



**Admin Report:**

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

**0231-2025-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Slave Lake Regional Tourism Society Regionalization Initiative:**

**0232-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the proposal from Slave Lake Regional Tourism Society – Tourism Regionalization Initiative including the investment of \$2 per capita (using most recent data) annual membership be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Slave Lake Regional Tourism Society Appointments:**

**0233-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that council appoint Marshall D. Auger to the Slave Lake Tourism Society and Tahirih Wiebe as alternate, and to also appoint Communications Liaison, Terah Yellowknee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Appointment of Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer:**

**0234-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Lynda Gray be appointed to the position of Returning Officer for the Municipal District of Opportunity No.17, so she may execute the duties required for the 2025 Municipal Elections in October and that Terah Yellowknee be appointed as the Substitute Returning Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Repeal Bylaw 2004-3 and Replace with Bylaw 2025-07 Electors Register:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to establish a permanent Electors Register in the municipality who are entitled to vote in an election.

**First Reading:**

**0235-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-07 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading:**

**0236-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2025-07 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Consent:**

**0237-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-07 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:**

**0238-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that Bylaw 2025-07 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Repeal Bylaw 2013-20 and  
Replace with Bylaw 2025-08  
Nomination Fee:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to establish a deposit amount when filing a Nomination for the Offices of Councillor.

**First Reading:**

0239-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-08 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading:**

0240-2025-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2025-08 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Consent:**

0241-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-08 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:**

0242-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that Bylaw 2025-08 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rescind Bylaw 2013-19 Printing  
of Ballots:**

0243-2025-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2013-09 Printing of Ballots be rescinded in its entirety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Leave of Absence:**

0244-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that a medical leave of absence for Councillor Louis A. Cardinal be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Traffic Bylaw Discussion:**

Administration to include the Traffic Bylaw and Development Fees to the June 10, 2025 Policy Committee agenda to review specific regulations.

**Municipal Enforcement:**

Manager of Bylaw Enforcement & Security, William Auger presented the Municipal Enforcement Department Monthly Report.

0245-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regional Fire Department:**

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

0246-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Regional Fire Department monthly report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Recess/Reconvene:** The meeting recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

**Capital Projects:** Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Raymond Auger presented the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance Monthly Report.

**0247-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD of Opportunity Cohost  
Pow Wow Event with  
Bigstone Cree Nation:**

**0248-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the MD of Opportunity cohost the Indigenous Day Pow Wow with Bigstone Cree Nation planned for June 21, 2025 and to contribute \$20,000 towards the event with funds from the allocated special events budget be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

**0249-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the Recreation & Culture report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Council Declaration:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger declared conflict and left the room at 11:46 a.m.

**Grants Committee Report:**

**0250-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved with funds from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17 (\$3,924).

- Request from Michael Cardinal on behalf of the Bigstone Eagles hockey team be approved for \$1,500 to go towards entry fees for the River Cree Summer Cup in Enoch on May 16-18, 2025;
- Request from Beverly Laughlin be approved for \$1,000 to go towards the purchase of t-shirts for the kids bible camp in Chipewyan Lake; and
- Request from Joel Auger on behalf of Ashley Auger be approved for \$1,500 to go towards costs for the 2025 Women's Global Challenge Tournament & Tour in Pula, Croatia to play volleyball on July 9-20, 2025;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger returned at 11:52 a.m.

**Barber Services Request:**

**0251-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request from Mohamed Abbas to establish a barber shop within the Eagle Point Golf Course facility be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Departure:** Councillors Leo Alook and Roy Yellowknee left at 11:55 a.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

**FCSS Proclamation in Support  
of Truth & Reconciliation:**

**0252-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council support the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Proclamation, demonstrating the municipality's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Extended Access to  
WWW&FC:**

**0253-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that administration be authorized to proceed with extended hours changes to the Wabasca Water World & Fitness Centre (WWW&FC) to open at 7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Declaration:**

Councillor Darlene Jackson declared conflict and left the room at 12:03 p.m.

**2025 Wabasca Gardener  
Project:**

**0254-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Robin Guild that the Wabasca Gardener project be awarded to Stuart Strategies for a cost of \$36,350.00. with funds from GL 2-71-00-31-530-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:**

Councillor Darlene Jackson returned at 12:13 p.m.

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

**Award Ice Refrigeration System  
Replacement Contract:**

**0255-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that administration be authorized to award the Jay Bird Memorial Arena Ice Refrigeration System Replacement contract to TRANE Canada for \$1,088,865.00 with funds from GL 4-71-11-62-630-02.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FCSS Office Relocation:**

**0256-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that that the relocation of the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) department to the vacant facility, previously occupied by Career Pathways School be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Finance Report:**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Finance Monthly Report and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

**0257-2025-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2025-04 - Senior Citizen  
Municipal Property Tax  
Rebate:**

Being a bylaw to establish the Senior Citizen Municipal Property Tax Rebate of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17

**First Reading:**

**0258-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Bylaw 2025-04 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading:**

**0259-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-04 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Unanimous Reading:** **0260-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Tahirih Wiebe to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-04 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:** **0261-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-04 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2025 Operating Budget:** **0262-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the 2025 Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2025 Capital Budget:** **0263-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the 2025 Capital Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MMIW Funding Allocation:** **0264-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Darlene Jackson that \$70,979.00 be reallocated from Unrestricted Surplus to a reserve account for disbursement to the recipient.

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).

**0265-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Corporate & Regulatory Services Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Asset Transfer from MD to WDHA 10 Senior Homes in Calling Lake:** **0266-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the transfer of 10 properties and assets located at Kito Sakahikan Lane in Calling Lake for \$1.00 each from the Municipal District of Opportunity to Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Municipal Reserve Appraisal Report Lot 28MR, Plan 8321796; 791 Pelican Road Sandy Lake:** **0267-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration be authorized to proceed with a MR Disposal Bylaw, a Plans Cancellation Bylaw, then a land sale of 791 Pelican Road to Terah Yellowknee with a purchase price of \$6,525.00 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Ronald F. Beaver – Grazing Lease Renewal MD17-03-GR-2015-20 Hamlet of Wabasca:** **0268-2025-17MDC**  
 Moved by Robin Guild that the request from Ronald F. Beaver to renew the Grazing Lease MD17-03-GR-2015-20 at an annual rate of \$240.00 plus GST for a five-year term be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2025-05 Procedural  
Bylaw – Public Hearing  
Attendance by Electronic  
Means:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to establish the organizational structure of Council and the meeting procedures and conduct for Council and its Committees and Boards.

**First Reading:**

0269-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-05 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Second Reading:**

0270-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-05 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Unanimous Consent:**

0271-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-05 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Third Reading:**

0272-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Bylaw 2025-05 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FRIAA RFP April – Fire Smart  
Proposal Submissions:**

0273-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council acknowledges awareness and is in support of the Sandy Lake and Wabasca projects listed for the Request for Proposal submissions to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA).

- Sandy Lake – Completion of 9.6 ha in blocks SL1-10 and SL3-5, \$125,600
- Wabasca – Completion of 14.1 ha in block WA63, \$175,100

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Works Report:**

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

0274-2025-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Speed Bumps:**

0275-2025-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that direction to administration is to install speed bumps on Auger Road, replace guardrail on Neewatin Drive by Lloyd C. Memorial Park, Crosswalk at RV Dump Station north entrance by Eli Cardinal Park and better signage for speed limit by playground area at Eli Cardinal Park.

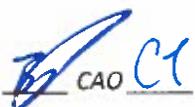
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Red Earth Creek Sand & Salt  
Shed:**

0276-2025-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration is authorized to award the Red Earth Creek Sand & Salt Shed contract to Whiteline Shelters and Tarps Ltd. for a price of \$435,686.12 plus GST with funds from GL 4-32-00-38-620-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Fencing Projects:**

**0277-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration restructure the fence procurement so that bids be awarded to one contractor community specific.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amend Facility Operator Agreement – Wabasca Lions Club:**

**0278-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the proposed amendments to the Facility Operator Agreement between the MD of Opportunity and Wabasca Lions Club be approved as presented.

- Remove Desmarais
- Section A amendments:
  - i. Add “twice per month or as needed”;
  - vi. Replace “Mondays and Fridays while the campground is open” with “to the wood sheds twice per week or as required and 4 loads to the boneyard as needed;
  - vii. Replace “on a weekly basis” with “twice per week” and replace “once a week” with “twice per week”;
- Remove 2. Payment for Services
- Remove 14a.
- 23. Change Schedule “D” to “C”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:**

The meeting recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened 2:10 p.m.

**Utilities Report:**

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

**0279-2025-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Lagoon Fencing Discuss:**

A concern was brought up about the contractor who was awarded the lagoon fencing project. Director of Utilities said the contractors’ work has been satisfactory for the projects he has managed.

**Water Delivery Schedule Discussion:**

Council discussed about water delivery schedule in Calling Lake. A lot of water is used in the summer. A concern from last summer, the spray park was shut down due to water usage because both Bigstone Cree Nation Public Works and the MD deliver water on Thursday’s.

Administration to look at the schedule and discuss with Bigstone Cree Nation.

**Council Round Table:**

**0280-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Seniors Week Declaration:**

**0281-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity declare June 2-8, 2025 as Seniors Week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Barrhead Grizzly Trail Fire and Rescue Association:**

**0282-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the MD of Opportunity sponsor \$1,000 for the Black Gold category on behalf of the Golf Day in Barrhead hosted by Alberta Transportation and that cheque be made payable to Barrhead Grizzly Trail Fire and Rescue Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence: 0283-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calendars: 0284-2025-17MDC**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:** The meeting recessed at 2:57 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

**Closed Session: 0285-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council move into a closed session at 3:06 p.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Ryan Musch - Bloom CME, Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Director of Utilities and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Fraud Risk, b) IT Assessment Presentation, c) Water Rates, d) Organizational Chart, e) Calling Lake Senior Homes and f) Fire Guard, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Departure:** Ryan Musch and Trina Mineault left the room at 4:26 p.m.

**0286-2025-17MDC**

Moved by that council return to open meeting at 4:28 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess/Reconvene:** The meeting recessed at 4:28 p.m. and reconvened at 4:35 p.m.

**0287-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to closed session at 4:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0288-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting at 5:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:** Delegation Council Meeting  
May 28, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
Red Earth Creek Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting  
June 11 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
Wabasca Council Chambers

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Adjournment:**

**0289-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

  
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Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer