MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – RED EARTH CREEK
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at the Red Earth Creek Community Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook	Robin Guild
Larry Cardinal	Darlene Jackson
Louis A. Cardinal	Gerald Johnson
Cheri Courtorielle (10:07 a.m.)	Roy Yellowknee

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Tahirih Wiebe (10:12 a.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Ryan Musch	Acting Director of Finance
Raymond Auger	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
Chastin Martel	Lakeside Leader

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Reeve Marshall D. Auger

Adoption of Agenda:

0544-2025-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda be adopted with additions.

7a. October 22, 2025 Delegation Meeting Date Change
7b. Historical Sign
7c. Doctors Housing
12h. RV Dump Station in Calling Lake
14a. Dock at Eli Cardinal Park

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (September 8, 2025):

0545-2025-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on September 8, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

October Delegation Meeting Date Change:

0546-2025-17MDC
Moved by Dalene Jackson that the delegation meeting scheduled for October 22, 2025 in Chipewyan Lake be rescheduled to October 29, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival:

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

Historical sign:

0547-2025-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration be authorized to proceed with the Calling Lake historical sign within scope of the signage capital project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Doctors Housing:

0548-2025-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that administration be authorized to do repairs to the basement and deck at the doctors housing unit occupied by the Chief Administrative Officer of Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority.

Councillor Arrival:

Councillor Tahirih Wiebe joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

ATM Rental Space Request – Red Earth Creek:

0549-2025-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the rental space request from Derick Deato for an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) at the Back Lakes Arena be approved with a contract for a term of three (3) years and a fee of $50 per month per ATM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Christmas Hockey Camp:

0550-2025-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the proposal presented by Mathew Rathbone for a Christmas Hockey Camp for $31,920.00 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.6 Community Grants Policy:

0551-2025-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that the F.6 Community Grants Policy be approved as presented which will allow for the municipality to provide scholarships for post-secondary students to further their education and provide opportunities for its residents. Direction to administration to review the three applications received at the next grants committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Investment Policy:

0552-2025-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Investment Policy version with the higher risk ratings be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Borrowing Bylaw 2025-18 for WB – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems 2025 Loan:

This Bylaw authorizes the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of $1,247,598 for the purpose of the Wabasca – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

First Reading to Bylaw 2025-18:

0553-2025-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-18 be given first reading for the Wabasca – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Borrowing Bylaw 2025-19 for CL – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems 2025 Loan:

This Bylaw authorizes the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of $1,300,000 for the purpose of the Calling Lake – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

First Reading to Bylaw 2025-19:

0554-2025-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2025-19 be given first reading for the Calling Lake – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Borrowing Bylaw 2025-20 for RE – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems 2025 Loan:

This Bylaw authorizes the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of $1,228,920 for the purpose of the Red Earth Creek – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

First Reading to Bylaw 2025-20:

0555-2025-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-20 be given first reading for the Red Earth Creek – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Borrowing Bylaw 2025-21 for WB – Airport Resurfacing Project 2025 Loan:

This Bylaw authorizes the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of $1,300,000 for the purpose of the Wabasca – Airport Resurfacing.

First Reading to Bylaw to 2025-21:

0556-2025-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-21 be given first reading for the Wabasca – Airport Resurfacing Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Borrowing Bylaw 2025-22 for RE – Airport Resurfacing Project 2025 Loan:

This Bylaw authorizes the Council of the Municipality to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of $100,000 for the purpose of the Red Earth– Airport Resurfacing.

First Reading to Bylaw 2025-22:

0557-2025-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2025-22 be given first reading for the Red Earth – Airport Resurfacing Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RV Dump Station:

0558-2025-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration be authorized to proceed with the purchase process to determine the final market value and cost associated to acquire the land (3000 Highway 813) to develop the RV dump station in Calling Lake and proceed with the work.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened 11:00 a.m.

Delegation: (11:00 a.m.)

EGIS/Transportation &Economic Corridors– Robert Senior, Chad Milligan, Derek Young
Round Table Introductions

The delegates were in attendance to present a project update on Hwy 686. They went over the highway 686 phase 1 project segmentation and design standard. Phase 1 is from highway 88 (Red Earth Creek) to Peerless Lake. Phase 2 is from Peerless Lake to Fort McMurray.

Segment 1 is from highway 88 (Red Earth Creek) to 22 km east of Red Earth. The design and tender is complete. Minor upgrades planned at the intersection of Highway 88 and Highway 686 including illumination. There will be a culvert replacement. The environmental approvals are complete. They are finalizing First Nation Consultation on borrow pits.

Segment 2 & 3 which is 22 kilometres east of Red Earth Creek to north of Peerless Lake. The design is 80% complete. The environmental field work is complete and are waiting on regulatory approvals. Culvert replacement will be done. Consultation with First Nation on remaining borrow pit is required.

The anticipated project schedule is: base paving on Highway 686:12 between Peerless Lake and Trout Lake scheduled for 2026. Segment #1 grading project – tender will be ready by the end of October 2025. Segment #2 & #3 grading projects – tenders will be ready by Q1 of 2026. Segment #1, 2 & 3 base paving projects - tenders will be ready by Q1 of 2026. The construction schedule is awaiting Treasury Board Funding approval.

Council inquired about work for local contractors. Administration to forward list of MD businesses/contractors for the highway 686 project.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance and presentation. Delegates left at 12:05 p.m.

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened 12:45 p.m.

Organizational Council Meeting:

0559-2025-17MDC
Moved by Leo Alook that the organizational meeting scheduled for October 21, 2025 be rescheduled to October 28,2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded Vote: Councillor Robin Guild asked for a recorded vote on the following motion.

Traffic Bylaw 2025-17: Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the province of Alberta, for the purpose of regulating the use of highways under the direction, control and management of the Municipality and the parking of vehicles on such highways and on privately owned property located with the Municipality.

Third Reading to Bylaw 2025-12:

0560-2025-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-12 be given third reading.

For: Leo Alook, Marshall Auger, Larry Cardinal, Louis A. Cardinal, Cheri Courtorielle, Darlene Jackson, Gerald Johnson, Brendan Powell, Tahirih Wiebe, Roy Yellowknee
Opposed: Robin Guild

CARRIED

Eli Park Dock: Administration to look into solutions for the dock located at Eli Cardinal Park because of low lake levels. Suggestion to put a barricade to close off one side of the dock.

Tank Issue at South Beach in Calling Lake: Enforcement letters were sent out in June to residents in the south beach area in Calling Lake. Director of Utilities to update in the next monthly report.

Council Round Table:

0561-2025-17MDC
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6th Annual Gala & Live Auction:

0562-2025-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that council be authorized to attend the 6th Annual Gala & Live Auction hosted by Alberta First Nations Voice For On Reserve Shelters Society in Edmonton on October 4, 2025 and that a table for 10 be purchased for $1,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SCARS Critters & Cocktails Gala Fundraiser:

0563-2025-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that council be authorized to attend the 21st Annual Critters & Cocktails Gala Fundraiser hosted by SCARS in Edmonton on November 1, 2025 and that a table for 8 be purchased for $1,200 and a donation of four (4) baskets for their auction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: **0564-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treaty 8 Gala: **0565-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council be authorized to attend the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Gala in Edmonton on November 28, 2025 and that two tables for $1,500 each be purchased.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars: **0566-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session: **0567-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that council move into a closed session at 1:31 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance and Recording Secretary to discuss item: a) Calling Lake Senior Complex Project, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0568-2025-17MDC
Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that council return to open meeting at 1:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates: Regular Council Meeting
October 8, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Organizational Council Meeting
October 28, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment: **0569-2025-17MDC**
Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer

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