

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
MAY 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:**
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| Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) | Brendan Powell (D/Reeve) |
| Leo Alook | Darlene Jackson |
| Larry Cardinal | Gerald Johnson |
| Louis A. Cardinal | Tahirih Wiebe |
| Cheri Courtorielle | Roy Yellowknee |
| Robin Guild | |
- IN ATTENDANCE:**
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| Chad Tullis | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Trina Mineault | Chief Financial Officer |
| Cynthia Taron | Director of Public Works |
| Earl Gullion | Director of Utilities |
| Gerhard Stickling | Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services |
| Angela Lightning | Director of Recreation & Culture |
| Kimball Newberry | Manager of Fleet & Solid Waste |
| Lynda Gray | Recording Secretary |
- Call to Order:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Adoption of Agenda:** 0216-2023-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:
- 8c. Emergency Control Center (ECC)
 - 11d. Compensation for Fire Staff Policy
 - 12h. Wabasca Lions Club Facility Operator Agreement
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Approval of Minutes (April 26, 2023):** 0217-2023-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that the April 26, 2023 minutes of the delegation meeting of council be approved as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Request to Utilize Tourist Booth:** 0218-2023-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the MD of Opportunity allocate the use of the tourist booth on June 9-10, 2023 for the annual fish derby.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Special Budget Meeting:** 0219-2023-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson to have a Special Council Final Budget meeting on May 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RBC

Admin Report:

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

0220-2023-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sandy Lake Gasification:**0221-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council approve the Sandy Lake Gasification project update scenario 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Emergency Control Center
Discussion:**

Concerns were expressed about communication between council and administration. Communication with council is important so that they can answer questions asked from residents.

The Emergency Control Centre communicates with the Chief Administrative Officer who will then provide the information to council.

**Delegation:
11:05 a.m.**

Linda Gladue, Director for Children's Place Playschool
Roundtable Introductions

The delegate was in attendance to update council on the current situation with Wabasca Desmarais Children's Place Playschool.

The playschool would still like to utilize the out of school care facility. The program will be done at the end of May but they still have to pay rent for the month of June. If and when they start the program in the fall, she asked when they could apply for funding. The playschool is also requesting if the MD would supply office equipment.

An inspection was done by the MD facility maintenance department. They will do minor repairs prior to playschool moving in. Administration will look at the financials and get back to Linda. A lease agreement will be prepared by administration when a formal proposal is received.

Council thanked the delegate for her attendance. Delegate left at 11:16 a.m.

Recreation & Culture:

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

0222-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RECESS Society Donation
Request:****0223-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to release the annual \$3,000 grant to the Red Earth Creek Community Engaged in Student Success Society (RECESS).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Red Earth Creek Rod & Gun
Club Donation Request:**

0224-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Red Earth Creek Rod & Gun Club is approved for \$1500 to go towards their Mother's Day Turkey Shoot on May 13, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Finance Report:

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

0225-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend C13 Council
Remuneration Policy:**

0226-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to amend the C13 Council Remuneration Policy to increase the telephone & internet budget to \$300 per month.

CARRIED

**Corporate & Regulatory
Services Report:**

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

0227-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Senior Homes
Servicing RFQ Tender
Award:**

0228-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to award the Calling Lake Senior Homes Servicing RFQ contract to D Aqua for \$1,011,167.00 excluding GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 2023-05:

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the Province of Alberta to designate lots 13 & 14, Block 17 of Plan 100902 in the Hamlet of Wabasca in the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, to Municipal Reserve. In accordance with Section 665(1) of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26.1, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended.

First Reading:

0229-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 2023-05 to designate lots 13 (0.16 ha.) & 14 (0.15 ha.), Block 17 of Plan 100902 to Municipal Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading:

0230-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2023-05 to designate lots 13 (0.16 ha.) & 14 (0.15 ha.), Block 17 of Plan 100902 to Municipal Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Unanimous Reading:**0231-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook to give UNANIMOUS READING to Bylaw 2023-05 to designate lots 13 (0.16 ha.) & 14 (0.15 ha.), Block 17 of Plan 100902 to Municipal Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading:**0232-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2023-05 to designate lots 13 (0.16 ha.) & 14 (0.15 ha.), Block 17 of Plan 100902 to Municipal Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Compensation for Fire Staff Policy - 116**Amendment:****0233-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council approve the proposed amendments to the Fire Staff Policy to:

- 1) Increase rates for junior firefighters, probationary firefighters, regular firefighters, deputy fire chief and fire chief rates by \$5.00 per hour;
- 2) MD employees on the Wabasca Fire Department & Bigstone Fire Department can respond to calls, deployments, accredited training during work hours with supervisor approval and will be paid regular salary;
- 3) Honorarium rates will be paid to MD employees after normal work hours;
- 4) Inclusion of MD Travel Policy to be used for compensation for Fire Department members and;
- 5) Amend the pay schedule from monthly to the 15th and 30th of each month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change in Chair:

Reeve Marshall Auger passed chair duties to Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell at 12:06 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Public Works Report:

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

0234-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Charter Bus Offer to Purchase:**0235-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the offer received from Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Services to purchase or trade one of the MD of Opportunity charter buses is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023 Gravel Sales:**0236-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that there will be no gravel sales for 2023 for MD of Opportunity residents, sales will resume in 2024 when more gravel is crushed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SML 980128 Kidney Pit
Proposal:**

0237-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that council approve the lease of Kidney Pit (SML 980128) to the partnership company of Ruel Concrete Ltd. and Peerless Trout First Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023 Parking Lot Line
Painting Contract Award:**

0238-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration is authorized to award the 2023 Parking Lot Line Painting contract for Wabasca, Calling Lake, Sandy Lake and Red Earth Creek to the lowest most qualified bid and is awarded to Battle River Striping for \$21,546.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023 Roadway Line Painting
Contract Award:**

0239-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to award the 2023 Roadway Line Painting contract for Wabasca, Calling Lake, Sandy Lake and Red Earth Creek to the lowest most qualified bid and is awarded to Checkmark Services for \$62,142.50.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Francis Drive Paving Quote: 0240-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to add Francis Drive paving estimated at \$266,112.50 to the 2023 paving program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend W/D Lions Club
Agreement:**

0241-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council agrees to amend the Wabasca Lions Club Campground – Facility Operator agreement to provide greater clarity on what the expectations are for both the MD of Opportunity and the Wabasca Lions Club and to renew the agreement for another three (3) years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Lions Club Annual
Grant Request:**

0242-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the request from Wabasca Lions Club for the annual \$10,000 grant is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0243-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to accept the Councillor reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

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

0244-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:****0245-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0246-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
May 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Red Earth Creek Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting
June 14, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:**0247-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the meeting is adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer