

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2023**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, December 13, 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 (10:06 a.m.)
Cheri Courtorielle	Roy Yellowknee
Robin Guild	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Supernault	Director of Capital Projects
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Rolanna Auger	Acting Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Cynthia Taron	Director of Public Works
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
Derrick Rathbone	Fire Services Coordinator
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

**MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:**

Denis Carnochan	The Fever
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**Call to Order:**

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

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**0623-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8f. Group Benefits
- 8g. Council Christmas Event
- 17a. Drainage Concern on Caribou Crescent

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes  
(November 29, 2023):**

**0624-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the November 29, 2023 minutes of the Delegation Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Arrival:**

Councillor Tahirih Wiebe arrived at 10:06 a.m.

**Senior Home Repair  
Appointment:**

**0625-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to add Cheri Courtorielle to the Senior Home Repair committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0626-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Calling Lake State of Local  
Emergency:****0627-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to renew the State of Local Emergency (SOLE) for Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD and Community Entrance  
Monument Signage v3:****0628-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to accept the community entrance monument signage designs as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SDAB Appointment:****0629-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Douglas Fisher is appointed to the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board effective December 13, 2023 to October 2024 and Chris Roe as the alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peace Regional Victim Services****Request for Financial Support: 0630-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request for financial support from Peace Regional Victim Services is approved for \$2,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Group Benefits:**

Council made a motion at the November 29, 2023 delegation meeting to go with the enhanced option provided by Alberta Municipalities for SunLife as the provider, with the MD paying for short term and long term disability for a monthly payment of \$77,056. The CAO clarified the information provided.

**Council Christmas:**

Council discussed options to do something as a group for Christmas. Decision is to have a supper with their families in Wabasca at the Eagle Point Golf Banquet Room on December 20, 2023.

**Wabasca Arena & Hall Siding: 0631-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to change the scope of the Wabasca Arena and Hall Siding to include canopies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Capital Projects:**

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

**0632-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Capital Projects report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Award Contract for Calling  
Lake Senior Complex Decks  
and Rear Landings:****0633-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is to retender the Calling Lake Senior Complex Decks and Rear Landings project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Chris  
MA.

**Recreation & Culture:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Recreation & Culture Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0634-2023-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grants Committee Report:****0635-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the recommendations from the Grants Committee to approve the following grant applications:

- All fire departments each to receive \$3,000 for 2023 for supplies, jackets, snacks, youth events, etc;
- Request from Tahirih Wiebe for 2330591 AB Ltd (TJBSC) is approved for \$5,000 to provide community programs in Sandy Lake;
- Request for funding from Roger Smolniky for Calling Lake Community Society to purchase two big canoes is accepted as information;
- Request from Michelle Grach for Wabasca Lakeside Seniors Drop In Centre is approved for \$35,000 for social programs throughout 2024;
- Request from Diane Peredery for Wabasca Cross Country Ski Club is approved for \$2,500 for ski activities and upkeep of equipment;
- Request from Melaney Guthrie for Calling Lake Kito Sakahekan Seniors is approved for \$20,000 for social programs;
- Request from Roger Smolniky for Calling Lake Community Society Initiative is approved for \$12,000 for historical programs including gathering artifacts, community gatherings, coffee supplies and staff centre;
- Request from Calling Lake Community Society is approved for \$75,000 for community well being events and Canada Day Celebrations; and
- Request from Sophie Gladue for Naskweyasitamowin "Translate It For Me" is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tahirih Wiebe abstained from voting.

**Calling Lake Library Request for  
Additional Square Footage:****0636-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to proceed with option one (1) which involves minor maintenance of opening a portion of the existing wall separating the boardroom and library for additional space for the Calling Lake library.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Finance Report:**

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

**0637-2023-17MDC**

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

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).

**0638-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Resolution 2023-01:****0639-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Resolution 2023-01 to designate Chantal Kuhberg as an alternate Clerk of the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Luxury First Hotel, 101 Opportunity****Drive Heavy Truck Parking Lot****Direct Control District:** 0640-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to refuse the Development Permit Application 23-DP-095 for a Heavy Vehicle Parking Lot at the Luxury First Hotel, 101 Opportunity Drive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sandy Lake Fire Chief****Appointment:** 0641-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to readvertise for the Sandy Lake Fire Chief position.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake FFP-23-29 Fire****Smart Tender Award:** 0642-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Calling Lake FFP-23-29 Vegetation Management contract is awarded to Gerald Northern Contracting Ltd. for \$82,800 (\$7,200/ha).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Works Report:**

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

0643-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Award Contract MD-BF-77255****(Concrete Girder Bridge****Construction) North Bridge:** 0644-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award contract MD-BF-77255 construction to replace the north bridge to the lowest most qualified bid and is awarded to LaFarge Canada Inc. for \$1,900,000 and administration to increase the budget by \$735,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request to Waive MD Bus****Rental Fees:** 0645-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Devon Rathbone to waive MD bus fees for the U13 hockey team for their upcoming hockey games in Whitecourt on December 16, 2023 and in Jasper on December 17, 2023 is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Utilities Report:**

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

0646-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:**0647-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Donation Request:**0648-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request from Pamela Masuda and Caroline Favel is approved for five (5) \$100 Home Hardware gift cards to go towards the pocar rally fundraiser on December 14, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Information/  
Correspondence:**

**0649-2023-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal left at 2:34 p.m.

**Calendars:**

**0650-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:**

**0651-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council move to closed session at 2:36 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Utilities and Recording Secretary to discuss item: 17a. Drainage Concern on Caribou Crescent and 17b. Staff Concern, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director of Utilities left at 2:51 p.m.

**0652-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting at 3:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Regular Council Meeting  
January 10, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting  
January 24, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Calling Lake Complex Boardroom

**Adjournment:**

**0653-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer