

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 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:

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| Chad Tullis | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Jason Supernault | Director of Capital Projects |
| Angela Lightning | Director of Recreation & Culture |
| Gerhard Stickling | Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services |
| Cynthia Taron | Director of Public Works |
| Earl Gullion | Director of Utilities |
| Lynda Gray | Recording Secretary |

Call to Order:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

0422-2023-17MDC

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

- 8b. Letter from Wabasca RCMP Sergeant
- 10d. Wabasca Swimming Pool
- 12f. Benefits Provider
- 12g. Bear Issue
- 13b. Road Bans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival:

Councillor Tahirih Wiebe arrived at 10:04 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes
(August 23, 2023):**

0423-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the August 23, 2023 minutes of the Delegation Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report, Action Item List.

0424-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Chief Administrative Officer report and Action Item List is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Letter from Wabasca RCMP**Sgt. Blize:**

A letter was received from Sgt. Blize in regard to the municipal employee position at the Wabasca Detachment. They are proposing to keep the municipal employee until such time that the MD of Opportunity is ready to proceed with the Peace Officer program.

Direction to administration is to delay the transfer of the position until it's needed.

Capital Projects:

Director of Capital Projects, Jason Supernault presented the Capital Projects Monthly Report.

0425-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Capital Projects report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture:

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

0426-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change in Chair:

Reeve Marshall Auger passed the chair duties to Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell at 11:43 a.m.

Grant Committee Report:**0427-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the recommendations from the Grants Committee to approve the following grant applications:

1. The request from W/D Motor Sports Association is approved for \$20,000 to go towards the mud bog event planned for September 16-17, 2023;
2. The request from to support a September 16, 2023 fundraising golf tournament to recognize George D. Auger is approved for \$4,000., and to enter 3 teams @ \$800 per team. This decision is to recognize his service as a veteran, and his long-term service and contributions to the community;
3. The request from Lauren Shaw is approved for \$2,000 of Eagle Point Golf Course merchandise for the po-car rally fundraiser on September 23, 2023. This decision is to recognize Marjorie Auger as a longstanding, dedicated employee who has demonstrated exceptional value to our organization. Her commitment and contributions have played a significant role in this decision; and
4. The request from Doreen Calliou/ White Owl Round Dance Committee to support the Dwayne Calliou Memorial Round Dance on October 14, 2023 is approved for \$10,000. This decision is to recognize Dwayne Calliou as a longstanding, dedicated employee who has demonstrated exceptional value to our organization. His commitment and contributions have played a significant role in this decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CL Recreation Centre West**Overhead Door:****0428-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to approve \$45,000 for the emergency concrete work for the Calling Lake Recreation Center west overhead door foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m.A. C

Swimming Pool:

Complaints from residents were received in regard to the pool being closed often. The Wabasca Waterworld & Fitness Centre is short staffed. Other staff are utilized at times, but lifeguards have specialized training.

Administration has a game plan and is constantly trying to recruit. The goal is to fill the positions.

**Wabasca Arena Entrance
Door:****0429-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to approve an additional \$155,000 for emergency concrete work at the Wabasca Arena.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Change in Chair:

Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell passed the chair duties to Reeve Marshall Auger at 1:15 p.m.

Finance Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Finance Monthly Report.

0430-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory
Services Report:**

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

0431-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rural Renewal Stream –
Community Designation:****0432-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to apply for the Rural Renewal Stream – Community Designation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request from Surge Energy
Inc. to renew Alberta Surface
Lease MSL 9980 in Red Earth
Creek:****0433-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to approve the request from Surge Energy Inc. to renew Alberta Surface Lease MSL 9980, located in Red Earth Creek, for a term of 25 years, in accordance with the L1 Land Policy, for an annual fee of \$3,712.50 plus the \$2,000 fee for the first year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Grazing Lease Request
from David Cowan:****434-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to approve a grazing lease for a 10-year term at \$15/acre for 52.6 acres to Dave Cowan within Block C of the Red Earth Creek Fireguard at an annual rate of \$789 grazing lease fees will not apply until two (2) years after the lease has been signed in order to cover any improvements/upgrades and that a chute is relocated to block C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grazing Lease Request
from the Mackenzie
Stockman Association:****0435-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to approve the Mackenzie Stockman Association grazing lease for a 10-year term at \$15/acre for a +/- 486.8 acres within the Wabasca Fireguard at an annual rate of \$7,302; and a grazing lease for a 10-year term at \$15/acre for a +/- 220.6 acres within the Red Earth Creek Fireguard (excluding block C) at an annual rate of \$3,309. Grazing lease fees will not apply until 2 years after the lease has been signed in order to cover any improvements/upgrades.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal left at 2:00 p.m.

Bylaw 2023-12:

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as Amended.

First Reading**0436-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2023-12 for the Land Use Bylaw amendment to rezone Ward Chemical's Property from UR – Urban District to M1 – Industrial District is given FIRST READING and a Public Hearing is scheduled for October 11, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Benefits Provider:

Council asked for an update on benefit providers. Administration has reached out to SunLife and Equitable Life and is awaiting response.

Bear Issue:

There was a brief discussion about the bear issue in the community of Wabasca and what can be done about it. This is a provincial responsibility, but we can provide residents with an education pamphlet on bear awareness.

Direction to administration to provide an education pamphlet on bear awareness to the residents.

Public Works Report:

Director of Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Public Works Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

0437-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Public Works report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Road Bans: There was a brief discussion on road bans. With a road ban, it would be an easier way to manage traffic coming in and out of the community.

Direction to council to make it more stringent.

Utilities Report: Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Utilities Monthly Report and Requests for Decision (RFD's).

0438-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change in Chair: Reeve Marshall Auger passed the chair duties to Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell at 3:32 p.m.

**Sandy Lake Water & Sewer
Wolf Trail Contract:**

0439-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is to extend the scope of the Sandy Lake Water & Sewer Wolf Trail project and retender in 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**United Conservatives Party
Annual General Meeting:**

0440-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Council is authorized to attend the 2023 United Conservatives Party Annual General Meeting on November 3-4, 2023 in Calgary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0441-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor departure:

Councillor Leo Alook left at 3:47 p.m.

FCSSAA Conference:

0442-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council are authorized to attend the Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) Conference on November 22-24, 2023 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0443-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Roy Yellowknee left at 3:54 p.m.

Amended Sept 20/23
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Calendars:

0444-2023-17MDC

Moved by Larry Cardinal that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting

September 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Red Earth Creek Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting

October 11, 2023

10:00 a.m.

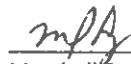
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0445-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the meeting is adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer