

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 17-22
10:00 am, Wednesday, October 5th, 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, October 5th, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Reeve:	Tony Van Rootselaar
Councillors:	Elaine Garrow Nick vanRootselaar
Administration:	Dianne Nellis Shirley Hayden
Public Works	Dave Johnson
ABSENT	CAO, Dan Dibbelt Councillor Stan Bzowy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

10.A. Public Works Report
13.B. Gravel Crush 2022, 2023 & 2024.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the October 5th, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 17-22.

270.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 17-22 with the Agenda Additions be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the September 21st, 2021 Council Meeting RM 16-22.

271.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting RM 16-22 be adopted with corrections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
- 6. **COUNCILLOR ABSENCES**
- 7. **PUBLIC HEARING**
- 8. **DELEGATIONS**
- 9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
- 10. **REPORTS**

A. Public Works Report

Public Works Director, Dave Johnson reviewed with Council the following items:

- Grading; Ongoing Bladed Twp 780 and Volin Road.
- Gravel; Yearly program has been completed, fall weather has allowed for extra gravelling.
- Culvert Installation/Repair; Culverts being replaced along Lassiter Road and west of Hwy 731 on Twp 772.
- Brushing; Mulching around bridges where brush was burnt last winter; east of Range Road 51 on Twp 774A (Viercant Hill).
- Signage; Summer staff are cleaning around culvert ends, straightening signs and replacing damaged ones.
- Bridge Files: 17 Inspections are due, MPA will be inspecting.
- Nardam; Closed for the winter, water is drained, and campsites are being cleaned up, gate will be locked up this week.
- Public Works Shop: Shop and yard maintenance looks good; upkeep is ongoing process.
- Equipment is maintained and in good running order.
- Training; Two employees have received online safety training (Safety Awareness).
- Hired a private contractor to spray the Thistle in the MD, weather permitting.

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson left the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

272.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Public Works Department remove older Municipal District wooden signs across the creek, then erect both in different locations up at the Bridgeview Cemetery and Willowvale Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

273.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. ACAO Report

ACAO Dianne Nellis reviewed with Council the following items:

- Conducted the Public Auction for two tax recovery parcels; attended by two individuals, both properties purchased for the reserve bids which the Assessor set.

- Ratepayer concerns regarding minimum tax applied against the two acre parcel he owns, which was a former road. Provided the resident with the process and doing research on how the title for the old road was created to determine the best way to answer the residents' questions.
- Presented Beautification awards to Debra Waldner for Acreage and Don Konopelka for Farm.
- Wrote a letter to Minister Panda with items of discussion for the Minister Meeting during RMA.
- Range Road 54 Improvement Project: CN Rail Crossing Construction Agreement signed off as well as the work permit application is submitted. The work permit should be issued by Friday, October 7, 2022.
- Transit Bus Reporting: Tires will be purchased with government funding, in the process of sending a request for the remaining grant money to be brought forward for the 2023 fiscal year and also \$25,000 from the MARD (Medically At-Risk Driver) center grant has not been utilized to assist the program in 2023.

274.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Administration draft a letter to Steve Madden CAO of The Grande Spirit Foundation regarding The Alberta Health Services Bus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Following the September 21st meeting Public Works Supervisor has hired a contractor to custom spray Thistle within the Municipal District with the MD Equipment throughout the next week or weather permitting with funds being utilized from the 2022 budget.

275.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the ACAO Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Council Reports

Councillor Elaine Garrow gave a verbal report from The Alberta Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions Information Series she attended on September 26th. Councillor Garrow relayed the session focused on Suicide Risk Assessment; the factors that determine Suicide Risk and what local leaders can do to make sure suicide awareness information is available in their community. Councillor Garrow made a recommendation to Council to invite Health Care Professionals to a future meeting to discuss the challenges that Northwest Alberta residents with Mental Health issues are encountering when they seek treatment at Alberta Health Services facilities.

276.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council direct Administration to invite The Alberta Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions ; Patrick Sesay Director of In-patient Psychiatry & Crisis services, and North Zone Alberta Health (NZAH) Physician Resource Planner, Susan Smith to discuss the challenges Northwest Alberta residents dealing with Mental Health issues encounter when they seek treatment at Alberta Health Services Facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Financial Report

Louise Gostick, Director of Corporate Services compiled a report to provide Council with an update regarding 2022 Tax Payments progress, and the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Tax Arrears Sale on September 23rd, 2022.

277.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Application for Cemetery Grant: White Mountain Cemetery.

Administration presented a letter from The White Mountain Cemetery requesting their maintenance grant.

278.10.05.22 Council accepted the request as information and directed that, in the future, Administration should only present these cemetery maintenance grant requests for information since they are a budgeted item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. 2022, 2023 & 2024 Gravel Crush - Contract Awarding.

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 tendered the gravel crushing works for 35,000 tonnes of gravel annually for 2022, 2023, 2024 maintenance and construction work. Proposals were requested from 3 contractors to crush gravel, strip, reclaim and haul gravel from the pit located at NE 5-82-01-W6M (Whitelaw Gravel Pit) to the Dunvegan Stockpile site.

279.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Grimshaw Gravel Sales be awarded the contract for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 gravel crush, haul and pit reclamation for their bid price of \$590,000 per annum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

A. BYLAW 08 - 2022 - Cancellation of Descriptive Plan 022 7167, Block 1, Lot 1 (SE 26 - 79 - 4- W6).

On September 23, 2022, the MD conducted a Public Auction pursuant to the MGA, tax recovery provision, in respect to Plan 022 7167, Block 1, Plan 1. The successful bidder was the owner of the balance of the quarter and has requested that the parcel be returned to the quarter from which it was subdivided. To facilitate this, the MD needs to pass a bylaw cancelling the descriptive plan:

All THAT PORTION OF THE OF SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION SIX (6)
TOWNSHIP SEVENTY NINE (79)
RANGE FIVE (5)

WEST OF THE SIXTH MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF TWENTY (20) RODS; THENCE WESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF

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280.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 08-2022, for the cancellation of Descriptive Plan 022 7167, Block 1, Lot 1, contained within SE 26-79-4-W 6th, be read a first time

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

281.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Bylaw 08-2022 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

282.10.05.22 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that consent be given to have third and final reading of Bylaw 08-2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

283.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 08-2022, for the cancellation of Descriptive Plan 022 7167, Block 1, Lot 1, contained within SE 26-79-4-W6th, be read a third and final time and be passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. BYLAW 09 - 2022 - Cancellation of Descriptive Plan Pt. SE 6 - 79 - 5 - W6.

On September 23, 2022, the MD conducted a Public Auction pursuant to the MGA, tax recovery provision, in respect to Pt. SE 6-79-5-W6. The successful bidder was the owner of the balance of the quarter and has requested that the parcel be returned to the quarter from which it was taken. To facilitate this, the MD needs to pass a bylaw cancelling the descriptive plan:

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284.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 09-2022, for the cancellation of Descriptive Plan affecting Pt. SE 6-79-5-W6, containing 2.0 acres, more or less, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

285.10.05.22 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that Bylaw 09-2022 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

286.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that consent be given to have third and final reading of Bylaw 09-2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

287.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 09-2022, for the cancellation of Descriptive Plan affecting Pt. SE 6-79-5-W6, containing 2.0 acres, more or less, be read a third and final time and be passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- A. Email - From Linda Gray, Executive Assistant to Administration for the Municipal District of Opportunity No.17 RE: RMA discussion; letter writing campaign to Ministers; Savage, McIver, Nixon regarding the Temporary Tax Holiday on New Drilling Wells and Pipeline Assessments and the Elimination of the Well Drilling Tax. (See Attached Template Letter to the Ministers).**

288.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that a letter be sent from The Municipal district of Spirit River No.133 to The Honourable Ministers, Savage, McIver, Nixon regarding the Temporary Tax Holiday on New Drilling Wells and Pipeline Assessments and the Elimination of the Well Drilling Tax.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. Email - From: Alberta Seniors and Housing: Age - Friendly Alberta Newsletter.**
C. Email - Warren Noga: RMA; Members only Community Aggregate Payment Levy Townhall.

289.10.05.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council members be approved to attend the RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) Community aggregate payment Levy Townhall on October 6th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. via Zoom.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. Letter- From Sean Finn Vice President Corporate Services CN RAIL; *The CN in Your Community 2022 Report.***
E. RMA Bulletin - RMA Launches First Uniquely Rural Videos.
F. RMA Bulletin - Source Water Protection Planning Webinar.
G. Information - Bursaries to assist Health-Care Aides.
H. Information - JSG Engagement; Information RE: the Alberta Community Policing Grant Webinar Hosted by Justice and Solicitor General the Honourable Tyler Shandro October 6th 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
I. Letter - From Justice and Solicitor General the Honourable Tyler Shandro RE: definition of anti-Semitism through an order-in-council.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. **COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

17. **CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)**


18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 11:29 a.m.

These minutes approved this 19th day of October, 2022.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar
Nick van Rootselaar



A CAO
Dan Dibbett
Dianne Nellis