**MINUTES**
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17**
**DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – CALLING LAKE**
**JUNE 22, 2026**

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The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at the Calling Lake Community Complex.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**
Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)
Marcel C. Auger
Darlene Jackson
Cecil Gladue
Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
Robin Guild
Gerald Johnson
Roy Yellowknee

**COUNCIL PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**
Kevin Bigstone

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**
Leo Alook
Louis A. Cardinal (Authorized Leave of Absence)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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| Chad Tullis | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Trina Mineault | Chief Financial Officer |
| Katelyn Alook (virtual) | Manager of Planning and Development/Planner |
| Rolanna Auger (virtual) | Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services |

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

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:** Armaan Khanna – Lakeside Leader

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

**Adoption of Agenda:**
**0271-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the agenda for the June 22, 2026 delegation council meeting be approved with additions:

7a. Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority (WDHA)
7b. LaPrairie Works
12b. Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes (June 8, 2026):**
**0272-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on June 8, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Business Arising:**
Rodeo Grounds should be locked, and a key can be given to the Wabasca Rodeo Association president. Direction was given to Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance to get a quote for a gate.

**Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority:**
Wabasca Desmarais Housing Authority requested consideration of available office or storage space at either the Calling Lake Community Complex or the Transportation Yard. Council also inquired about whether the drainage concerns around the Calling Lake seniors homes had been addressed and noted that grass cutting had not been completed in the area during the year.

**LaPrairie Works:**
Discussion with LaPrairie was brought up regarding the 4-way stop intersection.

The meeting with the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors was productive. They paved more of the troublesome areas on highway 813 which is already deteriorating. There is no indication of further work. They will be putting in a retaining wall by steak & pizza and expected to be completed by October 15, 2026.

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MD of Opportunity has requested reclassification of highways 813 and 754. The road requires additional maintenance. If they are reclassified, there would be annual grass cutting and more funding would be available for road maintenance.

**Change in Chair:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger passed the chair duties to Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell at 10:16 a.m.

**Councillor Declaration:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger and Councillor Kevin Bigstone declared conflict on the next item and left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

**Grant Committee Recommendations:**

**0273-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved:

1) Funding request from Heather Oar, on behalf of U7 baseball team, in the amount of $1,000, be accepted as information;
2) Funding for PTFN Grade 12 graduates in the amount of $200 per graduate, as per policy, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17;
3) That the approved funds originally allocated for Calgary Nationals be reallocated and approved for the Hawaii Tournament;
4) Funding request from Nora Ross, on behalf of the Calling Lake Sailing Club, in the amount of $2,000 to go towards the Learn to Sail Camp for ages 9 & up on July 27-31, 2026, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillor Return:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger and Councillor Kevin Bigstone returned to the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

**Change in Chair:** Reeve Marshall D. Auger resumed chair duties at 10:20 a.m.

**Capital Carryforward:**

**0274-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the carryforward budget request of $29,500 for ALL-Flower Basket Hangers GL 4-15-00-00-601-01 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FCSS Request to Apply for a Grant:**

**0275-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) be authorized to apply for the Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative Cultural Stream Grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2026-09 Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Rezoning from R1C to RR:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 to amend Bylaw 2013-14 the Land Use Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17, as amended.

**First Reading to Bylaw 2026-09:**

**0276-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that first reading be given to Bylaw 2026-09 to rezone 3290 Calling Lake Drive (7921556; 16; 2) from R1C – Residential District to RR – Recreation Residential District and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for July 27, 2026.

DEFEATED

**Recess/Reconvene:** The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

**Delegation: (11:00 a.m.)** Wabasca Pow Wow Committee – Christine Gullion, Adelaide Auger, Cheyanne, Auger, and June Houle
Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in attendance to introduce the Wabasca Pow Wow Committee and request consideration of possible funding for the Wabasca Pow Wow scheduled for August 20-22, 2027.

The delegates provided background on the 2014 pow wow and expressed their desire to bring pow wows back to the community so residents can learn about the ceremonies and processes involved. They noted that hosting a pow wow would support community healing and bring business to the community.

Council asked whether the committee had sought sponsorship from other sources. The committee advised that they are considering approaching Bigstone Cree Nation for support and may request that the funding come from the trust proposal. The committee currently has $9,000 remaining from the 2014 pow wow and requires at least $100,000 to host the event. The committee indicated that this would be an annual request. They also expressed interest in offering lessons at schools and advised that they have spoken with Bigstone Community Wellness regarding possible sponsorship for that initiative.

The committee extended an invitation to Council to attend its next meeting scheduled for July 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Council advised the committee to fill out a grant application and the request will come back to council for a decision and potential funding can be allocated for 2027.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:13 a.m.

**Council Round Table:**

**0277-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegation:**
**(11:27 a.m.)**

Canadian Natural Resources Limited - Trent Swainson, Tom Schulz
Round table introductions were held.

The delegates were in attendance to present their proposal for the expansion of an existing lease located within NE-6-79-22-W4M. The existing lease is currently 2.67 acres and the proposal would expand the site to 9.04 acres.

CNRL is also requesting a new 9.66-acre pad site and access road located within NE-7-79-22-W4M. The site will also include a temporary log deck and borrow pit.

The delegates reviewed three pipeline options. All options are outside Municipal District of Opportunity titled land but are within the Sandy Lake Hamlet boundary.

Council asked about the potential disruption of traplines. CNRL representatives advised that trappers have been notified.

Council thanked the delegates for their attendance. Delegates left at 11:40 a.m.

**Canadian Natural Resources Limited Existing Lease Expansion and Additional Lease with Pipeline in Sandy Lake:**

**0278-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Robin Guild that the request from Canadian Natural Resources Limited to extend their current lease (File 1019763) to 9.04 acres within NE-6-79-22-W4M at an annual rate of $7,737.75 be approved; request for a new lease (File 1279445) of 9.66 acres with the first year's rate at $31,141.50 and $5,639.50 for subsequent years be approved; and the pipeline at a one rate of $450 within the Sandy Lake hamlet boundary be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Information/Correspondence:**

**0279-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Calendars:**

**0280-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Gerald Johnson that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Regular Council Meeting
July 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

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

**Adjournment:**

**0281-2026-17MDC**
Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting be adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer