

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2017**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marcel D. Auger (Reeve)                      Leo Alook  
Victor Gladue                                              Darlene Jackson  
Brendan Powell                                          Barry Schmidt  
Robin Guild                                                Louis A. Cardinal  
Roy Yellowknee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Bigstone (Approved Leave)  
Everett Gottfried (D/Reeve)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Helen Alook                                              Chief Administrative Officer  
Deborah Juch                                              Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Shyamal Sarker                                          Manager of Finance  
Chad Tullis                                                Lands & Planner Manager  
Simon Cardinal                                          Manager of Public Services  
Cynthia Taron                                            Manager of Transportation  
Kimball Newberry                                      Fleet Coordinator  
Terah Yellowknee                                      Recording Secretary

**Public Attendance:** Jodi McDermott (10:07 a.m.)              Tystar  
Lynn Buehler-Gair (10:29 a.m.)              Newalta

**Call to Order:** Marcel D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** 0632- 2017-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that the Agenda is adopted with the following additions as presented.

- 6.6.2.1.a      Facility Lease for Newalta in Red Earth Creek on Plan 082-7117, Block 16, Lot 1
- 6.6.3.1.a      Award Scrap Metal Collection and Disposal Contract (Handout)
- 6.6.3.4.g      Strategic Planning Session (Handout)
- 6.6.3.4.p      Donation Request from Second Chance Animal Rescue Society Wabasca Chapter
- 6.6.3.4.q      Grant Request for a "Healing From Within" Workshop in Calling Lake – January 8-11, 2018
- 6.6.3.4.r      Additional Operating Budget for Facility Maintenance Department
- 6.6.3.4.s      Remaining Balances for Recreation & Programming Grants
- 6.6.3.4.t      Adopt Amended CCP.10 – Child Care Policy
- 6.6.3.4.u      New Year's Eve Round Dance

CARRIED

**Adoption of Minutes:**  
**(November 22, 2017):** 0633-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Minutes of the November 22, 2017 Delegation Council Meeting are adopted with the following correction:

- a) 0613-2017-17MDC – Remove "a" before "the"

CARRIED

**Finance Services:** The Finance Services Manager, Shyamal Sarker presented the Finance Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**Finance Report:** 0634-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Robin Guild that the Finance Manager Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Request of Approval of –  
Basis of Cost of Living  
Adjustment and 2018 COLA**

**Rate:** 0635-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request to revise the process of determining Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is approved as presented and that the COLA rate for 2018 is at 2% effective January 1, 2018.

CARRIED

**In Camera Session:** 0636-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell to go in camera with the CAO, D/CAO and Finance Services Manager to discuss Taxation Matters at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

0637-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Victor Gladue to go out of camera at 11:02 a.m.

CARRIED

**Allowance for Doubtful  
Accounts:**

0638-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to increase the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts by \$1,475,551 with the consideration for a future write-off if required is approved.

CARRIED

0639-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Robin Guild that administration is authorized to contact collection agencies for bids to assist with the collection of Doubtful Accounts.

CARRIED

**Property Tax Write-Off:** 0640-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to write off property taxes in the amount of \$398,518.00.

CARRIED

**Land Development &  
Planning Services:**

Lands & Planning Manager, Chad Tullis presented the Lands & Planning Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0641-2017-17MDC  
Moved by Victor Gladue that the Land, Development & Planning Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Facility Lease for Newalta  
in Red Earth Creek on Plan  
082-7117, Block 16,  
Lot 1:**

**0642-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to:

- a) draw up a surface lease agreement between the MD and Newalta for their waste management facilities on Plan 082-7117, Block 16, Lot 1 for an area of 6.40 acres at \$800/acre, as per Policy L.1 for a term of 25 years, as per the interim site lease agreement; and
- b) to amend the surface lease agreement for the old disposal well at Plan 922-1488, Block 3, Lot32PUL, adding the conditions from the interim site lease agreement for a term of 3 years and increasing the annual fee to \$40,000, as per the interim site lease agreement.

CARRIED

**Transportation Services: 0643-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Transportation Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Award Scrap Metal Collection  
and Disposal Contract:**

**0644-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that the Scrap Metal Collection and Disposal Contract is awarded to 1178541 AB. Ltd O/A Tystar Salvage and Trucking Demolition at the rate of \$40.00 per tonne.

CARRIED

**Public Services Report: 0645-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Public Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

**Economic  
Development:**

**0646-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that the Economic Development Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Amend Motion:  
Facility Lease for Newalta  
in Red Earth Creek on Plan  
082-7117, Block 16,  
Lot 1:**

**0647-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to:

- a) draw up a surface lease agreement between the MD and Newalta for their waste management facilities on Plan 082-7117, Block 16, Lot 1 for an area of 6.40 acres at \$800/acre, as per Policy L.1 for a term of 25 years, as per the interim site lease agreement; and
- b) to amend the surface lease agreement for the old disposal well at Plan 922-1488, Block 3, Lot 32PUL, adding the conditions from the interim site lease agreement for a term of 3 years at a 1<sup>st</sup> rate of \$35,000, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year rate of \$25,000 subject to all conditions in the interim site lease agreement being met (less the reclamation certificate from the Province).

CARRIED

**CAO Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer Helen Alook presented the CAO monthly report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0648-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the CAO Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Bigstone Cree Nation Chief  
& Council and MD Reeve &  
Council Proposed  
Meeting:****0649-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that an initial meeting date is scheduled on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wabasca Community Hall with a formal schedule to be established based on a monthly, quarterly basis with an option to alternate the hosting responsibilities which includes Agenda & Minutes Preparation, Meeting Venue and Refreshment/Lunch arrangements.

CARRIED

**Emerging Trends in  
Municipal Law 2018:****0650-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that all of Council is authorized to attend the Brownlee Workshops in Edmonton on February 15, 2018, in the event some Council cannot attend the Edmonton Workshop, Council are authorized to attend the Calgary Session on February 8, 2018.

CARRIED

**Adopt the FM.02 Bulletin  
Boards Policy:****0651-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the FM.02 Bulletin Boards Policy is adopted as presented, and is effective immediately.

CARRIED

**Additional Capital Budget  
for Opportunity Daycare  
Project:****0652-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that an additional amount of \$82,000 is approved for the "WB Opportunity Daycare – 2012" Capital Project to address unforeseen costs of the Project; funding to come from General Revenue.

CARRIED

**MacEwan University's  
"Lobbying Government  
Effectively" Course:****0653-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Council is authorized to attend the "Lobbying Government Effectively" Course offered by MacEwan University in Wabasca on either weekends of February 3rd or 10th, 2018.

CARRIED

**Peace Regional Victim  
Services Request for  
Financial Support:****0654-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the funding request from Peace Regional Victim Services is approved in the amount of \$3,000 with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED

**Strategic Planning  
Session:**

**0655-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Strategic Planning Session with Gordon MacIntosh is scheduled for a full day session on Saturday, January 20, 2018 and half day Session on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Wabasca Council Chambers in Wabasca.

CARRIED

**Wabasca Rodeo  
Grounds:**

**0656-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award the contract to CENTAUR PRODUCTS INC. in the amount of \$371,000 for the supply and installation of a covered grandstand seating capacity of 750 people at the Wabasca Rodeo Grounds and further that, the remaining balance of budget is to be utilized to clear additional treed area to make more space for chuck wagon requirements.

CARRIED

**Sandy Lake 1<sup>st</sup> Opportunity  
Scouts Recreation Grant  
Request:**

**0657-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Recreation Grant application from 1<sup>st</sup> Opportunity Scouts is approved in the amount of \$4,500 to facilitate Scouts programming for Sandy Lake and Wabasca youth.

CARRIED

**Peekiskwetan Use of Sandy  
Lake Outreach for a  
Community Action  
Program:**

**0658-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the space requested from Peekiskwetan "Let's Talk Society" for their Community Action Program for preschoolers at the Sandy Lake Outreach every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. is approved, effectively immediately and continuing to May 2021.

CARRIED

**Oski Pasikoniwew Kamik  
Christmas Concert  
Donation Request:**

**0659-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that the Oski Paskoniwew Kamik Christmas Concert Donation request is approved in the amount of \$1000 with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-18.

CARRIED

**Wabasca Food Bank  
Donation Request:**

**0660-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the donation request from the Wabasca Food Bank for financial assistance is approved in the amount of \$10,000 with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED

**Northern Lakes College  
Student Union Field  
Trip:**

**0661-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the donation request from the Northern Lakes Student Union for their year end field trip to Banff, Alberta on June 25-29, 2018 in the amount of \$1000 is approved with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17.

CARRIED

**Appointment of the Fire  
Chief Elect – Wabasca****0662-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that Council re-appoints Terry Taron as Fire Chief for the Wabasca Fire Department for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

**Appointment of the Fire  
Chief Elect – Red Earth  
Creek:****0663-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Barry Schmidt that Council re-appoints Shawn Jadot as Fire Chief for the Red Earth Creek Fire Department for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

**Donation Request from  
Second Chance Animal  
Rescue Society Wabasca  
Chapter:****0664-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request received from the Wabasca Chapter of the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society to support the organization for the next 12 months is approved in the amount of \$ 4,000 with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED

**Grant Request for a  
“Healing From Within”  
Workshop in Calling Lake  
- January 8-11, 2018:****0665-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that the grant request received from Chantal Johnson to hold a facilitated, “Healing from Within” Workshop for 30 participants in Calling Lake on January 8-11, 2018 is approved in the amount of \$10,000 with funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-22, financial reporting to be submitted by February 10, 2018.

CARRIED

**Additional Operating  
Budget for Facility  
Maintenance:****0666-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the 2017 Operating Budget – Facility Maintenance Department is amended to increase for the amount of \$149,000 to address costs of additional work projects in the year with funds coming from General Revenue.

CARRIED

**Remaining Balances for  
Recreation & Programming  
Grants:****0667-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to disburse the remaining recreation grant budgets in the following amounts to the following agencies, subject to receipt of completed grant applications:

- a) Chipewyan Lake - \$1500 from GL 2-00-00-33-770-00 to Chipewyan Lake School;
- b) Peerless Lake - \$6500 from GL 2-00-00-03-770-00; \$4000 to PT Minor Hockey for Native Provincials and \$2500 to Peerless Lake School;
- c) Red Earth Creek - \$7300 from GL 2-00-00-38-770-00; \$5000 to Peace River School Division and \$2300 to the Recess Society;
- d) Trout Lake - \$ 6000 from GL 2-00-00-04-770-00 to Loonskin Camp Society.

CARRIED

**Adopt Amended Child  
Care Policy – CCP.10:**

**0668-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Child Care Policy CCP.10 as amended to include "Excessive Behaviors" section is adopted and becomes effective immediately.

CARRIED

**New Year's Eve Round  
Dance:**

**0669-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Victor Gladue that an amount of \$25,000 is approved to the Reviving Culture Arts Society for the New Year's Eve Round Dance Event for 2017, pending receipt of financial report for the New Year's Eve Event in 2016 and funds coming from GL 2-00-00-31-770-22.

CARRIED

**Correspondence Sheet:**

**0670-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the correspondence items listed as "a" to "b" is accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Council Activity  
Reports:**

**0671-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Council Activity Reports are accepted as reported.

CARRIED


**Adjournment:**

**0672-2017-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer