

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
JANUARY 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 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:

Cynthia Taron
Jason Supernault
Angela Lightning
Trina Mineault
Rolanna Auger
Earl Gullion
Lynda Gray

Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Director of Recreation & Culture
Chief Financial Officer
Acting Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
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:

0001-2024-17MDC

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

- 7c. Clinic Contract
- 7d. Boards & Committees
- 9c. Athletic Director Proposal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(December 13, 2023):**

0002-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the December 13, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Cynthia Taron presented the CAO Monthly Report.

0003-2024-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake State of Local
Emergency:**

0004-2024-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to keep the State of Local Emergency for Calling Lake in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GOC Clinic Contract:

There was a brief discussion about the current clinic contract which will expire in June. Council also discussed the concerns they have with Alberta Health Services.

Administration to set up a meeting with Alberta Health Services.

ma 07

Boards & Committees:**0005-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to amend the Clinic Committee to appoint Tahirih Wiebe as a regular member, not as an alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sandy Lake Cemetery:**0006-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to contract out services to locate and map out graves at the cemetery in Sandy Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

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

0007-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance:

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

0008-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Award Contract for Calling Lake Senior Complex Decks and Rear Landings:**0009-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to award the contract for the Calling Lake Senior Complex Decks and Rear Landings project to Robert Davis for the price of \$120,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture:

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

0010-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants Committee Report:

Amended January 24, 2024

MA
CM

0011-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the recommendations from the Grants Committee to approve the following grant applications:

- To approve 29 heating grants for \$1,000 each; six (6) in Wabasca, four (4) in Red Earth Creek, nine (9) in Sandy Lake and ten (10) in Calling Lake and that administration to increase the 2023 heating grant budget by \$29,000.
- Request from Bobby Yellowknee for a pocar rally donation was accepted as information.
- Request from Wabasca Minor Hockey is approved for six (6) \$250 Home Hardware gift cards to go towards the 2024 Native Provincials fundraising.
- Request from Darlene Jackson is approved for a \$2,000 donation in merchandise which includes a golf pass to fundraise for a community member going for medical treatments to assist with accommodation costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle abstained from voting.

MA *CT*

Athletic Director Proposal:**0012-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Athletic Director proposal received from Zachary Rathbone-Zabot to implement a variety of recreational programs and activities from January 2024 to April 2024 for a total cost of \$38,400 is accepted and administration to increase the 2024 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report:

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

0013-2024-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.6 Grants Policy:**0014-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the proposed F.6 Grants Policy revisions are approved 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).

0015-2024-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grazing Lease/Fireguard Hamlets**of Red Earth Creek & Wabasca: 0016-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to advertise the availability of the entire Wabasca Fireguard Grazing Lease and the Red Earth Creek Fireguard Grazing Lease, except for "block C".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Outline Plan for Calling Lake
Senior Homes Project:****0017-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to approve the Outline Plan for the Calling Lake Senior Homes development at NW-17-72-21-W4M as per the Municipal Development Plan requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Outline Plan for Bigstone Lot 28
Development Project:****0018-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Outline Plan for the 458 Holdings Ltd. development at 846 Mistassiniy Road South is referred back to administration with direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request for Agricultural Fireguard
Lease in Red Earth Creek from****Way-Mor Construction:**

Way-Mor Construction is proposing an agricultural/fireguard lease on the north end of Red Earth Creek. They want to expand the existing grazing/fireguard lease.

The province had announced they are investing 5 million into the Community Fireguard Program. If the MD can get a grant, the opportunity would be publicly advertised.

MA CH

**Award Gravel Crushing
Contract:****0019-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to award the gravel crushing contract to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for the price of \$1,205,666.57.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:**0020-2024-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

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

0021-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Utilities report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ASCHA Convention:**0022-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council are authorized to attend the Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association (ASCHA) Home for Housing Convention & Trade Show on March 11-13, 2024 in Calgary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta CARE Seminar:**0023-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council are authorized to attend the 2024 Alberta C.A.R.E. Spring Seminar on February 28-March 1, 2024 in Camrose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Indigenous Wellbeing
Conference:****0024-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council are authorized to attend the 2024 Indigenous Wellbeing Conference on February 6-8, 2024 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Building Resiliency to Multi-
Year Drought Workshop:****0025-2024-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council are authorized to attend the Building Resiliency to Multi-Year Drought in Alberta Workshop on January 31, 2024 in Grande Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0026-2024-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0027-2024-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MA 07

Next Meeting Dates:

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

Regular Council Meeting
February 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0028-2024-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer