

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 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      Roy Yellowknee  
Robin Guild

**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  
Rolanna Auger      Manager of Emergency and Fire Services  
Lynda Gray      Recording Secretary

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** **0606-2022-17MDC**  
Moved by Leo Alook that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions:

9b. Fruit Trees  
8c. Council Coats & Shirts  
8d. Boards & Committees

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes  
(October 25, 2022):** **0607-2022-17MDC**  
Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Minutes of the October 25, 2022 Organizational Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adoption of Minutes  
(November 7, 2022):** **0608-2022-17MDC**  
Moved by Robin Guild that the Minutes of the November 7, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Beaver Bounty:** **0609-2022-17MDC**  
Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to add \$5,000 to the Beaver Bounty budget with funds from Unrestricted Surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Admin Report:**

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

**0610-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Chief Administrative Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Treaty 8 First Nations of  
Alberta Gala:****0611-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council is authorized to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Treaty 8 First Nations Gala on December 2, 2022 in Edmonton, and that administration is authorized to purchase two tables at \$1,500 each.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Coats & Shirts  
Discussion:**

There was a brief discussion about purchasing jackets or shirts with the Municipal District of Opportunity logo for Council once the rebranding initiative is completed.

Direction to administration to bring ideas on jacket styles, shirts, etc.

**Campground  
Committee:****0612-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson, Gerald Johnson, Marshall Auger and Tahirih Wiebe are appointed to the Campground Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Senior  
Housing Working  
Committee:****0613-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson to reinstate the Calling Lake Senior Housing Working Committee and that Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson, Gerald Johnson, Marshall Auger and Brendan Powell are reappointed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Christmas  
Festival:****0614-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration is authorized to grant \$5,000 payable to Bigstone Community Wellness for the Community Christmas Celebration in Wabasca on December 9, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recreation & Culture  
Services:**

Director of Recreation & Culture Services, Angela Lightning presented the Recreation & Culture Monthly Report.

**0615-2022-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Fruit Trees:**

There was a brief discussion about purchasing mature fruit trees next year. Seedlings were purchased this year, which were distributed to schools and some were planted around Municipal District of Opportunity facilities and the ball diamond.

Administration to revisit the Wabasca Community Beautification contract to consider including the watering of trees.

**Change in Chair:**

Reeve Marshall Auger passed chair duties to Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell at 11:55 a.m.

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal left at 11:59 a.m.

**Finance Report:**

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

**0616-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Finance Report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Policy F.16****Corporate Credit Card:****0617-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council approve the F.16 Corporate Credit Policy to amend the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Secretary limit up to \$25,000 and Directors up to \$15,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rescind Policy F.14****Senior Citizen Heating Grant:****0618-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the F.14 Senior Citizen Heating Grant Policy is rescinded in it's entirety as it is now included under F.6 Grants Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Darlene Jackson left the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

**Councillor Return:**

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal returned at 1:15 p.m.

**Councillor Return:**

Councillor Darlene Jackson returned at 1:21 p.m.

**1:30 p.m. Public Hearing  
- Bylaw 2022-10:**

Bylaw 2022-10 - Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as amended.

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Public Attendance:**

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

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**Announcement:** The Chief Administrative Officer announced the purpose of the Public Hearing, which is to amend Bylaw 2013-14, the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17.

**Objections to Council Members:** The Chairman asked if the public had any objections to Council members present.

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**Hearing Order:** Bylaw 2013-14, being the Land Use Bylaw, as amended, is hereby further amended to rezone the lands legally described as Plan 8421714, Lot 4 from R1A – Residential District to R3 – Residential District; as shown within schedule "A".

**In Favor of Bylaw:** NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**In Opposition of Bylaw:** NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**Fair/Impartial Hearing:** The Chairman asked the public if they felt they had a fair and impartial Hearing.  
NO PUBLIC PRESENT

**Public Hearing  
Concluded:**

**0619-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2022-10 is adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading to  
Bylaw 2022-10:**

**0620-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Roy Yellowknee to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 2022-10 Land Use Bylaw as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to  
Bylaw 2022-10:**

**0621-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to give THIRD READING to Bylaw 2022-10 Land Use Bylaw as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:**

**0622-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council move to closed session at 2:00 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services, Manager of Emergency & Fire Services and Recording Secretary to discuss item: 16c. Fire Department, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0623-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting at 2:06 p.m.

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**Corporate & Regulatory Services Report:**

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

**0624-2022-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Works Report:**

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

**0625-2022-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Muskwa Cemetery Expansion Contract Award:****0626-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to retender the Phase 2 of the Muskwa Cemetery Expansion 2022/2023 project and that it is posted on the APC site, MD website and the Fever.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Utilities Report:**

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

**0627-2022-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Priority List for Grant Funded Projects:****0628-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration is authorized to prioritize projects that are funded with provincial and federal grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ATCO Mobile Home:****0629-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the purchase of a singlewide mobile home from ATCO is deferred to the Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:****0630-2022-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Departure:**

Councillor Leo Alook left the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

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**Meeting with Peace  
River School Division:**

**0631-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Brendan Powell is authorized to participate in the annual Joint Board Municipality virtual meeting with Peace River School Division on February 1, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Draft Letters to RMA  
District 4 Director:**

**0632-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration is authorized to draft a letter of appreciation to Tom Burton for his time as RMA District 4 Director and a congratulatory letter to Karen Rosvold, the newly elected RMA District 4 Director.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/  
Correspondence:**

**0633-2022-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:**

**0634-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the calendars are accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> Interim Budget Council Meeting  
November 29, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting  
November 30, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:**

**0635-2022-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the meeting is adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer

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