



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 11-22
10:00 am, June 1st, 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, June 1st, at 10:00 am.

Deputy Reeve:	Nick vanRootselaar
Councillors:	Elaine Garrow Stan Bzowy
Administration:	CAO, Dan Dibbelt ACAO, Dianne Nellis Recording Secretary: Shirley Hayden
Absent:	Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Reeve vanRootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
Public Works Supervisor, Dave Johnson entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

3.

- 12A. Access Request - RL 55-77-5-W6.**
- 14D. Sub.05-SD-20-Stanich-RL 46-77-5-W6.**
- 16K. Memo - From RCMP Re: Crime Stats.**

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the June 1st, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 11-22.

137.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 11-22 with the Agenda Additions be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. DELEGATIONS

- A. Virtual Meeting with The Minister of Municipal Affairs the Honourable Minister Rick McIver, Assistant Deputy Minister Colin Lloyd, and the Minister of Environment Shannon Phillips at 1:30 p.m.**
- B. Edward Telford, JDP Wasserman and Associates at 2:15 p.m.**

8. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- A. Adoption of Minutes from the May 18th , 2022 Council Meeting RM 10-22**

138.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Minutes from the May 18th, 2022 Council Meeting RM 10-22 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:

- Medical Clinic; Clinic Management update, washer/ dryer installation, address request for additional space. Physician lease renewal , new physicians in the building, caretaker agreement being developed. Dental office; fixed broken pump and sink. Looking for signage for the clinic , Labour market grant, and meeting date need to be determined.
- Administration; Basement flood delayed construction - in contact with insurance adjuster.
- Subdivision and Development; P & H Rail; cannot confirm lease, in process of working with a potential renter. G3; office agreement.
- Fish and Wildlife, Justice, Forestry working on agreement and revised floorplan for The Brownlee.
- Town of Spirit River; Airport Budget.
- PREDA AGM is June 3rd , Councillor Garrow and CAO Dibbelt attended the REDA meeting with Ministers Horner and Schweitzer on May 25th in Edmonton.
- Northern Alberta Elected Leader (NAEL) June 10th.

B. Public Works Report

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

- Nardam; Fountain installation and wood stocked in the woodshed.
- Grading; grading and cleaning mud off roads from farmers.
- Gravel; Twp774 and 775 west of Hwy 731 has been gravelled.
- Culverts; New approach and culverts put on RR65 and Twp 774, ditches were cleaned.
- Brushing; Brushing is done until the ditches dry some.
- Signage; Replacing damaged and broken signs.
- Public Works Shop; Doing first call to dig in sewer line at the shop.
- Request to organize meeting with Birch Hills regarding road use.
- Mulcher has been installed on the Track Hoe, once areas in the MD become dry it will be used.

- Dust Control starts May 30th, 2022. Dave will be off for three weeks in June.
- Grande Spirit Foundation Seniors Lodge groundbreaking June 3rd. the MD Bus will be transporting Council members and guests to the site.

Mr Johnson left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

C. ACAO Report

ACAO Dianne Nellis reviewed with Council the following items:

- Attended webinar on AEMA survey results relating to Emergency National Alert Notifications.
- Received info from AB Transportation regarding ratepayer inquiry RD Plan 4093 ET; met with ratepayer.
- Completed RMA Survey Re: ICF process.
- Reviewing road closures; bylaws and agreements.
- Received information from Palisade regarding Firesmart home Assessor training is available and three volunteers are registered to take training.
- Java Music program has received approval at the Long-Term Care Facility in Spirit River.
- Working on paperwork required to confirm expenses Re: 2020 Burnt River Washout (DRP Grant).
- Briefing to Council Re: Meeting with Minister McIver Re: Burnt River washout.
- FRIAA applications for public education have been approved, waiting to receive the agreements.

139.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the CAO Report, the Public Works Report, and the ACAO Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Central Peace Municipalities (G5) Meeting Thursday, July 7th, 2022

12. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12A. Access Request - RL 55-77-5-W6.

Council reviewed a request from the owner of RL 55-77-5-W6 that road plan 4093 ET be closed and reverted to said property. Administration has met with the landowner and explained what had occurred regarding said property. Council was advised Richardson Pioneer is amiable to work with the landowner on this issue. He is requesting a letter of support from the MD in regard to the rail crossing access to his lot, namely RL 55-77-5-W6.

140.06.01.22 Moved by Deputy Reeve Nick vanRootselaar that the Municipal District provide a letter of support for the landowner of RL 55-77-5-W6 , regarding his negotiations with Richardson Pioneer and Canadian National Rail regarding the access to his property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy Review: Legislative Policy LEG.18: Council, Committee and Board Renumeration.

Administration presented LEG.18 Council, Committee and Board Renumeration for Council review.

141.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council approve revisions to LEG.18 Council, Committee and Board Renumeration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public works Supervisor Dave Johnson entered the meeting at 11:31 a.m. and left at 11:37 a.m.

B. Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Committee Nomination.

Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Annual General Meeting is June 16th, 2022, to be held at the Dunvegan Inn and Suites, Fairview. Administration presented a recommendation to nominate a member for board of directors of The Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance and that the member be authorized attend the mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Annual General Meeting.

142.06.01.22 Moved by Deputy Reeve Nick vanRootselaar that Council appoint Elaine Garrow as representative on behalf of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133, as a member of the Committee for the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance and authorize her to attend the June 16th, 2022 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Municipal Sustainable Initiative (MSI) Funding Allocation.

Administration received a letter from the Honourable Rick McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133's MSI funding for the 2022 calendar year.

143.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council approve allocating \$168,168 of the 2022 MSI Capital funding towards gravel upgrades and the dust control program and that \$84,973.00 of the MSI Capital funding be applied to the RR 54 upgrade project, including purchase of lands for road widening purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Sub.05-SD-20-Stanich-RL 46-77-5-W6.

Council reviewed the request for a time extension for Subdivision, file 05-20 relating to RL 46-77-5-W6. Pursuant to Section 657 (6), Council may give a one-year extension to subdivisions that have not been registered within the prescribed timeline.

144.06.01.22 Moved by Deputy Reeve Nick vanRootselaar that approval be granted to extend the time for registration of subdivision plan pertaining to River Lot 46-77-5-W6, as contained in application 05-SD-20, to June 30th, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. BYLAWS

A. Bylaw 04-2022 to rescind Bylaw 03- 2022.

Council reviewed Bylaw 04-2022 to correct and administrative error an rescind previous Bylaw 03-2022.

145.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Bylaw 04-2022 to rescind Bylaw 03-2022, due to an administrative error, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

146.05.18.22 Moved by Deputy Reeve Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 04-2022 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

147.05.18.22 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that consent be given for a third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

148.05.18.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Bylaw 04-2022 to rescind Bylaw 03-2022 be read a third and final time and be passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- A. Letter - From the MD of Spirit River No.133 to The Alberta Utilities Commission Re: Increasing Utility Fees**
- B. Memo - Friends of Grande Spirit Foundation - Golf Tournament Saturday, June 4th 12:00 p.m.**
- C. Alberta Motor Transport Association - Grande Prairie Golf Tournament July 15th, 2022.**
- D. Memo - MPE Engineering Ltd Re: Central Peace Regional Water Supply System Project Overview.**
- E. Letter - From the Town of Bon Accord to The Alberta Utilities Commission Re: Increasing Utility Fees.**
- F. Letter - From the Volin Cemetery Re: Thank you for your Support.**
- G. Letter - From the RCMP Spirit River Detachment Re: Quarterly Community Policing Report.**
- H. Letter - From Dr. Teri Bryant, Alberta Chief Firearms Officer to the Honourable Minister Marco Mendicino Re: Revisions of Bill C-71; Requiring verification of Possession and Acquisition.**
- I. 1) Letter - From Alberta Municipal Affairs - The Honourable Minister Ric Mclver Re: Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA) Review.**
 - 2) Local Elections and Councillor Accountability (LAEA and MGA Engagement).**
 - 3) Code of Conduct Discussion Guide and Survey - Survey Deadline: Tuesday, JUNE 14th, 2022.**
- J. Information - Spirit River Airport Runway Lights Project.**
- K. Memo - From RCMP Re: Crime Stats.**

149.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

A. Item 7.A - Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs RE: Burnt River washout - DRP

The Honourable Minister Ric Mclver with Assistant Deputy Minister Colin Lloyd, and Shannon Wheeler, Chief of staff attended the meeting via teleconference at 12:58 p.m. Minister Mclver discussed the issues surrounding The Disaster Relief Program as it relates to The Burt River. Council presented information requesting Minister Mclver reconsider costs to be covered by the Disaster Relief Program. Minister Mclver directed that the Municipal District is to work with AEMA staff who are instructed to provide as much financial support to Municipalities as per guidelines.

The meeting with the Minister of Municipal affairs ended at 1:33 p.m.

Item 7B. - Audit 2021

Edward Telford of JDP Wasserman and associates entered the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Director of Corporate Services and Finance, Louise Gostick entered the meeting at 2:13p.m.

Mr. Telford presented the 2021 Financial Statements for Council's review.
Ms Gostick left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

17. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

18. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

150.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Regular Council meeting 11-22 enter into a closed meeting at 2:37 p.m. to discuss the advice from the Auditor relating to the Audited financial statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

151.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the meeting come out of closed meeting at 2:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

152.06.01.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the 2021 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Auditors JDP Wasserman and Associates, be accepted as presented.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Deputy Reeve vanRootselaar at 3:13 p.m.

These minutes approved this 15th day of June, 2022.


Deputy Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar
Nick van Rootselaar


CAO
Dan Dibbelt