

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
MARCH 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, March 8, 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 (10:08 a.m.)
Cheri Courtorielle Roy Yellowknee
Robin Guild (11:28 a.m.)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Tullis Chief Administrative Officer
Trina Mineault Chief Financial Officer
Cynthia Taron Director of Public Works
Angela Lightning Director of Recreation & Culture
Earl Gullion Director of Utilities
Gerhard Stickling Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Lynda Gray Recording Secretary
- Call to Order:** Reeve Marcel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Adoption of Agenda:** 0098-2023-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

8e. Calling Lake Food Bank
16c. Additional Employment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Adoption of Minutes (February 21, 2023):** 0099-2023-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the February 21, 2023 delegation council meeting minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Councillor Arrival:** Councillor Tahirih Wiebe arrived at 10:08 a.m.
- Delegation: 11:00 a.m.** Anna Okorokov, Alexis Darling - Bridge Sustainability Roundtable Introductions

The delegates was in attendance to present to council the Sustainable Tourism Strategy Development for Wabasca/Desmarais.

Bridge Sustainability is a business consultancy specializing in building sustainable tourism destinations. They have been studying Wabasca/Desmarais and believe the hamlet holds fantastic potential as an authentic Canadian travel destination.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:21 a.m.

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**Sustainable Tourism
Development:****0100-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to reach out to Bridge Sustainability to obtain more information on tourism development and to take the item to the MD/BCN joint meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

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

0101-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival:

Councillor Robin Guild arrived at 11:28 am.

**Amend Council Meeting
Schedule:****0102-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to amend the council meeting schedule to change the Red Earth Creek venue for future delegation meetings from the arena sports centre to the new community hall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Award Branding &
Marketing Service:****0103-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to award the APC AB-2023-00621 Municipal District of Opportunity Marketing and Branding project to Unfussy for up to \$225,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GrantMatch:**0104-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to enter into an agreement with GrantMatch to seek out grants for MD of Opportunity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake Food Bank: 0105-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to grant \$25,000 to the Calling Lake food bank.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change in Chair:

Reeve Marshall Auger passed the chair duties to Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell at 12:01 p.m.

Councillor Departure:

Reeve Marshall Auger left at 12:01 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

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**Addendum to Paving
Projects:****0106-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to produce an addendum to the 2023 paving list to include the golf course parking lot and outdoor rinks in Wabasca and Sandy Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture

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

0107-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Recreation & Culture Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Hockey Skills and
Development Camps:****0108-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Brigitte Lacquette & Brady Keeper Hockey Skills & Development Camp is accepted as information and administration is to reach out to get costs and available dates for next year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Career Pathways Schools
(Outreach) Donation
Request:****0109-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the donation request from Career Pathways Schools to assist with costs to support the Career Pathways High School graduation is approved for \$1,500 with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

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Moved by Darlene Jackson that the donation request from Career Pathways Schools for \$3,000 to assist with costs to support the Career Pathways High School graduation is approved with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

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**Calling Lake Kito
Sakahekan Seniors
Donation Request:****0111-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the request from Calling Lake Kito Sakahekan Seniors for \$20,000 to go towards 2023 operations, supplies/items and programs is approved with funds from GL 2-51-00-31-755-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Lease Red Earth Creek
Old Community Hall:****0112-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the old community hall in Red Earth Creek is leased to the Red Earth Creek Gun & Rod/Recreation Club for one (1) year for \$1 per year and that utilities and emergency maintenance repairs will be covered by MD of Opportunity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Calling Lake Jaybird
Memorial Arena 2023
Concession:**

0113-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the proposal from Jillian Nipshank to lease the Jaybird Memorial Arena concession from May to August 2023 is approved with an agreement of a \$200 monthly rate and a \$500 damage deposit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023 Alberta Native
Provincials Grant
Request:**

0114-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to grant an additional \$4000 payable to Cyndi Cardinal on behalf of the Wabasca Midgets hockey team to assist with meals and accommodations for the 2023 Alberta Native Provincials in Edmonton, AB on April 6-9, 2023 with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report:

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0115-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Finance Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Greater North Foundation
Request for Support in
Establishing a Reserve
Fund:**

0116-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the MD of Opportunity council approves the establishment of a reserve fund by the Greater North Foundation as outlined in the Alberta Housing Act and Management Body Operation and Administration Regulation.

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).

0117-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request from Surge
Energy Inc. to Renew
Alberta Surface Lease
MSL 862 in Red Earth
Creek:**

0118-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to approve the request from Surge Energy Inc. to renew mineral surface lease MSL 8621, located in Red Earth Creek, for a term of 25 years, in accordance with the L.1 Land Policy, for an annual fee of \$3,940, plus the \$2,000 fee for the first year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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SCARS Grant Request: 0119-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the \$10,000 grant request from Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) is tabled and that they be invited to attend a delegation meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLFD Bunker Gear: 0120-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council approves additional funds of \$50,000 to the Calling Lake Fire Department operating budget for bunker gear. Approved interim budget of \$3,965,022 surplus to transfer to capital.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report: Director of Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Public Works Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0121-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Public Works Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rod & Gun Club Request
for In-Kind Donation:****0122-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council approve the request from the Red Earth Creek Rod & Gun Club for use of MD equipment in Red Earth Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table: 0123-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Council Round Table discussions are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

Director of Utilities, Earl Gullion presented the Utilities Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0124-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2023-04:
Water, Wastewater
& Solid Waste:**

A Bylaw authorizes the municipal council to provide for water, wastewater, and solid waste rates to be fixed, maintained and collected.

First Reading:**0125-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2023-04 Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Information/
Correspondence:****0126-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0127-2023-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:**0128-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council move to closed session at 4:19 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, to discuss item: 16c. Additional Employment, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0129-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting at 4:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional Employment: 0130-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to add an additional full-time arena/golf course custodial position and to convert the vacant Wabasca Community Programmer to Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Programmer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
March 29, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Red Earth Creek Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:**0131-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the meeting is adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer