

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**

The delegation meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 was held at the Community Hall in Red Earth Creek on Monday, September 28, 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:	Marshall D. Auger (Reeve) Marcel C. Auger Cecil Gladue	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve) Robin Guild Roy Yellowknee
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS:	Kevin Bigstone	Darlene Jackson
ABSENT:	Gerald Johnson	
STAFF PRESENT:	Chad Tullis Trina Mineault (<i>virtual</i>) Ryan Musch (<i>virtual</i>) Rolanna Auger (<i>virtual</i>) Karol Szczesny (<i>virtual</i>)	Chief Administrative Officer Chief Financial Officer Director of Finance Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services Regional Deputy Fire Chief
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Lynda Gray	Executive Assistant to Administration
MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:	Armaan Khanna	Lakeside Leader

Call to Order: Reeve Marshall D. Auger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Acceptance of Agenda: 0453-2026-17MDC
Moved by Roy Yellowknee that the agenda for the August 24, 2026 delegation council meeting be accepted as amended with additions:

7a. Culvert Replacement at Rock Island
11e. Washroom at Eli Cardinal Park

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arrival: Councillor Kevin Bigstone joined at 10:04 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes
(September 14, 2026):** 0454-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on September 14, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Culvert Replacement at Rock Island: Council requested an update regarding the culvert replacement project at Rock Island Lake. Administration advised that the estimated cost of the project is \$500,000 and that the Municipality is awaiting the outcome of a grant application. Any municipal expenditure on the project prior to grant approval would render the project ineligible for grant funding.

**Reclassification of Highways
754 and 813:** 0455-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that Administration arrange a meeting to discuss the reclassification of Highways 754 and 813 for road maintenance purposes with the Reeves and Mayors representing the Town of Slave Lake, Lesser Slave Lake, the Town of Athabasca, and the County of Athabasca, together with the Chiefs of Bigstone Cree Nation and Sawridge First Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

**Calling Lake Fire Chief
Appointment:**

0456-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that council appoints Aleksey Schmidt as Fire Chief in Calling Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rapid Response Capital Project
Update and Justification:**

0457-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that the Rapid Response Capital Project update be tabled for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grant Committee
Recommendations:**

0458-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved:

- 1) Funding request from Rena Auger on behalf of Wabasca Eagles Volleyball Club be approved in the amount of \$10,000 to go towards Club Volleyball Fees to attend Premier Tournaments throughout the year, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17;
- 2) Funding request from Danny Cardinal be approved in the amount of \$2,500 to go towards a medicine lodge, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17;
- 3) Request from Janet Naclia on behalf of Alberta Recreation & Parks be approved for two baskets for the ARPA 75th Anniversary auction and raffle, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17; and
- 4) Request to release committed dollars to Red Earth Creek Fire Department in the amount of \$6,000 for Christmas Hampers, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Capital Budget Increase Request
RE - Ice Arena Refrigeration
System:**

0459-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Council approve an additional \$21,430 to reconcile the outstanding project cost for capital budget GL 4-71-11-38-630-05 RE – Ice Arena Refrigeration System, with funding from reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Capital Budget Increase Request
RE – Splash Park Resurfacing:**

0460-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that Council approve an additional \$7,761 for capital budget GL 4-71-26-38-610-04 RE – Splash Park Resurfacing, with funding from reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Grant Request from Ryder
Cardinal:**

0461-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the funding request from Claudia Sinclair on behalf of Ryder Cardinal be approved in the amount of \$500 to go towards Registration Fees to play hockey for the Fort Saskatchewan U18AAA Rangers team, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Washroom at Eli Park:

0462-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that Administration explores lower-cost options, including fixed and mobile facilities, for a washroom at Eli Cardinal Park in Wabasca.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0463-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger that Council move into closed session at 10:47 a.m. with the Chief Administrative Office, Director of Recreation & Culture and Recording Secretary in attendance to discuss the following item: a) Purchase of 563 Meadow Lane, as per Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, of the Access to Information Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

0464-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that council return to open meeting at 10:59 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request to Purchase 563
Meadow Lane and Commence
Sale of 431 Grassy Way:**

0465-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the purchase of 563 Meadow Lane for \$25,030.00, plus GST be approved, with funding from the operating budget, with the intent to utilize the land in the future for green space development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ERP RFP Support – Capital
Budget Amendment:**

0466-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the amendment to the 2026 Capital Budget of \$12,800 and include \$6,650 in the 2027 Capital Budget to proceed with the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) request for proposal (RFP) development and procurement support be approved, with funding from unrestricted reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ERP Data Management
Assessment – Capital Budget
Amendment:**

0467-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the amendment to the 2026 Capital Budget of \$24,000 to proceed with the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Data Management Assessment support be approved, with funding from unrestricted reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Calling Lake & Sandy Lake Fibre
Optic Connections:**

0468-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the capital budget amendment for the 2026 IT Hardware Upgrades in the amount of \$20,350 for fibre optic connection to the 10 buildings within the installation area be approved, to be funded from unrestricted reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

**Road Naming – WDHA Property
in Calling Lake Subdivision of
3023 Central Drive:**

0469-2026-17MDC

Moved by Cecil Gladue that the Wabasca Housing Desmarais Authority (WDHA) property in Calling Lake subdivision of 3023 Central Drive be named "Kihew Crescent".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0470-2026-17MDC

Moved by Marcel C. Auger to accept the Councillor reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Invitation to Participate in the
Economic Developers Alberta
Training:**

0471-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that Marshall D. Auger be authorized to participate in the Economic Developers Alberta training on October 5-8, 2026 in Faust.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treaty 8 Gala:

0472-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council be authorized to attend the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Gala in Edmonton on November 27, 2026 and that two tables for \$1,500 each be purchased.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence: 0473-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the information/correspondence items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0474-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the calendars be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting
October 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Organizational Council Meeting
October 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting
October 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Chipewyan Lake Community Hall

Adjournment:

0475-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting be adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer