

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – WABASCA
APRIL 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Wabasca Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Marcel C. Auger
Leo Alook	Louis A. Cardinal
Cecil Gladue	Gerald Johnson
Roy Yellowknee	

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)	Robin Guild
Darlene Jackson	Kevin Bigstone

STAFF PRESENT:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Lee Bissell	Regional Fire Chief
Everett Gottfried	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Nancy Cardinal	Executive Assistant to Director of Recreation & Culture
Regan Auger	Assistant Director of Recreation & Culture
Zach Zobot	Manager of Economic Development & Tourism
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Terah Yellowknee	Communications Liaison
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Call to Order:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

0130-2026-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the agenda for the April 13, 2026 regular meeting of council be approved with the following additions:

- 7.c Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association Conference
- 11.d Senior Men's Hockey Grant – Native Provincials

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (March 23, 2026):

0131-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the minutes of the delegation meeting of council held on March 23, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin Report:

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

0132-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Chief Administrative Officers report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve md CAO cy

**Amend Current Organizational
Chart with Additional Positions
And Increase to the 2026
Operational Budget:**

0133-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council authorizes Administration to amend the Organizational Chart approving additional positions and amend the operational budget for 2026.

- Move Fire Services under Corporate & Regulatory Services, add a permanent full time Assistant Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services in Wabasca.
- Change a Permanent Full Time Facility Operator to Permanent Full Time Facility Supervisor for the Back Lakes Arena.
- Reclassify two part time Recreation Attendants in Wabasca to Permanent Full Time
- Reclassify the Red Earth Creek FCSS Position from Casual to Permanent Part-Time and move the position from Scale 8 to Scale 6.
- Add a Permanent Full-Time Animal Control/Kennel Attendant, in Calling Lake, under Bylaw Enforcement.
- Add 9-12 positions new seasonal positions to Eagle Point Golf Course, under option 3 – Municipal Staff Operate with Basic Service Model with budget amendments that 1 of 3 cooks positions to be a supervisory position, and 6 Customer Service Staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Alberta Senior's & Community
Housing Association
Conference – Member at
Large:**

0134-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the cost of registration and accommodations are paid for the member at large – Cheri Courtorielle to attend the annual Alberta Senior's & Community Housing Association Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Enforcement:

Chief Administrative Officer, Chad Tullis presented the Municipal Enforcement Report.

0135-2026-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook 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.

0136-2026-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Regional Fire Department report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Recreation Centre
Boiler Replacement – Budget
Amendment:**

0137-2026-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that Capital Project Budget be increased to \$52,600 for Capital Project Boiler Replacement to replace the non-functional boiler system at the Calling Lake Recreation Centre is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Projects:

Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Everett Gottfried presented the Monthly Report. and Request for Decisions (RFD's).

0138-2026-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergency Senior Repair:

0139-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the emergency repairs for Beth Ann Auger be approved under the Senior Housing Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend Current Organizational Chart with Additional Positions And Increase to the 2026 Operational Budget:

0140-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council authorizes Administration to amend the Organizational Chart approving additional positions and amend the operational budget for 2026.

- Eagle Point Golf Course - Option 3 – Amend and Increase the budget for 1 Supervisor Cook (Scale 4), 2 cooks and 6 customer service staff to \$180,000 for the Eagle Point Golf Course and all positions are on Scale 9.
- Add a part time casual for Red Earth Recreation Attendant– Scale 9

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation & Culture:

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

0141-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Recreation & Culture report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake Public Library - Green Space:

0142-2026-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Library Director's request for green space near the Calling Lake Complex for six garden boxes is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakeview Sports Centre – Concession Proposal:

0143-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the proposal received from Christina Ridge to operate the Lakeview Sports Centre Concession is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Senior Men's Hockey Grant:

0144-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the grant request for \$1500 received from Robin Mcleod to assist with the Hockey Tournament Fees is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Economic Development & Tourism Update:

The manager of Economic Development & Tourism provided an update on what has been done and coming up with new ideas.

Working with Unfussy Inc. to assist with building a new website for the Eaglepoint Golf Course, as it does not have a website dedicated to it.

Met with both Slave Lake Tourism and Indigenous Tourism and both would like to know which target audience we are wanting to entertain. Would this be "Cabin Living" tourism, as we have the beach, and lakes or would we like Indigenous Tourism, and if so at what capacity.

**Finance Report:
Decisions (RFD's).**

Chief Financial Officer, Trina Mineault presented the Monthly Report. and Request for

0145-2026-17MDC

Moved by Louis A. Cardinal that the Finance report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Set the Date – 2026 Tax
Recovery Public Auction:**

0146-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the 2026 Tax Recovery Public Auction will be on September 16, 2026 in Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corporate & Regulatory
Services Report:**

Corporate & Regulatory Services Director, Rolanna Auger presented the Corporate & Regulatory Monthly Report.

0147-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the Corporate & Regulatory Services report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calling Lake Daycare:

0148-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Calling Lake Daycare project is terminated effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake Sailing Club
Renewal of Community Lease
MDOPP-2011-16CL:**

0149-2026-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the Calling Lake Sailing Club request for a lease renewal, located within NW-32-71-21-W4M, for a five-year term at an annual rate of \$169.60 based on the 2024 Appraised Market value of land is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Headwater Exploaration Inc.
Proposed Oil & Gas Activity
within Wabasca Boundaries:**

0150-2026-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the proposed leased land within 10-17-80-24 W4 in the Hamlet of Wabasca is tabled and that the company is invited to the Delegation Meeting in Sandy Lake on April 27, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request to Operate a Mobile
Concession Stand on MD
Property:**

0151-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the request to operate a mobile concession stand on the specified MD properties within the Hamlet of Wabasca is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Emergency Social Services
(ESS) Level of Service Policy:**

0152-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the changes to level of service in the Emergency Social Services Level of Service policy is accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 2026-03 Emergency Management Bylaw:

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity, in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Advisory Committee and Emergency Management Agency.

First Reading to Bylaw 2026-03:

0153-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that first reading be given to Bylaw 2026-03 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Advisory Committee and Emergency Management Agency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading to Bylaw 2026-03:

0154-2026-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that second reading be given to Bylaw 2026-03 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Advisory Committee and Emergency Management Agency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Unanimous Consent to Bylaw 2026-03:

0155-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that unanimous consent be given to Bylaw 2026-03 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Advisory Committee and Emergency Management Agency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading to Bylaw 2026-03

0156-2026-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that third and final reading be given to Bylaw 2026-03 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Advisory Committee and Emergency Management Agency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Report:

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

0157-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the Public Works report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Utilities Report:

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

0158-2026-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the Utilities report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Award Contract for Two (2) Hydrant Repairs:

0159-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the contract to repair two (2) hydrants is awarded to Spruce Ridge Industries with 20% Contingency (10,878.00) with a total cost of \$61, 488.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Award Scrap Metal Contract:

0160-2026-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that Scrap Metal contract for Wabasca, Red Earth, Calling Lake, Sandy Lake, and Chipewyan Lake is awarded to K & K Prairie Recycling Services for the term of two years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0161-2026-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAO QY

Funeral Home Initiative:

0162-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Marcel C. Auger, Marshall D. Auger, Darlene Jackson and Roy Yellowknee will attend the Funeral Home Initiative meeting with Bigstone Cree Nation on April 30, 2026 with venue still to be determined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Joint Minister Meeting Request
With Minister of Transportation
and Corridor's with Bigstone
Cree Nation:**

0163-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that a joint letter with Bigstone Cree Nation is delivered to the Minister of Transportation and Corridor's to request a meeting and discuss the concerns with the maintenance of Chip Lake Access Road, Chipewyan Lake road concerns, heavy volume of traffic (logging truck, oil tankers) through the community, increase road maintenance on highways and the 4 way stop in Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Town of Athabasca – New
Bridge Ceremonial
Committee:**

0164-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Marshall D. Auger be appointed to the New Bridge Ceremonial Committee with the Town of Athabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wabasca Emergency Medical
Station – Complimentary
Access to Fitness Facilities:**

0165-2026-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the request from Wabasca Emergency Medical Station for Complimentary Access to fitness facilities be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0166-2026-17MDC

Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0167-2026-17MDC

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Delegation Council Meeting
April 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Sandy Lake Community Hall


Regular Council Meeting
May 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Adjournment:

0168-2026-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer