

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2023**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)  
Leo Alook  
Larry Cardinal  
Louis A. Cardinal  
Cheri Courtorielle  
Robin Guild

Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)  
Darlene Jackson  
Gerald Johnson  
Tahirih Wiebe  
Roy Yellowknee

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chad Tullis  
Jason Supernault  
Angela Lightning  
Gerhard Stickling  
Cynthia Taron  
Earl Gullion  
Lynda Gray

Chief Administrative Officer  
Director of Capital Projects  
Director of Recreation & Culture  
Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services  
Director of Public Works  
Director of Utilities  
Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:**

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

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**0457-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8b. State of Local Emergency for Calling Lake
- 8c. Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Gala
- 8d. Assembly of Alberta On Reserve Shelters 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala
- 10g. Adventurer Club Request for Space in Red Earth Creek
- 13d. Streetlights for Sandy Lake
- 13e. Mistassiniy Road North Road Issue
- 17c.iii. Wabasca RCMP

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes  
(September 20, 2023):**

**0458-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the September 20, 2023 minutes of the Delegation Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Sandy Lake Playground:**

**0459-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to defer the Sandy Lake playground project to next year and administration is to look at a different location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:**

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

**0460-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**11:00 a.m. Public Hearing  
Bylaw 2023-12:**

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

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Public Attendance:**

No public present.

**Announcement:**

Gerhard Stickling, Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services announced the purpose of the Public Hearing, to allow for public input process prior to further consideration of Bylaw 2023-12.

**Roundtable Introductions:**

Round table introductions were held.

**Objections to Council  
Members:**

The Chairman asked if the public had any objections to Council members present.

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**Hearing Order:**

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:

That Inset 11.21.1 A-1 Hamlet of Calling Lake is amended by classifying the following lot, which is currently classified as UR – Urban Reserve District, to M1 – Industrial District.

A portion of SW 30-71-21-W4M containing a total of +/- 19.98 ha. (or +/- 41.96 acres) and a portion of SE 30-71-21-W4M containing a total of +/- 3.20 ha. (or +/- 7.92 acres) as shown within schedule "A".

**In Favor of Bylaw:**

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**In Opposition of Bylaw:**

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**Fair/Impartial Hearing:**

The Chairman asked the public if they felt they had a fair and impartial Hearing.

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**Public Hearing Concluded:**

0461-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2023-12 is adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading to  
Bylaw 2023-12:**

0462-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2023-12 is given SECOND READING.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to  
Bylaw 2023-12:**

0463-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2023-12 is given THIRD READING.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:  
11:30 a.m.**

MMIP Family Matters – Ralph Cardinal – Director of Indigenous Services, Don MacMillan  
Director of Advocacy/Investigations, Vawn Jeddry – President/Co-founder

Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in attendance to share information about the MMIP Family Matters Organization. The organization is a non-profit but also holds a charitable organization status.

They provide service to families of missing and murdered indigenous people. The purpose is to restore the child in every indigenous person, that and over a century of colonization, and



deliberate, sustained assaults sought to eradicate. Through pillars of justice, prevention and healing, they provide innovative and targeted care and services, ensuring that each story is heard, every cry for justice is acknowledged, and the path to healing is paved with understanding, compassion, and unwavering support.

Justice: advocates, law enforcement liaison, investigation – immediate response, search support. Prevention: protective technology – rescue GIS/search and return, employment/mentors, safe community design programs. Healing: neurotherapy, indigenous equine assisted therapy, indigenous counselling services, elders advisory committee.

They are requesting a letter of support for MMIP as an entity and monetary contribution.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 12:01 p.m.

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

**State of Local Emergency  
for the Community of  
Calling Lake:**

**0464-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to declare a State of Local Emergency for the community of Calling Lake due to increased crime activity and safety concerns.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Streetlights for Calling Lake:**

**0465-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to allocate an additional \$40,000 to the 2023 Street Lights capital budget for Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Budget for Enhanced Policing  
Overtime Hours:**

**0466-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to allocate \$50,000 for overtime enhanced policing services for the community of Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Treaty 8 First Nations of  
Alberta Gala:**

**0467-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council is authorized to attend the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Gala on December 1, 2023 in Edmonton and that administration is authorized to purchase two tables for \$1,200 each.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Assembly of Alberta On  
Reserve Shelters Gala:**

**0468-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council is authorized to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala & Live Auction hosted by Assembly of Alberta On Reserve Shelters on October 21, 2023 in Edmonton and that administration is authorized to purchase a table for \$1,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SCARS Critters &  
Cocktails Gala 2023:**

**0469-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council is authorized to attend the 2023 Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) Critters and Cocktails Gala and that administration is authorized to purchase one table for \$1,000 and contribute a couple of items for the silent auction valued at \$200 each.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Capital Projects:**

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

**0470-2023-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Gasification Furnace & Hot  
Water Bottle Installation****Contract Award:****0471-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Gasification Furnace and Hot Water Bottle Installation contract is awarded to Remote Oil & Gas Ltd for the price of \$307,437.35.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture:**

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

**0472-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grant Committee Report:****0473-2023-17MDC**

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

1. The request from Atoske Action Group is approved for \$10,000 for the Volunteer Recognition event on November 15, 2023;
2. The request from Bigstone Community Wellness is approved for \$1,000 for the Recovery Conference on November 20-23, 2023;
3. The request from Audrey McLeod and family is approved for \$5,000 to support the Memorial Music Jamboree. This decision is to recognize Dennis McLeod 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.
4. The request from Wabasca Iskwewak Society is tabled;
5. The request from Bigstone Community Wellness for support for the Christmas Festival in December 2023 is tabled until the October 24, 2023 delegation council meeting; and
6. The donation request from Lorraine Alook for the Tyler Alook Biggest Bull Competition is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Lakeview Sports Centre  
Concession & Eagle Point  
Golf Course Restaurant  
Operations:****0474-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to approve a 3-year agreement for "On the Way" to provide the Lakeview Sports Centre concession operations and Eagle Point Golf Course restaurant operations with a \$500 security deposit and a rental rate of \$200 per month for each location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Declaration:**

Councillor Gerald Johnson declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 2:18 p.m.

**Jaybird Memorial Arena  
Concession Operation:****0475-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to approve the Jaybird Memorial Arena concession operation to Kalli Johnson for the 2023/24 season with an agreement of \$500 security deposit and a rental rate of \$200 per month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Councillor Return:**

Councillor Gerald Johnson returned to the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

**Workshop Proposal Impacting  
Cultural & Artistic Life from  
Mat Cardinal:****0476-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to develop a plan with Mat Cardinal to provide workshops for the municipality for a total cost of \$15,100 which includes workshop tuition, accommodation and mileage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Christmas Hockey School  
Proposal from Mathew  
Rathbone:****0477-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to engage with Mathew Rathbone to provide a hockey school in December for three days in Wabasca and three days in Calling Lake for a total cost of \$20,717.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek Space:****0478-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the request received from Sherry Peer on behalf of the Adventurer Club is approved to use the Red Earth Creek community hall once a week, pending availability.

**Calling Lake Post Office  
Renovation:****0479-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to proceed with the renovation for the space that occupies the Calling Lake post office. \$35,000 is allocated as an additional 2023 capital project to contract out the renovation project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Christmas Party Options:**

Administration presented Christmas staff celebration options. After discussing the options, council decided that employees will get a ham or turkey instead of having a staff party.

**Finance Report:**

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

**0480-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Potential Condemned  
Buildings:****0481-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to engage Superior Safety Codes to identify potential condemned buildings in all Municipal District of Opportunity hamlets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wolf Reduction Incentive  
Program:****0482-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to eliminate the Wolf Reduction Incentive Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Corporate & Regulatory Services Report:**

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

**0483-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Senior Home Repair Budget Increase for Wabasca, Peerless Lake, Trout Lake and Sandy Lake:****0484-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to approve the senior home repair budget increases for Wabasca (\$50,000), Peerless Lake (\$7,000), Trout Lake (\$7,000) and Sandy Lake (\$10,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD of Opportunity No. 17 Keekenow Senior Facility Sea-Cans Direct Control District:****0485-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell to approve the Development Permit Application 23-DP-039 for the two (2) sea-cans currently on the property at the Keekenow Senior Facility and that administration is directed to put siding on the sea-cans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Benefits:****0486-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Benefits is tabled to the October 24, 2023 delegation meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal left at 3:38 p.m.

**Public Works Report:**

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

**0487-2023-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Paving Contract 02-2023 – Knelsen Sand & Gravel Request for Extension of Contract:****0488-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Paving Contract 02-2023 be extended until October 31, 2023 and if incomplete, penalties will be applied at \$1350 per day that construction could have continued with the exception of Noel Drive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

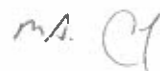
**Red Earth Creek Transportation Road Grading Overbudget Request for Funds:****0489-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that council approve the request for additional funds to cover over expenditure of the Red Earth Creek Transportation Road Grading project in the amount of \$220,225.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- Sandy Lake Streetlights:** There was a brief discussion about potential streetlights for Sandy Lake. Suggested areas are from the school, Wolf Trail south and on the main road.
- Mistassiniy Road North:** Brief discussion about the portion of road which has partially collapsed on Mistassiniy Road north located past Steak and Pizza.
- The Director of Public Works has inquired about it, but she will contact the Regional Director of Alberta Transportation to get an update on the action plan.
- Utilities Report:** Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report and Requests for Decisions (RFD's) and Request for Decision (RFD).
- 0490-2023-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Utilities report is accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Water/Sewer Tie-In Grant Request:**
- 0491-2023-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the request from Rod Kerr for a water and sewer tie-in grant is accepted as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Council Round Table:**
- 0492-2023-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Women on Wings Society:**
- 0493-2023-17MDC**  
Moved by Gerald Johnson that Cheri Courtorielle is authorized to attend the Women in Leadership Retreat hosted by Women on Wings Society on November 3-5, 2023 in Canmore, AB.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Calling Lake Library:** The Calling Lake Library is requesting a bigger space for the library. Direction to administration is to find options for a suitable space.
- Information/ Correspondence:**
- 0494-2023-17MDC**  
Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Calendars:**
- 0495-2023-17MDC**  
Moved by Leo Alook that the calendars are accepted as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Closed Session:**
- 0496-2023-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that council move to closed session at 4:29 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Recreation & Culture and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) MD Clinic b) Calling Lake Recreation Staff, c) Request for Reimbursement and d) Wabasca RCMP, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Director of Recreation and Culture left at 5:37 p.m.

**0497-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting 5:43 p.m.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Organizational Council Meeting  
October 23, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting  
October 24, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

**Adjournment:**

**0498-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer