

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
AUGUST 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall Auger (Reeve) (10:25 a.m.)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook	Gerald Johnson
Larry Cardinal	Tahirih Wiebe (10:10 a.m.)
Louis A. Cardinal Robin Guild	Roy Yellowknee
Darlene Jackson	

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA
TELECONFERENCE:**

Cheri Courtorielle (10:36 a.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
William Auger	Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security
Lee Bissell	Regional Fire Chief
Raymond Auger	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
Angela Lightning (virtual)	Director of Recreation & Culture
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell.

Adoption of Agenda:

0456-2025-17MDC

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

11c. Grant Application for Alberta Indigenous Games (AIG) for Seniors Competition
11d. Barber Shop
18b. MD Development
18c. Security

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(July 23, 2025):**

0457-2025-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the minutes of the delegation meeting of council held on July 23, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(July 29, 2025):**

0458-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the special meeting of council held on July 29, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(August 6, 2025):**

0459-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the minutes of the special meeting of council held on August 6, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the CAO Monthly Report.

0460-2025-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Chief Administrative Officers report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Tahirih Wiebe arrived at 10:10 a.m.

Regional Fire Department: Regional Fire Chief, Lee Bissell presented the Regional Fire Department monthly report.

0461-2025-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the Regional Fire Department report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival: Reeve Marshall Auger arrived at 10:25 a.m.

Change in Chair: Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell passed chair duties to Reeve Marshall Auger at 10:26 a.m.

Municipal Enforcement: Manager of Bylaw Enforcement & Security, William Auger presented the Municipal Enforcement monthly report.

0462-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Municipal Enforcement monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Cheri Courtorielle joined at 10:36 a.m.

Capital Projects: Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Raymond Auger presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report.

0463-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

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

0464-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation & Culture verbal report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Request from Wabasca Club Volleyball:

0465-2025-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the request from Tanya Sinclair on behalf of the Wabasca Club Volleyball be approved for \$9,204.00 for the expansion from 1 team to 4 teams with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Request from Senior Teams for AIG Competitions:

0466-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from senior teams for grant funding to go towards fees for the 2025 Alberta Indigenous Games (AIG) senior competitions be approved for \$200 per athlete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barber Shop:

Mohamed Abbas had requested that a barber shop be established at the Eagle Point Golf Course and on May 14, 2025, council accepted it as information because it is not a viable location.

He is willing to install sinks for barber shop services at Eagle Point. Council decided that Eagle Point it is still not a viable location. Administration will look into the lease agreement that is in place with the facility that was used by the Boxing Club.

Finance Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Finance Monthly Report.

0467-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory
Services Report:**

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

0468-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Corporate & Regulatory Services verbal report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Proclamation – Alberta
Development Officers Week –
September 23-26, 2025:****0469-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson the MD of Opportunity No. 17 proclaims September 23-26, 2025 as Alberta Development Officers Week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ROHL Global Networks/Arrow
Technology Group Request to
Extend Fiber Optic Internet
Services in Calling Lake:****0470-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration enters into a right of way agreement with Arrow Technology Group for the purpose of trenching & boring and placing 430m of fiber optic cable at 3' deep to serve the Hamlet of Calling Lake at a one-time fee of \$250.00 for the ROW agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 12:18 p.m.

Public Works Report:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Public Works Monthly Report.

0471-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Public Works report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

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

0472-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Utilities report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:**0473-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATCO Event:

0474-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the invitation from ATCO Electric leadership for council attendance to the Spruce Meadows "Masters" Tournament in Calgary on September 4, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0475-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0476-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0477-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council move into a closed session at 12:57 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Organizational Chart, b) MD Development and c) Security, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security left at 1:22 p.m.

0478-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Organizational Chart:

0479-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration be authorized to amend the organizational chart and that the change in job title for the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Executive Assistant to Procurement Officer be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
August 27, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Calling Lake Community Complex

Regular Council Meeting
September 8, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0480-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting be adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer