



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 14-23
10:00 am, October 4th, 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, October 4th 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 10:01 a.m. with Rik Vanderkerkhove, Director of Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI), Public Works Supervisor, Dave Johnson and Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

8C. Administration requested Alan Down, County Assessor for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 be added to the agenda as a delegation item.

13.C. RFD - Subdivision Application Pt. SW 27-77-5-W6.

13.D. Potential Grant Application - Provincial Assisted Transportation Project (Verbal Presentation).

15.H. Information - Email from Denise Skoworodko - RE: Spirit River Museum G3 Chilli Cook off October 14th, 1-4 p.m.; Invitation to participate.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the October 4th, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda RM 14-23.

239.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 14-23 with the Agenda Additions be adopted as presented with the following additions: 8C. Alan Down, County Assessor for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 be added to the Agenda as a delegation item. 13.C. RFD Subdivision Application Pt. SW 27-77-5-W6 13.D. Potential Grant Application - Provincial Assisted Transportation Project (Verbal Presentation). 15.H. Information - Email from Denise Skoworodko - RE: Spirit River Museum G3 Chilli Cook off October 14th, 1-4 p.m. - Invitation to participate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the September 6th, 2023 Council Meeting RM 13-23

240.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the minutes from the September 6th, RM-14-23 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

Councillor Stan Bzowy was absent for the meeting.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

- A. Rik Vanderkerkhove, Director of Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) presented information regarding the benefits of the veterinary program and shared challenges such as staff shortages clinics face and in recruiting and retaining staff in both small and large animal Veterinarian Clinics across Canada.

Mr. Vanderkerkhove left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Mr. Arnting left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Public Works Report

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

- Grading; Ongoing General Maintenance
- Gravel; General gravel haul currently working on the Southwest area
- Culvert Installation and repairs; 770, 780 East of Highway 2; scour filled, and Rip Rap placed.
- Bridge Files: Bridge File#77996 - Email has been sent to Alberta Transportation regarding the ownership of the Bridge and assessment of Bridge repair/replacement being considered.
- Nardam: Season officially ended at the end of September.

241.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Stop Signs located on Range Road 54 and Township Road 782 located North / South be relocated to the East/ West as part of the Range Road 54 Improvement project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alan Down, Property Assessor for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 entered the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Public Works Report continued;

- Equipment: General upkeep and maintenance.
- Starting the week of September 18th, 2023, Public Works staff will be repacking the soft spots on Township Road 790, pack road east of Highway 2 in front of Northern Mat, Public works

has contacted companies for line painting and crack seal.

- Working on culverts; replacing Range Road 53, Township Road 792 culverts in the coming weeks.
- Tree removal; provide the ratepayers an opportunity to remove trees at their expense.

242.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Public Works Supervisor advertise in the local newspaper the Central Peace Signal the opportunity for residents and members of the general public to remove, at the owner's expense, trees on located on the property previously occupied by the golf course on Range Road 54.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson left the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar addressed members of the Public Gallery and advised them to leave as the Regular meeting entered into a closed session.

CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

244.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Regular meeting RM-14-23 enter into a closed meeting as per the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) Section 197(4)(b) to discuss a Legal matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting went into closed meeting at 11:20 a.m.

245.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the meeting come out of closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting came out of closed session at 11:55 a.m.

Alan Down left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

246.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to proceed with research and development of the Supplementary Assessment Bylaw to be brought to a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adam Stokes, Sergeant, Detective Commander of the Spirit River RCMP Detachment entered the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Members of the Public re-entered the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

CAO Dibbelt left the meeting at 11:57 a.m. and returned at 11:58 a.m.

Sgt Stokes presented to Council the crime statistic report for both Spirit River and area as well as the provincial stats from 2022 compared to data from the first quarter of 2023.

Dianne Nellis left the meeting at 12:18 p.m. and returned at 12:21 p.m.

Councillor Nick vanRootselaar left the meeting at 12:21 p.m. and returned at 12:23 p.m.

Mr. Stokes then presented the Annual Performance Plan; community priority issues for the 2023-2024 fiscal year which includes crime reduction Initiatives focusing on Property crime, Repeat offenders, organized crime and Police and regarding crime prevention.

247.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council accept the RCMP Engagement Commitment Report for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 for the 2023- 2024 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adam Stokes left the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

B. CAO Report

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- CPFRC Meeting October 5th.
- Range Road 54 Project Rail crossings complete; discussion re possible grand opening of the road.
- Fish and Wildlife Signage; Administration researching quotes; delayed due to steel fabrication company delayed response to Signage companies; ongoing process.
- ATCO – No updates on when power poles on Range Road 54 will be moved.
- PREDA/ NTAB: Meeting with the Minister re homelessness in Peace River, NTAB September 12th Meeting topics of discussion Air Ambulance year-round service to Spirit River reinstated, Tour of Site C Dam on Saturday October 14th.
- G3 MD Transit Bus sponsorship/ working on grants for the Bus
- Museum Chili Cook off October 14th.
- Alberta Canola Conference and Research Symposium on January 24th and 25th 2024.
- Pleasant View 100th Birthday celebrations; Councillor vanRootselaar and CAO Dibbelt in attendance, flowers and cards presented on behalf of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133.
- Regional promotional video in production completion date to be determined.
- Grande Spirit Foundation lodge meeting with AHS re housing for Staff in preparation for the opening of the new facility.
- Burnt River Realignment project, discussion with Alberta Transportation.
- Working on organizing The MD annual Christmas Light Up to align with the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft administration building Christmas light up for December 1st.

248.10.04.23 Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council direct administration to write a letter to CN Rail to inquire if CN would be interested in a Cost share Program with regard to replacing the rail crossing located on Township Road 780.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. FCSS Report

250.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the FCSS Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. RFD. Potential Meeting - Alberta RCMP Commanding Officer, Curtis Zablocki, RMA Fall Conference Nov 6-9, 2023.

No motion made on the item regarding the potential meeting with Alberta RCMP Commanding officer Curtis Zablocki during the RMA Fall Conference November 6th-9th.

B. RFD. Grande Spirit Foundation - Annual Friends of the Foundation Harvest Dine and Dance Saturday October 28th, 5 p.m. Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre.

251.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 sponsor a corporate table at the Friends of Grande Spirit Foundation Harvest Dine and Dance on October 28th, 2023, and further that administration arrange for the corporate table be reserved for residents of the Pleasantview Lodge to attend the event with transportation to be provided by the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. RFD - Subdivision Application Pt. SW 27-77-5-W6.

252.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council recommend the approval of the proposed farmstead separation in Pt. SW 27-77-5-W6 subject to any outstanding property taxes being paid and that a variance be granted to the dwelling density and rear yard setback requirements in the Agricultural District of the Land Use Bylaw to allow the second house and barn located at the northmost point of the proposed lot to remain as is.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Potential Grant Application - Provincial Assisted Transportation Project.

253.10.04.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to proceed with Provincial Assisted Transportation Project Grant application for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 with regard to funding for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **BYLAWS**

15. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

- A. Information - Letter from The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 to: The Honourable Minister Jonathan Wilkinson RE Hydroelectricity as an Alternate Source of Energy for Northern Alberta.
- B. Information - Central Peace Regional Water Supply Project: September 6th, 2023.
- C. Correspondence - Letter from The Volin Cemetery Committee RE: Thank you to the Municipal District, Capital Grant approval.
- D. Correspondence - Thank you Letter from the Municipal District of Fairview to MDSR 133 for attending the Peace Regional Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) Meeting at Northwestern Polytechnic.
- E. Information - Letter from the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL): To the Honourable Minister of Justice, Mickey Amery RE: Peace River Inmate Release Program.
- F. Information - Municipal Sustainability - Addendum to the MSI Capital Program
- G. Information - OKTOBERFEST - In Support of Westview park October 21st, 2023 Time: 7:30 p.m. at the Centennial Hall, Spirit River.
- H. Information - Email from Denise Skoworodko - RE: Spirit River Museum G3 Chilli Cook off October 14th, 1-4 p.m.; Invitation to participate.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. **COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

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

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 12:49 p.m.

These minutes approved this 18th day of October, 2023.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt