MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2026

The delegation meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 was held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office in Wabasca on Monday, October 26, 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Marshall D. Auger (Reeve)	Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)
	Kevin Bigstone	Gerald Johnson
	Robin Guild	Roy Yellowknee
	Darlene Jackson	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Marcel C. Auger	Cecil Gladue
STAFF PRESENT:	Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
	Everett Gottfried	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
	Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
	Rolanna Auger	Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services
	Kimball Newbery	Director of Public Works
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:

0556-2026-17MDC
Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the agenda for the October 26, 2026 delegation council meeting be accepted as amended with additions:

7a. Airport Naming
7b. Community Events
7c. Calling Lake Housing Opportunity
18a. Closed Session: Legal – Letter of Golf Appeal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (October 13, 2026):

0557-2026-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on October 13, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes (October 19, 2026):

0558-2026-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the minutes of the organizational meeting of council held on October 19, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Airport Naming:

0559-2026-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that Administration be authorized to install a sign at the Wabasca Airport in dedication of Louis Auger, with funding from the existing signage budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Events: Discussion was held regarding upcoming community events. Remembrance Day and the Santa Claus Parade were the two events discussed.

Angela Lightning advised that a call for a caterer will be issued for the Remembrance Day event. She also noted a preference to partner with Bigstone Cree Nation (BCN) for the Remembrance Day event rather than alternating responsibility between organizations. It was noted that there is no dedicated budget established for this year's Remembrance Day event.

Public Works will put up the Christmas decorations after the Remembrance Day activities. The Santa Claus Parade is a partnership between the Municipal District and Bigstone Cree Nation, with project costs being shared.

Calling Lake Housing Opportunity:

0560-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the proposal from Wilf Brooks for the Calling Lake Housing Opportunity be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All-Community Signage – Gilbert "Gilly" Auger Memorial Driving Range Sign:

0561-2026-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Council approve Option 4 for the Gilbert "Gilly" Auger Memorial Driving Range sign at Eagle Point Golf Course.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Councillor Darlene Jackson declared a conflict of interest with respect to the next agenda item and left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Grant Committee Recommendations:

0562-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the recommendations from the Grants Committee be approved:

1) Funding request from Lakes of the North Region Tourism be approved in the amount of $1,000, sponsor two (2) afternoon coffee breaks, and two (2) baskets for the Northern Alberta Tourism Summit on April 12-14, 2027, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17;
2) Funding request from Christine Gullion and Darlene Jackon be approved in the amount of $2,500, supply bingo cards and donate four (4) gift baskets to go towards the 2nd Annual Kokum Betty Jackson Memorial Bingo event on November 22, 2026, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17;
3) Funding request from Busy Bees be approved for $9,812 to go towards a 4-week after school cooking program, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-17; and
4) Request to release committed dollars to Recess Society in the amount of $3,000, funded from GL 2-00-00-31-770-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Return:

Councillor Darlene Jackson returned to the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Capital Project Overage Policy:

0563-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that Council approve the proposed F.21 Capital Project Overage Policy with amendments to the Department Directors Section to add #4 - any overage exceeding the CAO threshold be presented to council before overspending.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Red Earth Creek Fireguard Grazing Lease:

0564-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that administration be authorized to readvertise for the Red Earth Creek fireguard grazing lease, amend the agreement and to enforce maintenance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca Fireguard Grazing Lease Reassignment:

0565-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Administration be authorized to reassign the Wabasca Fireguard Grazing Lease to Bartel Farms at the proposed annual rate of $7,201.00 for the remainder of the original lease term, expiring September 5, 2033, subject to appropriate lease conditions and expectations for fence maintenance, gate security, and timely response to escaped livestock. Furthermore, the lease agreement be amended to include enhanced maintenance and to have a primary contact person, with the contact's name and phone number to be publicly posted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sandy Lake Fireguard Pile and Burn Disposal Method:

0566-2026-17MDC

Moved by Councillor Kevin Bigstone that the Sandy Lake Fireguard Pile and Burn Disposal Method be referred back to Administration, with direction to contact timber mills to determine whether they would be interested in removing the logs at their own expense.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Donate Charter Buses:

0567-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the Donation of the Municipal Charter Buses be tabled and discussed in closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026 Auction:

0568-2026-17MDC

Moved by Brendan Powell that administration be authorized to use the Govdeals.com website for the 2026 Auction Sale of MD Surplus Vehicles & Equipment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend T.6 Winter Maintenance Policy:

0569-2026-17MDC

Moved by Robin Guild that the T.6 Winter Maintenance Policy be approved as presented with the following changes:

Change Transportation to Public Works
Policy Statements E. Add Disabled
#6 – Add Disabled and Disabled Individuals
Responsibilities – A. Add Citizens/Disabled Individuals, and B. Add Disabled
#8 – Add and disabled individuals
Add #9 – The property for which the snow plowing service is required must be the primary residence of the senior citizen or disabled individual.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rescind Policy T.32 Organization Use of Municipal Buses:

0570-2026-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the T.32 Organization Use of Municipal Buses Policy is rescinded in its entirety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Reeve Marshall D. Auger declared a conflict of interest with respect to the next agenda item and left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Chair duties were assumed by Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell for the duration of the item.

Wabasca Lagoon Gate Contract Award:

0571-2026-17MDC
Moved by Robin Guild that administration be authorized to award the contract for the Wabasa Lagoon Gate project to Expert Fence Solutions in the amount of $36,109.31 and that Council approve the electrical wiring and inspection from Expert Fence Solutions (Estimate 1249) in the amount of $1,854.69 excluding GST with funds from GL 4-42-00-38-601-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wabasca Lagoon Force Main Mulching Contract Award:

0572-2026-17MDC
Moved by Roy Yellowknee that administration be authorized to award the contract for the Wabasca Lagoon Force Main Mulching project to Kisikaw Compliance for $46,400.00 with contingencies $5,000 and Engineering $5,000 for a total of $56,400.00 with funds from GL 2-42-00-31-259-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Return:

Reeve Marshall D. Auger returned to the meeting at 11:14 a.m. and resumed the chair.

Red Earth Creek Hydrant Replacement Contract Award:

0573-2026-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration be authorized to award the contract for the Red Earth Creek Hydrant Replacement project to Spruce Ridge Industries for $81,500.00 with funds from GL 2-41-00-39-259-00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Round Table:

0574-2026-17MDC
Moved by Gerald Johnson to accept the Councillor reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCPA Forum Attendance:

0575-2026-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Reeve Marshall D. Auger be approved to attend the ACCPA Forum in Peace River on October 28, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposal from Christina Ridge:

0576-2026-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that Administration be directed to draft a letter to Christina Ridge thanking her for her interest in utilizing the Tourist Booth; however, the location and building is not considered suitable for the proposed use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence:

0577-2026-17MDC
Moved by Darlene Jackson that the information/correspondence items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0578-2026-17MDC
Moved by Kevin Bigstone that the calendars be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session:

0579-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that Council move into closed session at 11:42 a.m. with the Chief Administrative Office, and Director of Recreation & in attendance to discuss the following item: a) CAO Evaluation, b) Volleyball Coach, and c) Letter of Appeal, as per Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, of the Access to Information Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Departure:

Councillor Gerald Johnson left the meeting at 1:50 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Return to Open Meeting:

0580-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that council return to open meeting at 2:18 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

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

Delegation Council Meeting
November 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Sandy Lake Community Hall

Adjournment:

0581-2026-17MDC
Moved by Brendan Powell that the meeting be adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marshall D. Auger, Reeve

Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer