

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CALLING LAKE
JANUARY 26, 2026

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, January 26, 2026 at the Calling Lake Community Complex.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcel C. Auger

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
William Auger	Manager of Bylaw Enforcement & Security
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Ryan Musch	Director of Finance
Terah Yellowknee	Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Pearl Lorenzen	Lakeside Leader
Chris Fithen	Tri-West Security
Kevin Kennedy	Tri-West Security

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Reeve Marshall D. Auger

Adoption of Agenda:

0026-2026-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the agenda be adopted with addition.

18.c – Employment Contract

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table Introductions:

Round table introductions were held.

**Approval of Minutes
(January 12, 2026):**

0027-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on January 12, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Infrastructure Working
Committee:**

0028-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Reeve Marshall D. Auger be appointed to the Infrastructure Working Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Security Cameras:

0029-2026-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that security cameras is tabled till after delegation presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grants Committee Report:

0030-2026-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved.

- Request from Tanya Sinclair/Zaiden Sinclair for \$1500 be approved for Annual Treaty 8 Hockey Tournament – Slave Lake.
- Request from Miranda Sinclair (Mikka Sinclair) for \$1500 be approved for 2026 Arctic Winter Games – Whitehorse, Yukon.
- Request from Mistassiniy School \$4500 (\$500 per student) be approved for Spain Trip 2026.
- Request from 1st Wabasca Girl Guides for \$5000 be approved to attend Camp Yowochas – Fallis Alberta.
- Request from Wabasca Lakeside Seniors Drop In for additional \$10,000 be approved.
- Request from Mistassiniy School to release committed dollars \$5000 for 2026 be approved.
- Request from Wabasca Iskwewak Society to release committed dollars of \$10,000 for March 8, 2026 be approved.
- Request from Wabasca Lakeside Seniors Drop In to release committed dollars of \$35,000 for 2026 be approved.
- Request from Kito Sakahekan Seniors Society to release committed dollars of \$20,000 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation Policy R.1:

0031-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation Policy Revision is referred to administration with direction and is tabled to the regular Council meeting scheduled for March 9, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:
(10:50 a.m.)**

**Tri-west Security – Kevin Kennedy
William Auger – Manager of Bylaw Enforcement
Round Table Introductions**

The delegates were in attendance to present a proposed Technical Security Transition services contract. At the delegation meeting in November of 2025 Tri-West discussed the opportunity to remove the boots on the ground and increase camera surveillance to facilities within the MD of Opportunity. The unique approach to camera monitoring and security differs from the other companies as we custom manufacture, monitor and respond.

Tri-West Security currently provides two mobile licenced guards at 10 hours/day from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am, seven days a week, patrolling in and around Calling Lake and work collaboratively with MD Security.

The new approach streamlines the response process by having our dispatch centre communicate directly with the appropriate authorities (MD Security and Peace Officer or the local RCMP detachment) in real time avoiding the escalation of an incident. Tri-West Security will provide this increased level of surveillance starting with seven identified facilities across the municipality for the same current cost of two security guards.

All camera units are equipped with built-in internet modems, motion-sensing and AI analytics technology, bright red and blue flashing lights, police sirens, and listening/talk-through capabilities. Dispatchers attempt to speak with individuals on site before taking the counter-crime measures. The dispatch team will activate the flashing lights and sirens manually when necessary. This system has successfully removed hundreds of trespassers and would be thieves from sites.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance and presentation. Delegates left at 11:07 a.m.

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened 11:20 a.m.

**Delegation:
(11:20 a.m.)**

MNP
Tahner Bowers, CPA
Round Table Introductions

The delegate was to present the 2025 Audit Service Plan. In this plan, MNP’s audit approach, the engagement team, the scope to the audit and a timeline of anticipated deliverables.

MNP’s objective is to perform an efficient, high-quality audit which focuses on those areas that are considered higher risk. MNP adheres to the highest level of integrity and professionalism. MNP is dedicated to maintaining open channels of communication throughout this engagement and will work with management to coordinate the effective performance of the engagement.

Council thanked the delegate for his attendance and presentation. Delegate left at 11:37 a.m.

**Wabasca Regional Water
System Site Clearing:**

0032-2026-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the site clearing for Super Plant Project is awarded to Carson Integrated Ltd for \$354,238.26 plus GST and contingency of \$55,793.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Security Systems:

0033-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Technical Security Transition Proposal from Tri-West Security LTD. is terminated and that administration get different camera options for Council review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened 12:57 p.m.

Council Round Table:

0034-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Peace River School Division –
Collegiate Programming:**

0035-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to submit a letter of support for Peace River School Division’s Collegiate Programming.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minister Meeting Request:

0036-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration arrange a meeting with the Minister of Forestry and Parks, Todd Loewen to discuss fireguards and fire season in general at the Growing the North Conference in Grande Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0037-2026-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0038-2026-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0039-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council move into a closed session at 1:11 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer and Recording Secretary, to discuss items: a) Employment Contract, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0040-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting at 1:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

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

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

Adjournment:

0041-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall O. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer