



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 09-22
10:00 am, May 4th, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office situated at 4202 50th Street in the Town of Spirit River in the Province of Alberta on Wednesday, May 4th, at 10:00 am.

Reeve: Tony Van Rootselaar

Councillors: Elaine Garrow
Stan Bzowy
Nick vanRootselaar

Administration: Dan Dibbelt
Dianne Nellis
Montana Kuhar

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Agricultural Fieldman Jenifer Lizotte introduced the seasonal staff.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

- 13. D. Final Budget 2022
- 13. E. Three Year Operating Budget 2023, 2024 and 2025
- 13. F. Taxation Rates for 2022
- 15. L. Events – Rural Alberta Information Series: Alberta Health Services – May 19th, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration is Required
- 15. M. Central Peace Medical Services Corporation Meeting Minutes, April 27th, 2022
- 16. A. Telus Customer Service Issues
- 16. B. 2022 Road Tour with Council
- 16. C. Ratepayer Comment Re: Culvert on Twp 790.5 / RR 50
- 16. D. Ratepayer Comment Re: Culvert East of Hwy 2 on Twp 790
- 16. E. Permanent Structure on Road Allowance – SW 16-79-5W6

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the May 4th, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 09-22.

105.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 09-22 with the Agenda Additions be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. DELEGATIONS

- A. Edward Telford - JDP Wasserman and Associates Re: 2022 Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Budget**

Assistant CAO Dianne Nellis advised that Mr. Telford would not be attending the meeting.

8. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- A. Adoption of Minutes from the April 20th, 2022 Council Meeting RM 08-22**

106.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor Garrow that the Minutes from the April 20th, 2022 Council Meeting RM 08-22 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

- A. CAO Report**

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- Central Peace Medical Clinic: Meeting on April 27th; decisions need to be made on who will assume management duties for the corporation, the Board has put out a request for this. Two new physicians will be joining the Clinic. Investigating the potential for benefits of the Labour Market Grant.
- Administration: The Farm Credit Canada (FCC) grant for funding the proposed energy-efficient building renovations and additions has been submitted; waiting to hear back on this, the basement of the Administration building is undergoing repairs due to flooding that happened earlier in the year, subdivision and development projects ongoing, a G3 employee will be moving into the Administration office temporarily to work until such time that the office is built at the G3 location, will work with Public Works to create a list of field access roads to determine future maintenance plans; this will be looked at during the 2022 Road Tour with Council, met with Fish and Wildlife, Justice and Forestry to discuss an agreement for leasing the proposed building addition, will work with the Town of Spirit River to achieve self-sustainability of the Spirit River Airport, Alberta's Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) meeting is scheduled for May 25 in Edmonton at 3:00 p.m. with Minister Horner and Minister Schweitzer, discussed the Road Use Agreement for the Wanham Grazing Lease, budget has been finalized and is ready for adoption, had a phone meeting with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) to discuss funding through the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) to help offset costs relating to the repair of the Burnt River Erosion site; Assistant CAO Dianne Nellis has sent a letter to Minister McIver requesting a meeting to discuss this funding, letters

have been sent to ratepayers with road lease agreements advising of renewals and requesting payment of any outstanding fees, renovations have been completed at the M.D Firehall; the Fire Chief has moved in.

- Item 7.A., Edward Telford - JDP Wasserman and Associates Re: 2022 Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Budget

Mr. Telford was unable to attend and unable to present as the audit statements were not yet prepared. Mr. Telford expressed to Administration that he will have these statements prepared for the end of next week. Administration will request the statements once they are available. Mrs. Nellis has contacted Municipal Affairs requesting an extension for the 2021 Audit submission.

- 107.05.04.22** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 not assume management duties of the Central Peace Medical Clinic as the offer of request does not reflect the value of the work required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 108.05.04.22** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approves sending Councillor Garrow to Alberta's Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDA) meeting in Edmonton on May 25, 2022 as the Chairperson for the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 109.05.04.22** Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that the CAO and Manager's Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

Council reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

Joni Aylward entered the meeting at 12:41 p.m. to speak with Council regarding the proposal to investigate a private MRI service to be housed in the Central Peace Medical Services Corporation facility.

- 110.05.04.22** Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that Council contract Aylward Research Services at a fee up to \$1,500 plus disbursements to investigate the costs, requirements, and implementation protocol for a private MRI service to be housed in the Central Peace Medical Services Corporation facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Aylward left the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Range Road 54 Upgrade - Phase 2 - Contract Awarding.

111.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. be awarded the contract for the Range Road 54 Upgrade Phase 2 project for their bid price of \$1,569,623.07.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Archives : Destruction of Records as per Bylaw 02-2016

112.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that Council authorizes the disposal and proper destruction of records as per the Records Retention and Disposal Bylaw as requested by Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Declaration - Seniors Week June 6th- 12th

113.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor Garrow that June 6th - 12th, 2022 be declared Seniors Week in the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Final Budget 2022

Corporate Services Director Louise Gostick entered the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Administration presented the 2022 Final Operating and Capital Budget.

114.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that Council approve the Operating and Capital budgets as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Bzowy left the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

E. Three Year Operating Budget 2023, 2024, 2025

115.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that Council approve the 2023, 2024 and 2025 operating budgets as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Taxation Rates for 2022

Corporate Services Director Louise Gostick presented information on proposed tax rates for 2022.

116.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that the 2022 tax rates be set as follows:

Residential	7.2000000
Non-Residential/Linear	15.927000
Farmland	11.200000
Machinery and Equipment	15.927000
Designated Industrial Property	15.927000
Estimated Minimum Tax	\$150.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- A. Letter - From Jonathan Farley , Transport Canada Re: Update on the Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) Application.**
- B. Letter - From Steve Allan , Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Re: 2022 Communities in Bloom (CiB) Participation.**
- C. Media Release - RMA Officially Opposes the Creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Force.**
- D. Email - From Meghan Brennan , The Town of Taber Re: Registration for the Alberta / Japan Twinned Municipalities 2022 Conference, Taber Heritage Inn Conference Room, June 3rd and 4th.**
- E. Email - STARS - Invitation to attend the unveiling of the new Helicopter, May 25th , 1:30 p.m. at the STARS Grande Prairie Base - 10911 123 Street.**
- F. Letter - To the Honourable Minister Tyler Shandro Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Re: Proposed Alberta Provincial Police Force.**
- G. Letter - To the Honourable Minister Ric McIver RE: 2020 DRP - The Burnt River Washout.**
- H. Letter to The Alberta Utilities Commission - From the Town of Taber - Re: Increasing Utility Fees.**
- I. Information - National Police Federation - Your Police Your Future: Listening to Albertans.**
- J. Email - ATCO Request for Approval for Project 1063924 - G3 Canada Limited**
- K. Letter - Wanham Grazing Association - Re: Accessing to Grazing Reserve.**
- L. Events – Rural Alberta Information Series: Alberta Health Services – May 19th, 2022
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- M. Central Peace Medical Services Corporation Meeting Minutes, April 27th, 2022**

117.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor Garrow that a letter be sent to the Alberta Utilities Commission regarding the increasing utility fees and their negative effect on M.D residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

118.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- A. Telus Customer Service Issues**
- B. 2022 Road Tour with Council**
- C. Ratepayer Comment Re: Culvert on Twp 790.5 / RR 50**
- D. Ratepayer Comment Re: Culvert East of Hwy 2 on Twp 790**
- E. Permanent Structure on Road Allowance – SW 16-79-5W6**

119.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor Garrow that a letter be sent to Telus regarding concerns over the quality of their services for M.D ratepayers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

120.05.04.22 Moved by Councillor vanRootselaar that Administration bring forward to the next meeting all relevant information relating to the issue of a permanent structure on an M.D road allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 2:17 p.m.

These minutes approved this 18th day of May, 2022.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar
*Deputy
Nick*



CAO
Dan Dibbelt