

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**JANUARY 12, 2026**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Marcel C. Auger	Robin Guild
Leo Alook	Darlene Jackson
Kevin Bigstone	Gerald Johnson (10:06 a.m.)
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
Nancy Cardinal	Executive Assistant of Recreation & Culture
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Katelyn Alook	Manager of Planning and Development/Planner
Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
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 10:00 a.m. by Reeve Marshall D. Auger

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**0001-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the agenda be adopted with additions.

11d. Fieldhouse Rentals  
14b. Snow Removal  
14c. Flood Mitigation  
18c. Labour Issue

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Arrival:**

Councillor Gerald Johnson arrived at 10:06 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes  
(December 8, 2025):**

**0002-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on December 8, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Monthly Report.

**0003-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the Chief Administrative Officers report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAO CT

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

**0004-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Municipal Enforcement report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:** The meeting recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**Delegation:  
11:00 a.m.** Joel Auger  
Round table introductions

The delegate was in attendance to present a business venture/proposal in regard to Chipewyan Lake rebuild. His plan is to utilize trade skilled workers in our communities to rebuild the entire community with our own workforce. This would be an opportunity to recycle our finances to build homes.

Council recommended that Joel meet with Bigstone Cree Nation council.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and presentation. Delegate left at 11:28 a.m.

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

**0005-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Regional Fire Department report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

**0006-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

**0007-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Recreation & Culture report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Declaration:** Councillor Gerald Johnson declared conflict on the Calling Lake Jaybird Memorial Arena Concession extension request and left the room at 12:07 p.m.

**Calling Lake Jaybird Memorial  
Arena Concession Extension:**

**0008-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Errol Cardinal to extend the lease for the Calling Lake Jaybird Memorial Arena concession be approved for three years, until November 13, 2028 with the same prior conditions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:** Councillor Gerald Johnson returned at 12:08 p.m.

**Closed Session:**

**0009-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that council move into a closed session at 12:11 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Recreation & Culture, Executive Assistant for Recreation & Culture and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Sandy Lake Outreach Building, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0010-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council return to open meeting at 12:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**TJBSC Community Learning Center Lease Extension Request:**

**0011-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the lease with TJBSC Community Learning be terminated and have until March 15, 2026, to complete and vacate the facility. Also, MD staff will be utilizing the facility effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Fieldhouse Rentals:**

Direction to administration to bring the rental policy for review to the delegation council meeting on January 26, 2026.

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:44 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Monthly Report.

**0012-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory Services Report:**

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

**0013-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Corporate & Regulatory Services report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Headwater Exploration Inc. Proposed Oil & Gas Activity Within MD Hamlet Boundaries:**

**0014-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the proposal to lease within 11-31-80-24 W4M in the Hamlet of Wabasca to Headwater Exploration Inc. for an initial consideration of \$6,682.50 and an annual fee of \$4,682.50 for a term of 25 years be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Works Report:**

Director of Public Works, Kimball Newberry presented the Monthly Report.

**0015-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Snow Removal:** Piles of snow will be relocated to the mud bog area and behind Fillmore apartments. Administration to collaborate with LaPrairie.

**Flood Mitigation:** Council asked what the plans are for along Mistassiniy Road. Public Works will get the intersections completed. The Transportation contractor should take care of the culverts. Public Works Director will talk to Gord Walters.

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

**0016-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table: 0017-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Transitional Recovery Request: 0018-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Transitional Recovery request for funding for the community shelter program be deferred to the Grants Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peace River School Division Joint**

**Meeting with Municipalities: 0019-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Brendan Powell be authorized to attend the Peace River School Division joint meeting with municipalities on February 4, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence: 0020-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented and that the requests from Slave Lake Region Tourism Society and the Rural Health Professions Action Plan be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars: 0021-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session: 0022-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council move into a closed session at 2:08 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Recreation & Culture and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Concession Agreement and b) Labour Issue, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director of Recreation & Culture left at 2:28 p.m.

**0023-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that council return to open meeting at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0024-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the request from Moe Ibdah, owner of Pizza House & Donair be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Regular Council Meeting  
January 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
Calling Lake Community Complex

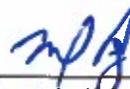
Regular Council Meeting  
February 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:**

**0025-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer