

**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

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The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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
Nancy Cardinal	Executive Assistant to Recreation & Culture
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Ryan Musch (virtual)	Director of Finance
Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Lynda Gray Executive Assistant to Administration

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:**

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
Sara Driedger	Lakeside Leader

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** 0042-2026-17MDC  
Moved by Robin Guild that the agenda for the February 9, 2026 regular council meeting be approved with amendments to add:

- 11c. Proposal for Golf Course Restaurant Operations
- 15. MD of Opportunity & Bigstone Cree Nation Water Agreement
- 18c. Labour – Sandy Lake Outreach
- 7b. Calling Lake Office Space

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (January 26, 2026):** 0043-2026-17MDC  
Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the delegation meeting of council held on January 26, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD/BCN Joint Golf Tournament**

**And to allocate funds raised:** 0044-2026-17MDC  
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity and Bigstone Cree Nation joint golf tournament be held on August 7, 2026 and funds raised to be allocated to the food bank.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Admin Report:**

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

**0045-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Chief Administrative Officers report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Facility Maintenance Request  
for Office Space:**

**0046-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the office space at the Calling Lake administration building be utilized by Facility Maintenance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Municipal Enforcement:**

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

**0047-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regional Fire Department:**

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

**0048-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Marcel C. Auger 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.

**0049-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Renaming of Monument on  
Highway 813 to "Ruby's Pass":**

**0050-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council approve "Ruby's Pass" as the preferred name for the monument site on Highway 813 and administration to proceed with the required Government of Alberta renaming application and any subsequent approvals and that the plaque on the monument be updated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**All Community Signage –  
Approval of Final Design  
Concepts:**

**0051-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council approve the final design concepts prepared by Unfussy as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

**Recreation & Culture:**

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

**0052-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the Recreation & Culture report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAO CL

**Wabasca Desmarais Housing  
Request for Temporary Office  
Space in Calling Lake:**

**0053-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council approve Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority administration to utilize space within the Calling Lake administration building to facilitate receiving rent payments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Proposal to Operate Food &  
Beverage Services – The Nest:**

**0054-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the proposal from The Nest to operate food & beverage services at Eagle Point Golf Course be approved subject to conditions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Monthly Report.

**0055-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Investment Management Firm  
Award:**

**0056-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council directs Administration to enter into a contract with CIBC for Investment Management Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Investment Management  
Funds:**

**0057-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powel that council directs Administration to do an initial investment of \$20 million with the Investment Management Firm selected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory  
Services Report:**

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

**0058-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend P.1 Personnel Policy -  
Section C. Definitions Subsection  
and Section H. Uninsured  
Health Benefits:**

**0059-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that council authorizes Administration to amend the P.1 Personnel Policy with changes to include sick and personal days for temporary full-time staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Declaration:**

Councillor Robin Guild declared conflict on the following item and left the room at 12:11 p.m.

**MD Clinic Operations:**

**0060-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council approves and supports Riyaan Hassen Professional Corporation's decision to terminate contract with Satori Health.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:** Councillor Robin Guild rejoined the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

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

**0061-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

**0062-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Water Agreement:** Update on the water agreement between MD of Opportunity and Bigstone Cree Nation. The working committee has set a meeting date for February 19, 2026.

**Recess/Reconvene:** The meeting recessed at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened 12:53 p.m.

**Information/Correspondence:** **0063-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Round Table:** **0064-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars:** **0065-2026-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Closed Session:** **0066-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council move into a closed session at 1:04 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Recreation & Culture, and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Sandy Lake Outreach, as per Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, of the Access to Information Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0067-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that council return to open meeting at 1:23 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:** Delegation Council Meeting  
February 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

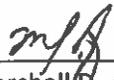
Regular Council Meeting  
March 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

**Adjournment:**

**0068-2026-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer