



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 05-23
10:00 am, Wednesday, March 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, March 15th 2023, at 10:00 am.

Reeve: Tony Van Rootselaar

Councillors: Elaine Garrow
Stan Bzowy
Nick vanRootselaar

Administration: Dan Dibbelt
Shirley Hayden

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with Public Works Supervisor David Johnson and Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 residents Nancy Van Rootselaar and Jim Zahara in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

- A. 13.D. RFD - Request for Donation: The Town of Spirit River; Spirit Days Event June 9th - 10th, 2023.**
- B. 13.E. RFD - Assessment Review Board Appointees.**
- C. 15.M. Information - Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency: RE: Proposed Subdivision of NW.9.78.4.W6, MDSR No.133.**

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the March 15th, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 05-23.

070.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 05-23 with the Agenda Additions be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the March 1st, 2023 Council Meeting RM 04-23.

071.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting RM 05-23 with the Agenda Additions, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 residents, Nancy Van Rootselaar and Jim Zahara presented their delegation at 10:02 a.m. with regard to various municipalities throughout Alberta aligning with the smart city alliance model in which cities are digitally controlled, raising concerns with community members in regard to personal privacy. Council thanked the MD residents for taking the time to express their concerns and reiterated that public participation plays an essential role in ensuring municipal residents are involved in all aspects of the decision-making process with regards to this issue in the future.

Ms. Van Rootselaar and Mr. Zahara left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

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

- Brushing; Brush Work continuing in Silverwood at Township 773 west of Highway 2.
- Equipment; Graders performing road maintenance and pushing back snowbanks.
- Shop; limited staff for the next few weeks.
- Gravel Program; grader operators are efficient, roads are in good shape, not losing lots of gravel, the effect on gravel budgeting is positive. Put in place Asset Management and a Capital Plan.

Mr. Johnson left the meeting 10:38 a.m.

072.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor 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:

- Attended RMA Member Town Hall Webinar , March 7th .
- Meetings attended; Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB) March 6th ,
- Economic Development Coordinator, Montana Kuhar attended the Job Fair in Fairview on March 8th , representing the MD by displaying Municipal Jobs as well as jobs in the Region.
- Medical Clinic: water leak at the dental lab flooded the hallways resulting in water damage to some of the cabinets.

073.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to send a letter to board of directors of the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) on behalf of the Municipal district of Spirit River No.133 with a recommendation the accounting financials be contracted to a local accounting service in the region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO Report continued;

- Audit - April , Edward Telford presentation to Council on April 5th , 2023.
- Administration: Working on a plan to align the G3 grand opening with the Range Road 54 improvement project Ribbon cutting as a joint event.
- Development /projects - updates; Town; daycare organizing the development of a committee to work on the development of a daycare in the area.
- Brownlee - flooring - should be completed by April 1st , 2023.
- Email exchange with Donna Urlarcher of info care re: the AHS FOIP request in relation to the CanWest contract; numerous delays in receiving a response. If a reply is not received by next week Council will be attending the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) March 20th-22 and are preparing to ask the Health Minister during the Ministerial Forum as to why this information was not provided in a timely manner.

074.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to send a letter to Donna

Urlarcher , Senior Advisor, Information Access Services Legal & Privacy on behalf of Info care, with regard to the Municipal Districts of Spirit River No.133 request in relation to the Alberta Health Services (AHS) and CanWest FOIP request that a response is required before the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Ministers' meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

075.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council direct administration to reassess the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 minimum tax and the current impact, if any, on MD residents and bring the information to a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stan Bzowy left the meeting at 11:26 a.m. and returned at 11:29 a.m.

- Airport; looking at expansion options for the runway
- Arranging a meeting with MLA Sirgurdson re cancellation of the Medevac services at the Spirit River Airport , Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors; Hon. Minister Devin Dreesen Meeting items of discussion; ASP; construction of a roundabout at the Highway 49 and 2 intersection at the RMA March 20 - 23 convention.

Nick vanRootselaar left the meeting at 11:37 a.m. and returned at 11:42 a.m.

- Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission (CPFRC) meeting March 15th
- Website; in progress
- Marginet; Environment response regarding ditch maintenance.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

- 11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**
- 12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**
- 13. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Crop Loss Compensation.

At the Regular Meeting RM- 04-23, on March 1st , 2023 administration presented information regarding crop loss compensation on leased land on two separate parcels located at : RL42-78-5-W6 and RL41-78-5-W6 which totals 22.5 acres of un-harvestable Canola due to water reservoir and road construction in relation to the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Range Road 54 Improvement Project. CAO Dibbelt relayed additional information and cost comparison research in relation to current crop prices.

Council accepted the item as information and directed Administration to bring further information to a future meeting.

B. Policy Development: ADM.21 Technology Resources.

Administrative Policy Technology Resources (ADM.21) has been developed to establish the acceptable use of The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Technology Resources and will set the guidelines that will apply to all users who are issued MD-owned technology resources,

which includes desktop computers, laptops, cell phones, and any other form of technology resource.

- 077.03.15.23** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council approve Policy ADM.21 Technology Resources with the recommended amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Naming of the Brownlee Meeting Room.

With the Brownlee Building addition nearing completion, administration is recommending that the Brownlee meeting room be given a name that will set the tone for the many meetings that will take place there and a good representation of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 .

Council directed administration that the naming of the Brownlee Meeting Room be brought back to a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Regional Infrastructure Master Plan: Town of Spirit River - Grant Application: Alberta Community Partnership (ACP)

CAO Dibbelt has been in consultation with the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft regarding the creation of a Regional Infrastructure Master Plan - the Recreation and Municipal Service Delivery / Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) application. The masterplan would be intended to identify recreational priorities and synergies for the region as a whole, reducing duplication and building on the strengths of the area.

- 078.03.15.23** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 supports the Town of Spirit River's (managing partner) submission of a 2023/24 Alberta Community Partnership grant application in support of the Regional Infrastructure Master Plan - Recreation and Municipal Service Delivery project. No financial investment is required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Request for Sponsorship: The Town of Spirit River; Spirit Days Event June 9th - 10th, 2023.

Administration received a sponsorship request letter from Traci O'Connell, Recreation and Community Manager for the Town of Spirit River in relation to the Town's annual Spirit Days event taking place on June 9th and June 10th, 2023.

- 079.03.15.23** Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that Council approve the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 sponsorship of the Kid's Zone Bouncy Castles in the amount of \$1000.00 with funds to come from the 'purchase of miscellaneous goods' (Public Relations) portion of the budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Assessment Review Board Appointees.

The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 recently recruited two individuals who have successfully

completed and received the required Assessment Review Board training. Accordingly, administration is recommending that both of these members be appointed as the Municipal District of Spirit River's authorized representatives, pursuant to the Central Peace Regional Assessment Review Board Agreement and in accordance with Bylaw 08-2010.

080.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council appoint Sandra vanRootselaar and Darlene Knezevich to the Central Peace Regional Assessment Review Board as representatives for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133, pursuant to Bylaw 08-2010 and the Central Peace Regional Assessment Review Board Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- A. Correspondence: Letter of response from Alberta Transportation to MDSR No.133 RE: Highway Maintenance.**
- B. Info : RMA Member Briefing March 2023 - Unpaid Oil and Gas Tax Survey**
- C. Info : Service Canada information sheet - Information on Programs & Services**
- D. Info : Letter from Minister of Health Hon. Jason Copping to County of Grande Prairie No.1 RE: Letter response in regard to Air Ambulance Services at Rural Airports.**
- E. Information - Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs the Hon. Minister Rebecca Shulz RE: Funding : Introduction of Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) and update on the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding.**
- F. Information - Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs the Hon. Minister Rebecca Shulz RE: Budget 2023.**
- G. Information - Letter of thanks from The Royal Canadian Legion Alberta NWT Command regarding advertisement sponsorship.**
- H. Information - Letter from Grande Spirit Foundation RE: 2023 Municipal Requisition.**
- I. Information - Alberta government Update - Introducing the Alberta Firearms Act.**
- J. Information - Central Peace water supply system Phase 1 & 2 Project Overview March 8th,2023.**
- K. Information - Email - From Wilf Schoorlemmer RE: FCSS Community Income Tax Program including email of response from CAO Dibbelt.**
- L. Email - From Melanie Gaudet RE: Rural Health Forum: 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. RMA Convention, March 21st 2023, Salon 11.**
- M. Information - Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency: RE: Proposed Subdivision of NW-9-78-4-W6, MDSR No.133.**

081.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recording Secretary Shirley Hayden left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

082.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that as per *FOIP Act* requirement in accordance with *section 197 (4)(b) of The Municipal Government Act*, the Meeting enter into a closed meeting to discuss Labour and Intergovernmental relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting went into a closed meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Louise Gostick entered the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and left at 2:42 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting came out of Closed Meeting at 2:43 p.m.

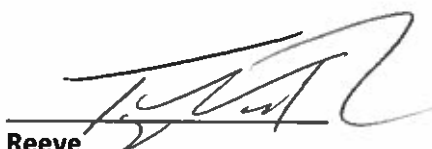
084.03.15.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that additional information be brought to a future meeting in relation to administrative wages with regard to the Cost of Living (COLA).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 3:04 p.m.

These minutes approved this 5th day of April, 2023.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt