

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
APRIL 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, April 12, 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
Cheri Courtorielle (10:07 a.m.)	Roy Yellowknee
Robin Guild	

IN ATTENDANCE:

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
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

0161-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 8e. Speakers Bureau of Canada Presentation Date
- 9b. Rodeo Grounds
- 16b. In-Camera — Land — Transfer of Land
- 16c. In-camera — Labour — hockey issue
- 12b. Francis Drive paving

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(March 29, 2023):**

0162-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the March 29, 2023 minutes of the delegation meeting of council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival:

Councillor Cheri Courtorielle arrived at 10:07 a.m.

**Rodeo Grounds Snow
Removal:**

0163-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Conrad Shaw can do the snow removal on the racetrack at the rodeo grounds but a waiver must be signed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Wabasca Rodeo Association
& Chariot Committee:****0164-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that members of the Wabasca Rodeo Association and Chariot Committee be invited to attend a council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Indigenous Day:**0165-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council declare June 21, 2023 as an MD of Opportunity stat holiday to recognize Indigenous Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:
10:57 a.m.**

Amanda Nilson & Brenda Leonard - Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) Roundtable Introductions

The delegates were in attendance to present to council the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) program.

SCARS helps communities by taking in pets. In the last three years, they took 402 animals from the Wabasca area.

As an incentive to promote spay & neuter, they have a winter program. Once an animal is fixed, they are eligible to receive shelter. Cost for a shelter is \$300. Twelve units were delivered to Wabasca last winter.

They fundraise throughout the year. They are struggling to pay vet bills and getting animals in for appointments. The biggest concern is shortage of vets. The lack of appointments has hindered them. Assuming there's no issues, vet care for a cat is \$300 and \$500 for a dog.

They are requesting support from the MD of Opportunity. Council understands the need and service and is in support. We need to find new ways to combat the problem.

An information page to educate pet owners what is happening and what they can do to alleviate the program will be advertised.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:12 a.m.

SCARS Donation Request:**0166-2023-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council approve a \$30,000 grant to Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) from grants to organizations GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

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

0167-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Chief Administrative Officer report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Sandy Lake Gasification
Project Appliance
Conversion:**

0168-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity is committed to providing appliance conversion costs for all households in the hamlet of Sandy Lake which ranges from \$1500 - \$3000, and that council will deal with new appliance (stove, furnace, hot water heater) applications on a case-by-case basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0169-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Sandy Lake Gasification project extension to Taron's Ranch is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Letter of Support for Bigstone
Cree Nation Treaty Land
Entitlement:**

0170-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to draft a letter of support to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for the Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Land Entitlement transfer process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Dinner Engagement with
United Conservative Party
Leader Danielle Smith:**

0171-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the dinner engagement with the United Conservative Party Leader Danielle Smith in Slave Lake on April 27, 2023 is accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rescind Motion
0137-2023-17MDC:**

0172-2023-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle to rescind motion 0137-2023-17MDC Speakers Bureau of Canada in it's entirety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Amended
June 14, 2023
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0173-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to invite Ashley Callingbull to the MD of Opportunity & Bigstone Cree Nation joint golf tournament on August 10, 2023 for up to \$25,000; and to invite Dr. James Makokis and Anthony Johnson (Anishinabe) to Bigstone Cree Nation Treaty Days for the week of August 14-18, 2023 and that council authorize up to \$20,000.

Access/Reconvene:

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

Recreation & Culture:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Recreation & Culture Monthly Report.

0174-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Recreation & Culture report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0175-2023-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Finance report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Larry Cardinal arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Roy Yellowknee arrived at 1: 09 p.m.

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Leo Alook arrived at 1:13 p.m.

**Corporate & Regulatory
Services Report:**

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

0176-2023-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Firefighter Training – Request
for Additional Funding:**

0177-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council approves additional funds of \$40,000 to the Fire Department general training budget (GL Code 2-27-29-00-214-00) and \$45,000 to the Fire Department general travel budget (GL Code 2-27-29-00-212-00).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Fire Department
Travel – Request for
Additional Funding:**

0178-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council approves additional funds of \$10,000 to the Calling Lake Fire Department operating budget GL Code 2-27-29-62-212-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Five (5) Vacant MD Owned
Properties:**

0179-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration is authorized to allocate lots 865 and 869 Wolf Trail to the available lot list for the assessed value; leave lot 3470 Calling Lake Drive as a municipal asset; and lots 4321 and 4331 Caribou Crescent as municipal reserve designation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Road Naming – 10 Calling
Lake Senior's Homes:**

0180-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Calling Lake senior's homes road naming be tabled until the April 26, 2023 delegation council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Additional Employees –
Recreation & Daycare:**

0181-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that council approve one (1) additional daycare worker and two (2) full time evening supervisors; and amend the organizational chart and salary grid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request from Surge Energy
Inc. to renew Alberta Surface
Lease HAM 9002001 in Red
Earth Creek:**

0182-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell to approve the request from Surge Energy Inc. to renew mineral surface lease HAM 9002001, located in Red Earth Creek, for a term of 25 years, in accordance with the L.1 Land Policy, for an annual fee of \$3,507.50 plus the \$2,000 fee for the first year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

Director of Public Works, Cynthia Taron presented the Public Works Monthly Report.

0183-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Francis Drive Paving:

Direction to administration is to obtain a quote from the contractor. Bring back to council.

Utilities Report:

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

0184-2023-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0185-2023-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson to accept the Councillor reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Transportation North Central
Region Golf Day:**

0186-2023-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council and administration are authorized to attend the 44th Annual Golf Day hosted by Transportation North Central Region in Barrhead, AB on June 16, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/
Correspondence:**

0187-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the information/correspondence items are accepted as presented.

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Calendars:

0188-2023-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0189-2023-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council move to closed session at 2:59 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer and Recording Secretary to discuss items: 16b – Transfer of Land and 16c - Hockey Issue, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0190-2023-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting at 3:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction to administration to draft a letter to the individual applicant that received a grant for Native Hockey Provincials.

Direction to administration to check the history of a lot on Jackson Street in Wabasca.

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting

April 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Sandy Lake Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting

May 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0191-2023-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting is adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer