



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 12-22
10:00 am, June 15th, 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 15th 2022 , at 10:00 am.

Reeve:	Tony Van Rootselaar
Councillors:	Elaine Garrow Stan Bzowy Nick vanRootselaar
Administration:	CAO, Dan Dibbelt ACAO, Dianne Nellis Executive Assistant, Montana Kuhar Recording Secretary, Shirley Hayden
Public Works Assistant	Dion Hayden
Absent	Councillor Stan Bzowy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with the Public Works Assistant, Dion Hayden and Executive Assistant, Montana Kuhar in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

- A. 13D. Rycroft & District Food Bank - Request to use MD Bus to pick up food.
- B. 13E. ATCO - Range Road 54 Regrade.
- C. 15H. Letter - From STARS - Thank you for your Donation.
- D. 15I. Information - Alberta Municipalities - 2022 Resolutions Guide:
Disparity in Electricity Distribution and Transmission Rates.
- E. 15J. Information - Spirit River and District Settlement and Historical Society -
Museum and unveiling of the new building Saturday June 25th 1:00pm.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- A. Adoption of the June 15th, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 12-22.

153.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 12-22 with the Agenda Additions be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

Councillor Stan Bzowy was absent from the meeting

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. DELEGATIONS

8. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the June 1st, 2022 Council Meeting RM 11-22.

154.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Minutes from the June 1st, 2022 Council Meeting RM 11-22 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. Memo - Meeting with The Honourable Minister Jason Copping on June 20th.

Administration reviewed with Council topics of discussion for the upcoming Virtual meeting with The Minister of Health, The Honourable Minister Jason Copping Thursday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m. Administration provided a copy of the letter sent to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Labour and Immigration Alberta Health Services regarding the health staff shortage in Northwest Alberta and the situation with possible medical personnel in the Ukraine.

10. REPORTS

A. CAO Report

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- Medical Clinic; Clinic management update, Physician lease - new physicians June 15th, 5:00 pm meeting date June 23 - 29.
- Administration; Basement Flood - offices repairs ; ongoing process.
- Subdivision/Development P&H - Rail, Steinke Road ; Range Road 54.
- Communications; Website, Newspaper and Facebook.
- Summer Bus Trip schedule has been developed by Executive Assistant Montana Kuhar; Bus tours are planned in the Peace area throughout the summer.
- Fish & Wildlife, Justice, Forestry update
- Trevisa; in the process of developing a card system to verify resident usage of the Landfill.
- Grande Spirit Foundation Groundbreaking for the Seniors lodge in The Town of Spirit River on June 3rd was a success.
- PREDA AGM held on June 3rd in MDSR Council Chambers.
- CAO Dibbelt and Councillor Nick vanRootselaar attended the Northern Alberta Elected Officials (NAEL) meeting in Grande Prairie, June 10th.

- G3 development in process ; projected completion and full operation expected to be mid - late 2023.

155.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the CAO Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

156.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that an extension for the completion date for the Range Road 54 expansion project be extended to September 15th, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Public Works Report

Public Works Assistant Dion Hayden reviewed with Council the following items:

- Grading: Catching up on grading roads after rain causing delays, ditch pull on RR60 between twp. 780/774 to commence Tuesday June 14, weather permitting.
- Dust control program is ongoing, Gravelling twp. 774.5 and RR51 is gravelled. Culvert Installation and Repair; approach installed on RR54 for resident. Ordered 600 mil culverts to restock supply. 10 first calls submitted for approach removals. Installing culverts based on priority.

Mr Hayden left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Last year's pilot project for The Municipal District's 2021 Summer Bus Tours was a great success, Executive Assistant Montana Kuhar discussed the MD 2022 Summer Transit Bus Schedule with various day trip tours planned throughout the summer and encourage residents to utilize this valuable service that will showcase the beauty of our area and the many attractions of Peace Region.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms Kuhar left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

C. ACAO Report

ACAO Dianne Nellis reviewed with Council the following items:

- Richardson Pioneer is working on an access point for their trac extension and, in conjunction with the adjacent landowner's request, we continue to work on how the MD can assist with a solution.
- Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association (ARMAA) 2022 Annual conference will be held Wednesday, August 31st to Thursday September 1st at the Delta Hotels by Marriot - Grande Prairie Airport.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

12. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

The meeting recessed for Lunch at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Canada Day Fireworks Donation.

Administration applied for the Canada Day Celebration Grant for fireworks and have received \$1,680.00 in funding this year. A recommendation was brought forth to Council that grant funds be donated to The Central Peace Fire and Rescue Association for their Canada Day fireworks celebration.

159.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council approve the donation in the amount of \$1,680 to Central Peace Fire & Rescue Association for fireworks celebration of Canada Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Weed and Pest Inspector Appointments.

Part 2 Section 7(1) of the *Weed Control Act* states that a local authority shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the Municipality. Section 9(1) of the *Agricultural Pests Act* states that inspectors may be appointed by a local authority or by the Minister to carry out this Act and the Regulations.

160.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council appoint Nolan Yaremko, Tianna Yaremko, Ben Pawlett, and Madison Chabot as weed and pest inspectors under the Weed Control Act and the Agricultural Pests Act effective June 15, 2022 until termination of employment with the Municipal District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Statista Subscription 2021-2022

Statista Research and Analysis is a combined provider of market research as well as analysis services; helping collect and prepare market, customer, and competitive information. The 2021-2022 yearly subscription to track statistical information in the amount of \$587.07 is up for renewal.

161.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that approval be given to pay for the Statista 2021-2022 Subscription in the amount of \$587.07, on behalf of PREDA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Rycroft & District Food Bank - Request to use The Municipal District Bus to pick up food.

Administration received a request from the Rycroft & District Food Bank to have the MD Transit Bus pick up food with a deadline for the order to be placed by June 15th to be able to pick up the week of June 20th.

162.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council approval be given to waive the fees set out in the Transportation Policy PWS 24 and to grant the request from The Rycroft & District Food Bank to travel to High Prairie to pick up food using The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus at no cost to the organization.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

163.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus and not for-profit for use of said bus be added to The Central Peace Region G5 Agenda for their next quarterly meeting on Thursday, July 7th, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. ATCO - Range Road 54 Regrade.

Administration received a proposal from ATCO Electric regarding the Range Road 54 Regrade project and came in at an estimated Capital cost in the amount of \$150,000.00 plus outage coordination cost. More information regarding the commercial terms and technical requirements are outlined in the proposal page provided by Atco and are subject to third party - approvals (e .g., Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, easements, Alberta Utilities Commission, etc.)

164.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council approves the expenditure of \$150,000 plus outage coordination costs to ATCO electric for the Range Road 54 Regrade project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. BYLAWS

Bylaw 05-2022 - Agricultural Appeal Committees.

Council reviewed Bylaw 05-2022, the Bylaw governs the role and composition of the Appeal Committees related to the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act*. Amendments made to the Agricultural Appeal Committee Bylaw includes a clause stating that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 may use members of the appeal committees appointed in Saddle Hills County and Birch Hills County to ensure non-biased appeal hearings, as well as the clause allowing the CAO to select the members from the appointed list to hear and appeal.

165.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 05-2022 the Agricultural Appeal Committee Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

166.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Bylaw 05-2022, the Agricultural Appeal Committee Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

167.06.15.22 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that consent be given to read Bylaw 05-2022 a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

168.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 05-2022, the Agricultural Appeal Committee Bylaw, be read a third and final time and be passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

A. Peace Library System - Board meeting Highlights May 28th, 2022.

B. News Release - Partnering with First Nations to lower wait times.

C. Grande Spirit Foundation Ground-breaking for the new Seniors Housing Complex.

- B) News Release Construction underway on Spirit River Seniors Housing.
- D. New release - Fighting for better Rural Policing.
 - B) Letter from The Honourable Minister Tyler Shandro to The Honourable Minister Marco Mendicino Re: The Town of Coaldale RCMP and the Municipal Policing Service Agreement (MPSA).
- E. News Release - Shining the spotlight on Alberta's Energy Future.
- F. Letter - From the Honourable Shadow Ministers; Shannon Stubbs, Damien Kurek, Jacques Gourde for Rural Economic Development
- G. Email - A Coal Policy for Alberta - 2022 and beyond.
- H. Letter - From STARS - Thank you for your Donation.
- I. Information - From Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Alberta Municipalities - 2022 Resolutions Guide: Disparity in Electricity Distribution and Transmission Rates.
- J. Information - Spirit River and District Settlement and Historical Society - Museum and unveiling of the new building, Saturday June 25th, at 1:00 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

170.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 write a letter of support to the Urban Alberta Municipalities Resolution regarding disparity in electricity distribution and transmission rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Van Rootselaar left the meeting at 1:04 p.m. and returned at 1:08 p.m.

17. **COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

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

171.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council , as per the Municipal Government Act and FOIP Requirement enter into a Closed meeting to discuss Intermunicipal relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting went into closed meeting at 1:12 p.m.

172.06.15.22 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the meeting come out of closed meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting came out of closed meeting at 1:22 p.m.

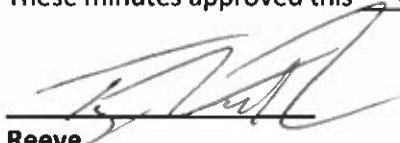
173.06.15.22 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that Councillor Nick vanRootselaar be directed to attend the next three FCSS board meetings as an alternate representative on behalf of The Municipal District of Spirit River as the substitute member for Councillor Elaine Garrow.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Deputy Reeve vanRootselaar at 1:27 p.m.

These minutes approved this 6th day of July, 2022.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt