



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 04-23
10:00 am, Wednesday, March 1st, 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 1st, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Reeve: Tony Van Rootselaar

Councillors: Elaine Garrow
Stan Bzowy
Nick vanRootselaar

Administration: Dan Dibbelt
Dianne Nellis
Shirley Hayden

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with Public Works Supervisor, Dave Johnson along with Grande Spirit Foundation staff; Steve Madden, Scott McFadyen, Ryan Mysko and Shari Hrehoruk in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

- 13.C. Crop Loss Compensation**
- 15.M. Information - Grant Extension Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transportation Pilot Project letter of response.**
- 15.N. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Bulletin - Resolutions for the 2023 RMA Spring Convention.**
- 15.O. Information - Letter from Meagan Walsh, Beaver County RE: Mayors and Reeves Committee meeting March 20th, Edmonton Convention Centre.**
- 15.P. Central Peace Regional Water Supply System Phase 1 & 2 Project Overview Update: February 22, 2023.**
- 15.Q. Information - Robert E Walter Memorial Scholarship Application Info and package.**

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the March 1st, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 04-23.

057.03.01.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 04-23 with the Agenda Additions, be adopted with corrections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the February 15th, 2023 Council Meeting RM 03-23.

058.03.01.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting RM 03-23 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.A. Public Works Report

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

- Public works staff have completed the First Aid course.
- Site Box Safety inspections; working on setting up safety app with staff.
- Burning Brush and Mulching; Township Road 780, East of Highway 2. Moved onto RR54, South of Township 774.
- Equipment; Unit 32-118 had engine issues Finning was called in to work on it and is now fixed.
- Shop; a headache rack for Unit 32-112 (Kenworth) was being constructed and is now installed.

Dave Johnson left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

059.03.01.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACAO Dianne Nellis entered the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

A. Grande Spirit Foundation

Chief Administrative Officer, Steve Madden presented an update on progress of the Spirit River Lodge currently under construction, with a proposed completion date of May 2024 and the Spirit River apartment complex which is currently in the design and development stage. Mr Madden communicated the need for increased housing capacity along with the importance of providing access to recreational activities which promotes wellness, enhancing the range, quality, and availability of services for our seniors.

Lori Witts entered the meeting at 10:17 a.m. and left at 10:18 a.m.

Grande Spirit Foundation delegation continued;

Project Manager, Scott McFadyen reviewed some of the challenges the project has undergone since construction initially started in the summer of 2022, including additional building costs which is largely due to residential construction inflation. Housing Director, Shari Hrehoruk reviewed a list of the different levels of care the new Lodge will provide and reiterated the importance of providing appropriate access to housing and support services which allows seniors to reside in their community longer. Senior Director of Finance, Ryan Mysko reviewed the financial synopsis and budget for the upcoming year and relayed that the biggest contributor to the organization's success in relation to sustainable growth and longevity has largely been due to the support of their partnerships and stakeholders. Mr Madden thanked Council for the opportunity to engage with them and the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133's continual dedication and support of the foundation.

Councillor Stan Bzowy left the meeting at 11:32 a.m. and returned at 11:34 a.m.

CAO Dibbelt exited the meeting and returned at 11:34 a.m.

B. Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) 11:30 a.m.

060.03.01.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Council meeting recess to hold a *Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)* meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Regular meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. to hold a Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) meeting, the Regular meeting then reconvened at 12:03 p.m.

The Regular meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

A. CAO Report

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- Saddle Hills County waterline development inquiries ; spoke to Darren – Saddle Hills County
- Inter Municipal Agreement to extend to all residents.
- Day care; researching different options to develop a day care provider in the area.
- Economic Development Coordinator Montana Kuhar is attending Job fair event in Grande Prairie March 1st and Fairview March 8th representing the MD and promoting jobs in the area.
- Airport; RMA Resolution has been posted.
- RMA Convention Edmonton March 20th.
- Conferences attended; Growing the North Conference March 7th-9th, Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Meeting March 3rd.

ACAO Dianne Nellis left the meeting at 1:51 pm. and returned 1:53 p.m.

- 061.03.01.23** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that a letter of support be sent to the Town of Spirit River supporting the nomination of three local Pharmacists for the Rhapsody Rural Health Care Heroes (RhPAP) Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 062.03.01.23** Moved by Stan Bzowy that Council approve Councillor Elaine Garrow to attend additional meetings with regard to health care initiatives for the Central Peace Region as requested by the Central Peace Attraction and Retention (CPARC) Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. ACAO Report

ACAO Dianne Nellis reviewed with Council the following items:

- Worked on The MD 2022 Financial Audit with Corporate Services Director Louise Gostick. Auditors were in on February 22 and 23rd and went very well.
- Email correspondence with landowner regarding invoice for ditch maintenance.

- 063.03.01.23** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the CAO and ACAO Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. RMA Zone Four Proposal for two-day Zone Meeting.

During the Feb. 10th 2023 RMA Zone meeting, a presentation was made requesting the membership consider making the Northern Zone meetings a 2 day meeting from the current one day event. RMA district four's request was to take the information back to individual councils for consideration and be prepared to get back to the membership before the end of March, 2023.

- 064.03.01.23** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 is not in favor of supporting a two-day Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Northern Zone meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. RMA District 4 - Bylaw and Roles of Chair and Vice Chair.

During the RMA District 4 Zone meeting, a Bylaw was circulated to be reviewed and be implemented during the Zone meeting. Along with the bylaw was a document titled "Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 4 Association Chair Duties & Responsibilities". Both the bylaw and the roles and responsibilities documents were approved in principle subject to Council's reviewing and then

responding back. The Municipal District of Spirit River Council has now had the opportunity to review the Bylaw as well as the Roles and Responsibilities of the Chair and Vice-Chair in which documents were provided at the February 10th, 2023 RMA Northern Zone (4) Meeting.

- 065.03.01.23** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council **does not** support implementing separate Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the RMA District 4 . Furthermore, no action be taken regarding amendments to the proposed Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 4 Association Bylaw and Chair Roles and Responsibilities, and a letter be sent to the membership on behalf of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 indicating the duly elected Zone Director to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, namely Ms. Rosvold, should be responsible for chairing the Zone meetings as well as for the communication between the membership and the RMA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Crop Loss Compensation

Administration received an email from a landowner 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 Range Road 54 Improvement Project.

- 066.03.01.23** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to research information regarding the calculations of said invoice regarding crop loss compensation on two separate parcels of leased land located at RL42-78-5-W6 and RL41-78-5-W6 and be discussed at a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- A. Correspondence - Letter - From the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 to Jason Parr Alberta Transportation Re: Highway Maintenance.**
- B. Information - Correspondence between Woodlands County to the Honourable Premier Danielle Smith Re: Trident Exploration receivership and Positions taken by Alberta Regular (AER) and Orphan Well Association (OWA).**
- C. Information - Letter from The Honourable Minister of Children's Services, Mickey Amery RE: Congratulatory Letter from MDSR No.133.**
- D. Info - Elected Officials Asset Management Workshop April 20th, 2023. Located at the Four Points by Sheraton, 6702 106 street Grande Prairie.**
- E. Information - Alberta News Release - Alberta funds community policing in Grande Prairie.**
- F. Information - Alberta News Release - Government News - Strengthening Alberta's Rural Communities.**
- G. Information - Letter from Premier Smith to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.**
- H. Information - Alberta News Release - Health Care Action Plan (HCAP) - New strategy to grow health workforce.**
- I. Information - Alberta News Release - Expert panel to map out Alberta's energy future.**
- J. Information Email - from Meghan Thomas, Public Alerting and Communication Team Lead for Alberta Emergency Alert (AEA) RE: Launch of the National Public Alerting System.**

- K. Information - Alberta Municipalities - Presidents' Summit on the future of Municipal Government.
- L. Information - Community Rail Advocacy Alliance (CRAA).
- M. Information - Grant Extension MDSR No.133 Transportation Pilot Project letter of response.
- N. *Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Bulletin - Resolutions for the RMA 2023 Spring Convention.*
- O. Information - Letter from Meagan Walsh, Beaver County RE: Mayors and Reeves Committee Meeting 5-6pm, March 20th Edmonton Convention Centre.
- P. Central Peace Regional Water Supply System Phase 1 & 2 Project Overview Update February 22, 2023.
- Q. Robert E Walter Memorial Scholarship Application info and package.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dianne Nellis and Shirley Hayden left the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

068.03.01.23 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 2:54 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting came out of Closed Meeting at 3:21 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 3:24 p.m.

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



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt