



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 03-23
10:00 am, Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

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, February 15th 2023, at 10:00 am.

Deputy Reeve: Nick vanRootselaar

Councillors: Elaine Garrow
Stan Bzowy

Administration: Dan Dibbelt
Dianne Nellis
Shirley Hayden

ABSENT: Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Reeve Nick vanRootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

10.A. Public Works Report: January 31st - February 13th, 2023.

10.E. Council Reports: Master Service Agreement Birch Hills County and Central Peace Family and Community Support Services.

13.B. 2023 Spring Break Up Fundraiser Dine and Dance.

13.C. Rural Transportation Pilot Project.

15.E. Information : From the Town of Tofield to Inspections Gaming - Letter of Support RE: Relocation of the Camrose Casino.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the February 15th, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 03-23.

047.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 03-23 with the agenda additions be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the February 1st, 2023 Council Meeting RM 02-23.

048.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Minutes from the February 1st, 2023, Council Meeting RM 02-23 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Adoption of Minutes from the February 8th , 2023 Special Meeting SM 01-23.

049.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Minutes from the February 8th , 2023 Special Meeting SM 01-23 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.A. Public Works Report: January 31st - February 13th, 2023.

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

- Grading; Ice blading roads.
- Brushing; The mulching program is ongoing and includes maintenance on blind corners.
- Equipment; Grader maintenance is ongoing.
- Working on Safety Program; Involving use of an App for updating information on Culverts to do future maintenance, inspections, any hazards of importance to address.
- Training; Several employees completed the First Aid Course hosted by St. John Ambulance at the Spirit River Centennial Hall in the Town of Spirit River on February 9th, 2023.

050.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Administration draft a letter to Alberta Transportation with respect to Municipal District access roads and safety concerns related to Provincial Highways being blocked by snow windrows which are piled up when Provincial contractors' clear roadways.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Landowner Brain Marginet of Marginet Marketing entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

8. DELEGATIONS

Brian Marginet, of Marginet Marketing, entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Marginet discussed with Council the invoice that he submitted for payment for work he conducted on the drainage ditch that crosses his property. He did brush clearing and earthwork in the registered ditch located on W ½ -13-79-4-W6th during the spring of 2022 and now wants the Municipal District to pay for the work.

Mr Marginet left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

A. Landowner Invoice for Works on Private Lands

Administration advised Council that no permission was granted to the landowner to undertake works in the drainage ditch located on W ½ 13-79-4-W6th and recommended that no action be taken.

051.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that no action be taken regarding the invoice submitted by landowner for work completed on W ½ 13-79-4-W6th.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Louise Gostick entered the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

A. Financial Report

Director of Financial Services, Louise Gostick reviewed with Council the following items:

- MD Financial Audit starts next week, Ms Gostick has been in contact with JDP Wasserman currently in the process of preparing for their visit, need requisitions and additional items to complete.

Ms. Gostick and Mr. Johnson left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
6. **COUNCILLOR ABSENCES**
7. **PUBLIC HEARING**
9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

10. **REPORTS**

B. CAO Report

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- Medical Clinic; No recent updates.
- Administration; Development projects.
- Fish and Wildlife moving into the Brownlee Building proposed end of March.
- Supernet will be installed and up and running by the end of March/ beginning of April.
- Working on the rent payment amount for the Brownlee.
- Airport ; RMA resolution February meeting on February 13th with The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 , CAO Dibbelt , Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar along with Tammy Yaremko Mayor the Town of Spirit River , Steve Jack CAO the Town of Spirit River, RMA District Four North Zone representative Karen Rosvold, and Deputy Reeve for Northern Sunrise County Carolyn Kolebaba discussed the Spirit River Airport and the cancellation of essential Medevac services. Paul McLaughlin will try to set up a meeting with the ministers at the RMA convention in Edmonton March 20 regarding this issue.
- Upcoming conferences; Growing the North February 21st , 22nd and 23rd. Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Meeting February 24th, 2023.

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- Spirit River Strategic Planning Meeting , February 11th discussion on future planning, cost benefits, policy development and updating.
- Economic Development; Administration is working on compiling Business data.
- MD is participating in a Job fair March 1st and March 8th, marketing available job postings in the region.

Dianne Nellis left the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and returned 10:53 a.m.

- Attended the RMA North Zone 4 meeting in Tangent on February 8th, Resolution for the Spirit River Airport was passed.

C. ACAO Report

ACAO Dianne Nellis reviewed with Council the following items:

- Working on Financial Audit; Capital Grants regarding Range Road 54, Burnt River and Capital expenditures for the Brownlee project.
- Discussions with the Director of Community Preventative Initiatives regarding Rural Transportation Pilot Project and funding for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus Program.
- Assessment Review Board (ARB) training for two nominees took place Feb 6th - 10th.

E. Council Reports

A. Master Service Agreement Birch Hills County and Central Peace Family and Community Support Services.

Councillor Elaine Garrow discussed the renewal of the Service Agreement between Birch Hills County and Central Peace Family and Community Support Services that took place at the FCSS Board meeting on February 13th, 2023.

052.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Public Works Report, the Financial Report, the CAO Report, the ACAO report and the Council Report all be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alberta- NWT Territories Command the Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book.

The Military Service Book Recognition Book is dedicated to honoring the many Veterans that sacrificed selflessly for so many in defending our Country. The Alberta-NWT branch of The Royal Canadian Legion is seeking support of its 15th annual Military Service Recognition Book through the purchasing of advertising space.

053.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the MD provide support to the Alberta North West Command the Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book through the purchase of an advertisement in the amount of \$625.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. B. 2023 Spring Break Up Fundraiser Dine and Dance

Solution Services and NaR Environmental in partnership with the Rycroft Agricultural Society is seeking sponsorship for the Spring Breakup Dine and Dance event on April 22nd, 2023, at the Rycroft Ag Building.

054.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council accept the sponsorship request for the Spring Breakup Dine and Dance event as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. C. Rural Transportation Pilot Project

On February 2nd, the Province made an announcement that it was investing \$15 million to support low-income transit programs throughout the province. ACAO Dianne Nellis relayed the details of her correspondence with the Minister of Transportation seeking information on how the MD can apply for the funding. She received a response from the Director of Community Preventative Initiatives, Seniors, Community and Social Services, to which they replied that only communities with existing low-income transit pass programs are eligible to apply for funding. Ms. Nellis then followed up her conversation by phone call with the director and explained the MD's Transit Bus program and provided relevant information as to why the MD program should qualify for funding and be eligible to apply and was told to contact the local MLA for the area. Ms Nellis then sent an email to Central Peace Notley Constituency office, requesting assistance from the Honourable Minister Todd Loewen, MLA, to assist us if possible, to qualify for the grant.

055.02.15.23 Moved by Councillor that Council accept the materials presented as information relating to the Provincial program "Helping Albertans in need get from point A to point B".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- A. Information - Central Peace Regional Water Supply System Phases 1 & 2 - Project Update - February 8th, 2023.**
- B. Information - Minister Meeting Opportunity - Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) convention in Edmonton, The Honourable Minister Devin Dreeshen.**
- C. Information - Letter from MLA Loewen to The Honourable Minister Copping RE: Letter requesting Meeting with Health Minister and MD Spirit River No.133. at the rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spiring Convention March 20-22, 2023.**
- D. Information - Letter of response: From Donna Urlacher; Senior Advisor Information Access Services, Alberta Health Services - RE: FOIP request notice of time extension or third-party consultation.**
- E. Information – Letter from the Town of Tofield - Letter of Support RE: Relocation of the Camrose Casino.**

056.02.15.23 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 12:04 p.m.

These minutes approved this 15th day of March, 2023.



Deputy Reeve
Nick vanrootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt