a budget of \$10,000 each for Calling Lake and Red Earth Creek, and \$20,000 for Wabasca and the purchase of door prizes.

CARRIED

**Bigstone Community Wellness
Staff Requesting Access to
Chipewyan Lake Facility:****0537-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the request from Bigstone Community Wellness to utilize the facility in Chipewyan Lake be approved, contingent upon further discussion and agreement with Bigstone Cree Nation during the next joint meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded Vote:

Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell requested a recorded vote for the following item.

Sandy Lake Outdoor Rink:**0538-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to proceed with Sandy Lake outdoor repairs within the Park Improvement budget and follow procurement procedures.

DEFEATED

For: Tahirih Wiebe, Gerald Johnson

Against: Leo Alook, Marshall D. Auger, Larry Cardinal, Louis A. Cardinal, Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson, Brendan Powell, Roy Yellowknee

MD of Opportunity/FCSS**Committee Recommendations: 0539-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to approve administration to draft a 2025 capital budget that will facilitate the renovation and preparation of the existing Career Pathways building for the relocation of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) department; this move will establish a permanent office, supporting all operational functions and storage needs for FCSS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 3:58 p.m.

Finance Report:

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0540-2024-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Finance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2024 Operating Budget
Amendment:****0541-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that motion 0376-2024-17MDC be amended to read "to approve a spending overage of \$25,000 from GL code 2-00-00-31-770-17 for athletes attending Alberta Indigenous Games and team registration fees; also, for administration to approach Bigstone Cree Nation to request additional funds for team registration.:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory
Services Report:**

Manager of Human Resources, Loretta Beaver presented the Corporate & Regulatory Services Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0542-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Sea Can Placement Request
from Calling Lake Community
Society:**

0543-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Sea Can Placement request from the Calling Lake Community Society be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

Director of Public Works, Kimball Newberry presented the Public Works Monthly Report.

0544-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Public Works report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0545-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal left at 4:27 p.m.

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Darlene Jackson left at 4:31 p.m.

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Leo Alook left at 4:32 p.m.

Information/Correspondence: 0546-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0547-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Organizational Council Meeting
October 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting
October 30, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

First Interim Budget Council Meeting
November 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0548-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the meeting be adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer

Initials: Reeve  CAO 