

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
NOVEMBER 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Leo Alook	Robin Guild
Marcel C. Auger	Darlene Jackson
Kevin Bigstone	Gerald Johnson
Louis A. Cardinal	Roy Yellowknee
Cecil Gladue	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
William Auger	Manager of Enforcement Bylaw & Security
Lee Bissell	Regional Fire Chief
Everett Gottfried	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Regan Auger	Assistant Director of Recreation & Culture
Ryan Musch	Director of Finance
Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Chastin Martel	Lakeside Leader
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Call to Order:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

0677-2025-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the agenda be adopted with the following additions.

- 11c. WWW&FC Hours
- 11d. Santa's Anonymous

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table Introductions:

Round table introductions were held.

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

0678-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(November 5, 2025):**

0679-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the minutes of the operational budget meeting of council held on November 5, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

0680-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the capital budget meeting of council held on November 6, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

Admin Report:

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

0681-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request to Display Metis Flag
For Metis Week:****0682-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration temporarily removes the "MD of Opportunity" and "Every Child Matters" flags and replace with the "Metis" flag at the George D. Auger Community Hall to acknowledge and commemorate Metis Week from November 15-22, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend Organizational Chart: 0683-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration be authorized to amend the current organizational chart and 2026 operating budget to add the following positions: three additional permanent full-time Equipment Operator positions, one for Wabasca, Red Earth Creek and Calling Lake; one seasonal Equipment Operator in Red Earth Creek; one additional Utilities Operator for Chipewyan Lake and amend current vacant part time position Sandy Lake transfer site attendant to a full time position.

CARRIED

Municipal Enforcement:

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

0684-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 11:32 a.m.

Regional Fire Department:

Regional Fire Chief, Lee Bissell presented the Regional Fire Department Monthly Report.

0685-2025-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Regional Fire Department report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:**0686-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that council move into a closed session at 11:35 a.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Regional Fire Chief and Recording Secretary to discuss item: a) Fire Services, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0687-2025-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that council return to open meeting at 11:51 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects:

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Everett Gottfried presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report.

0688-2025-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance verbal report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

Recreation & Culture: Director of Recreation & Culture, Angela Lightning and Assistant Director, Regan Auger presented the Recreation & Culture monthly report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0689-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the Recreation & Culture report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Youth Centre in Sandy Lake: **0690-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the existing part-time Recreation Programmer position in Sandy Lake be changed to full-time Recreation Programmer position to expand programming capacity and better meet community needs.

CARRIED

WWW&FC Weekend Hours: **0691-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council approve extending the weekend hours at WWW&FC to close at 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays to improve accessibility for residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Santas Anonymous - Calling Lake:

The Calling Lake Food Bank inquired about the funding for the 2025 Santa's Anonymous Program.

The request is referred to the grants committee meeting scheduled for November 17, 2025.

Recess/Reconvene: The meeting recessed at 1:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Finance Report: Director of Finance, Ryan Musch presented the Finance Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0692-2025-17MDC

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

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 – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems.

Second Reading to Bylaw 2025-20:

0693-2025-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2025-20 be given second reading for the Red Earth – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading to Bylaw 2025-20:

0694-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-20 be given third reading for the Red Earth – Ice Arena Refrigeration Systems 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.

**Second Reading to Bylaw
2025-22:**

0695-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-22 be given second reading for the Red Earth – Airport Resurfacing Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to Bylaw
2025-22:**

0696-2025-17MDC

Moved by Louis A Cardinal that Bylaw 2025-22 be given third reading for the Red Earth – Airport Resurfacing Project 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**I.T. Hardware Replacement
Contract Award:**

0697-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration be authorized to award the contract to Cattana Technologies for the supply of the IT hardware to complete the 2025 capital project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.19 Receivables Policy:

0698-2025-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the proposed F.19 Receivables Policy be approved as presented and enacts.

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).

0699-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2025-23 for
Partial Plan Cancellation:**

A bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity in the Province of Alberta to cancel part of subdivision plan no. 8321796 registered in respect of NW-5-79-22-W4 located within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Opportunity.

**First Reading to Bylaw to
2025-23:**

0700-2025-17MDC

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that Bylaw 2025-23 be given first reading for partial plan cancellation for Plan 8321796.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading to Bylaw to
2025-23:**

0701-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-23 be given second reading for partial plan cancellation for Plan 8321796.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Reading to Bylaw to
2025-23:**

0702-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-23 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading to Bylaw to
2025-23:**

0703-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-23 be given third reading for partial plan cancellation for Plan 8321796.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

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

0704-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Loon River Road Maintenance Agreement:**0705-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the MD of Opportunity and Loon River First Nation continue a road maintenance agreement for services on their road, approximately 7 km for the 2025-2026 winter months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taron's Ranch Road:**0706-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the MD of Opportunity continue maintaining the road to Taron's Ranch as they have done in the past couple of years which is blading the road as needed in the summer and snow plowing to all residences in the winter.

CARRIED

2026 Street Lights:**0707-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration be authorized to allocate the following amounts for 2026 streetlights from GL 2-32-00-00-536-00 - \$51,000 for Calling Lake, \$120,000 for Red Earth Creek, \$48,000 for Sandy Lake and \$122,000 for Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

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

0708-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

Closed Session:**0709-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council move into a closed session at 2:09 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Utilities, Acting Director of Finance and Recording Secretary to discuss item: a) Water Billing, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0710-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bigstone Cree Nation – Water Billing:**0711-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration maintain current level billing based on agreement provided, do further investigation and seek legal opinion on any changes to come.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:**0712-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Louis A. Cardinal left at 2:40 p.m.

Initials: Reeve ms - CAO CF

Alberta Northwest Species at Risk (NWSAR) Appointment:**0713-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council appoint Brendan Powell and alternate Darlene Jackson to the Alberta Northwest Species at Risk committee for the 2025/2026 term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request Meeting with Alberta Health Services:**0714-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration request a meeting with Alberta Health Services to discuss the Wabasca Health Care Centre Funding request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Planning 101 Training:**0715-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that council be authorized to attend a Planning 101 Training session offered by Brownlee LLP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: **0716-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meetings Start Time:**0717-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the committee meetings (Grants, Recreation, FCSS & MPC) start at 10:00 a.m. beginning in December.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:**0718-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
November 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Operational Budget Council Meeting
December 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

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

Adjournment:**0719-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the meeting be adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Marshall D. Auger, Reeve
Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer