



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133**  
**Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 22-22**  
**10:00 am, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 50<sup>th</sup> Street in the Town of Spirit River in the Province of Alberta on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 am.

**Councillors:**                      **Tony Van Rootselaar**  
   **Elaine Garrow**  
   **Nick vanRootselaar**

**Administration:**                **Dan Dibbelt**  
   **Dianne Nellis**  
   **Shirley Hayden**

**ABSENT:**                            **Stan Bzowy**

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. with Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson in attendance.

**2.     AGENDA ADDITIONS**

**17. A.   Closed Meeting (Formerly In-Camera)**

**3.     ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A.       Adoption of the December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda RM 22-22.**

**357.12.21.22**   Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM22-22 be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.     ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A.       Adoption of Minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council Meeting RM 21-22**

**358.12.21.22**   Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting RM 21-22 be adopted.

**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**

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

- Brushing; Silverwood area RR54 from White Mountain Road South to TWP 770.
- Signage: Old MD sign has been refurbished and is hanging on the Public Works fence yard. The Bridgeview Cemetery sign will be removed and brought to the shop to be refurbished.
- Have not received the two new Public Works pickup trucks yet.

Mr. Johnson left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

**359.12.21.22** Moved by Nick vanRootselaar that the Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. CAO Report**

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- Medical Clinic: Meeting December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Brownlee Addition: Council was invited to tour the building's renovation progress.
- ASB: Provincial Conference Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> in Grande Prairie.
- Budget: Corporate Services Director to review the Interim Budget with Council.
- Airport: The response to the Correspondence with Ministers RE: AHS Medevac Services in Spirit River was discussed. Administration recommended sending a letter to RMA directing those municipalities to review their AHS airport obligations surrounding Medevac services.

Dianne Nellis left the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and returned at 11:10 a.m.

- Daycare: discussions regarding investigating childcare services delivery for area residents.
- Rural Development Grant Options: Industrial Park, Road, Marketing, Provincial Building,
- Grande Spirit Foundation; Letter regarding Pleasant View lodge.

**360.12.21.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that a letter be written to Grande Spirit Foundation inquiring what the current plan is for the existing Pleasant View Lodge once the new facility is completed and to express urgency with the decision so that the community can plan for further economic development projects associated with housing and other initiatives.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**361.12.21.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that The Regular Council meeting RM 01-23 be set for Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Business Directory: Oilfield - Regional Business Directory has been compiled for the Central Peace Region.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:57 a.m.

- Meetings: G5 Meeting December 6<sup>th</sup>; Spring RMA Convention in Edmonton March 20-22, 2023.
- PREDA – December 9, 2022
- Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency - December 16: Council Appointment Members of the Board needed.

**362.12.21.22** Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that Councillor Nick vanRootselaar be appointed as the representative of the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency Board for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Agricultural Services Board Meeting: December 14, introduction to the new Agricultural Fieldman.
- Public Works: breakfast held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- MLA Todd Loewen Meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>: discussed AHS Medevac services.
- Administration is working on securing funding/sponsorship for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus.

ACAO Dianne Nellis reviewed with Council the following items:

- She has met with Grande Spirit Foundation Director of Operations and Pleasant View Lodge, Recreation Coordinator to discuss the bus and transport issues and provided insight as to how the MD could work towards accommodating the transportation needs of the Lodge residents. Currently, there is no transportation service to The Grande Spirit Foundation Rycroft. Administration will work on a proposal to assist the Grand Spirit Foundation transportation needs.
- Working on a response to AHS regarding the van that was donated by the community. AHS is not considering a joint use of that vehicle, continuing to work on presenting the advantages of working collaboratively together.
- Received response from two individuals interested in taking the Assessment Review Board training being offered in February and the MD have registered them to take the training. Once certification is complete the MD will bring back a request to appoint them as the MD's representatives to the Central Peace Assessment Review Board pursuant to Bylaw 02-2021.
- Completed uploading of documentation to the AEMA Recovery portal for our 2020 Flood.
- Reviewed change Order requests from RB Curry Transport to Beairtso.
- The FRIAA Public Education session held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, had no attendees. The FRIAA grant is now finalized, documentation will be forwarded concluding the project.

**363.12.21.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the CAO Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**364.12.21.22** Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that the ACAO Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**365.12.21.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council approve Councillor Stan Bzowy to be absent for more than 8 consecutive weeks from the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Regular Council meetings as of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13B. Change Orders - RR 54**

**366.12.21.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that RR 54 Change Orders 2 - 4 relating to phase 1 (contract with RB Curry Auto Transportation Ltd.) totaling \$146,149.54 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**

**12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

**A. Peace Library System – November 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights.**

Peace Library System November 26<sup>th</sup> ,2022 Board Meeting Highlights were reviewed by Council for informati.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MD Bus Service to Grande Spirit Foundation**

ACAO Dianne Nellis relayed her conversations with Grande Spirit Foundation and Pleasant View Lodge representatives regarding the provision of Public Transportation in Spirit River and Rycroft.

Administration will bring additional information to a future meeting.

**B. AHS Medevac Services to Rural Communities**

**367.12.21.22** Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that a letter be sent to various Municipalities affected by the recent AHS decision to halt Medevac services from several Rural Alberta Communities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director of Corporate Services Louise Gostick entered the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

**B. 2023 Interim, 2024 and 2025 Proposed Budget**

Ms. Gostick reviewed with Council the 2023 interim operating budget and the 2023 Proposed Capital Budget, as well as 2024 and 2025 proposed budgets. Information regarding the Reserves on deposit was also presented.

**368.12.21.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the 2023 interim operating budget, 2024 & 2024 proposed operating budgets be approved as presented and Administration was directed to review the Revenue difference between 2021 and the proposed 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Gostick left the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

**14. BYLAWS**

**15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

- A. Letter from - The Honourable Minister Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors RE: Invitation to Range Road 54 Upgrade Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
- B. Letter from - The Honourable Minister Jason Luan RE: Congratulatory letter from The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133**
- C. Email - From Larry Davidson CAO, Birch Hills County letter from BHC to The Honourable Premier Danielle Smith RE: Elimination of AHS Air Ambulance Service and the Spirit River Airport**
- D. Email - From Diana Rinne, Alberta Health Services Extension of Temporary Acute Care Bed Closure at Central Peace Health Complex**
- E. Letter - John Cowell, Official Administrator, Alberta Health Services Provision of Super Net and Medivac Flights to Spirit River**
- F. Email - From Cary Merrit, CAO Saddle Hills County Re: MPE Central Peace Water Supply System Phase 1 & 2 Project update**
- G. Correspondence - Christmas Greetings from Staff and Council of The City of Camrose**
- H. Correspondence - Christmas Greetings from Staff and Council of The Town of Taber**
- I. Email - Brownlee Law - Seminar - Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Thursday, February 16th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Edmonton Expo Centre - In-person or virtual option**
- J. Letter from the Honourable Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction RE: Congratulatory letter from the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133**

**369.12.21.22** 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)**

**370.12.21.22** Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that as per *The Municipal Government Act* and *FOIP* requirements the Meeting enter a closed meeting to discuss Labour and Intergovernmental relations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting went into a closed meeting at 1:35 p.m.

371.12.21.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the meeting come out of Closed Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**


The meeting came out of Closed Meeting at 1:53 p.m.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar at 1:54 p.m.

These minutes approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 202~~1~~<sup>3</sup>.

  
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**Reeve**  
Tony Van Rootselaar

  
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**CAO**  
Dan Dibbelt