



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 15-23
10:00 am, October 18th, 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 18th, 2023, at 10:00 am.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. with Public Works Supervisor, Dave Johnson in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

- 13.B. RFD. G3 Sponsorship of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus.
- 15.F. Information - Email from Beaver County RE: Mayor and Reeves Meeting November 6th, 2023, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Salon 4 during the RMA fall conference.
- 10.D. Reports - Central Peace Attraction and Retention Committee (CPARC) Minutes from the October 11th, 2023 Meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the October 18th, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda RM 15-23.

- 255.10.18.23** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 15-23 be adopted as presented with the following additions:
- 13.B. RFD.G3 Sponsorship of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the October 4th, 2023 Council Meeting RM 14-23

256.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the minutes from the October 4th, RM-14-23 to remove duplicate motion 248.10.04.23, be adopted with corrections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
- 6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES**
- 7. PUBLIC HEARING**
- 8. DELEGATIONS**
- 9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 10. REPORTS**

A. Public Works Report

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

- Grading; Ongoing General Maintenance
- Gravel; 95% done our planned gravel program, started working on field access road being gravelled.
- Culvert Installation and repairs in various areas.
- Washouts; cleaning ditches with the track hoe, remaining summer staff are cleaning ditches of fallen trees and shovelling out the ends of culverts.
- Signage; Replacing shot up signs and broken posts.
- One seasonal staff still working finishing yard work an end of season labour work.
- Waiting to hear back from 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 and is now closed; preparing to take out the fountains and the dock.
- Equipment: General upkeep and maintenance, all equipment has been working well.
- Presented pictures of MD Cemetery; addressed ratepayer concern regarding the condition of headstones and sections of the cemetery; MD will organize a clean up and maintenance program of the plots and repairs.

257.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

B. CAO Report

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- CPFRC Meeting October 5th.
- Range Road 54 Project Rail crossings complete.

- Fish and Wildlife Signage; waiting to hear back from signage companies that will fabricate, design and install the sign, need quotes to submit to the government.
- ATCO - No update from the company on when power poles on Range Road 54 will be moved.
- Update of the Tour of Site C Dam on Saturday October 14th attended by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar and CAO Dibbelt.
- Sponsorship: CN has dedicated \$10,000.00 in sponsoring the MD Transit Bus and will be visiting the admin building October 19th to present the sponsorship cheque, the Central Peace Signal will be onsite to do photos and article for the local paper. G3 Canada has also provided sponsorship in the amount of \$50,000. to the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus program for one year in exchange for advertisement in the form of the bus being wrapped in vehicle branding (to be paid for by G3) to promote the Grain terminal. The date for the G3 cheque presentation is to be determined.
- Alberta Canola Conference and Research Symposium on January 24th and 25th 2024.
- Regional promotional video in production; potential completion date October 31st.
- 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.
- MD Christmas Party will be held on November 24th.
- SuperNet update: AFSC has agreed to cost share for the service, need to organize an agreement between the two parties. Projected timeline when the upgrade for the lines will be completed currently is by the 1st week of November.
- Staff training: Public Works Assistant Supervisor and Agricultural Fieldman will be attending leadership training at Northwest Polytechnic in Grande Prairie next week. An office has been set up in the admin building for staff to take online courses and training, and provide space to the AFSC staff member working from the MD office 2-4 times per month.
- Travelling Art Gallery; a new installation has been set up in Council Chambers.
- PrairieCan investors meeting.
- Upcoming meetings and events; Rural Municipalities of Alberta Conference (RMA) Nov 6-9th at the Edmonton Shaw Center. ASB regional AGM October 26th in Brownvale.
- PREDA; Regional conference; value added forestry in list of topics.
- G5 Meeting; scheduled for December 7th MD to host at the Brownlee Building at 5:30 p.m.
- Grande Spirit Foundation lodge meeting Friday October 27th AHS to attend regarding housing for Pleasantview Lodge Staff in preparation for the opening of the new facility. Pleasant view lodge sign unveiling Friday October 27th and the Friends of Grande Spirit Harvest Dine and Dance on October 28th. The MD has sponsored a corporate table for selected Pleasantview Lodge residents to attend the Event.
- Veterinary Services Inc Regional meeting November 3rd in Peace River.

258.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the CAO Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Council Reports (C and D)

Draft Minutes from the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) meeting on October 10th, 2023 and the draft minutes from the Central Peace Attraction and Retention Committee (CPARC) from the October 11th, 2023, Meeting.

259.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council Reports; Draft Minutes from the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) meeting on October 10th, 2023 and the Central Peace Attraction and Retentior Committee (CPARC) draft meeting minutes from the October 11th, 2023, meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

Director of Corporate Services, Louise Gostick entered the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tax Arrears Auction - Roll 122800

Ms Gostick provided information regarding Tax Arrears pertaining to Roll #122800 PT of NW 21-79-4W6. On September 18, 2023, the MD placed the aforementioned property up for auction due to nonpayment of taxes for a period of over 3 years. No parties were present for the set time and duration of the auction; therefore, administration is recommending the MD acquire the Tax Forfeiture Title regarding roll#122800, PT of NW 21-79-4-W6. The municipality will then deposit an amount equal to the reserve bid (market value) into a separate account and acquire the property from there administration will notify the previous owner if there is money remaining.

260.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to acquire the Tax Forfeiture Title regarding Property Tax Roll# 122800, PT of NW 21-79-4-W6, by means of depositing an amount equal to the market value (reserve bid) of said property thereby acquiring the property, the paid amount will be forwarded to the tax arrears and all costs and expenses as required under section 427(2) including administrative costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Gostick left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

B. G3 Sponsorship of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus.

261.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to contact G3 Canada to accept sponsorship for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus in the amount of 50,000.00 for a period of no less than one year, in exchange for advertising for the promotion of G3 Canada Ltd, by means of the purchase of vehicle branding; wrapping the transit bus with the G3 logo and a design mutually agreed upon by both parties with the full advertising cost covered by G3 Canada.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

A. Bylaw 07-2021 - Closure and Disposal of Government Road Allowance in SL 38-78-5W6.

Legislative Officer Dianne Nellis provided information regarding Bylaw 07-2021, for the

closure and disposal of government road allowance in Settlement Lot 38-78-5-W6. The Bylaw received first reading on October 20th, 2021, after the Public Hearing was held as per MGA requirements. The Bylaw did receive Minister of Transportation approval on January 20th, 2022. A letter was then sent on March 24, 2021, to the Applicant and owner of SL 38-78-5-W6 indicating what the market purchase price for the lands would be (\$15,925.00) for the 6.37 acres. Ms Nellis advised that if no further action is taken the Bylaw will expire on October 20th, 2023 and accordingly will be repealed.

No motion was made on this item.

B. Bylaw 03-2023 - Stop Signs for Range Road 54.

Administration gave a recommendation to install stop signs at the township road intersections with respect to Range Road 54 realignment for the newly upgraded / completed road, as per the Traffic Safety Act, installation of such traffic control devices is to be directed by bylaw. Administration hereby presents Bylaw 03-2023 authorizing the erection of Stop Signs at identified locations along RR 54. Administration is requesting that, should there be no further information required by Council, that bylaw 03-2023 receive all three readings.

262.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 03-2023, for the purpose of authorizing the erection of Stop Signs on Township Roads intersecting Range Road 54, as presented, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

263.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Bylaw 03-2023 for the purpose of authorizing the erection of Stop Signs on Township Roads intersecting Range Road 54, as presented be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

264.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that consent be given to read Bylaw 03-2023 for the purpose of authorizing the erection of Stop Signs on Township Roads intersecting Range Road 54, a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

265.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council Bylaw 03-2023, for the purpose of authorizing the erection of Stop Signs on Township Roads intersecting Range Road 54, as presented, be read a third and final time and be passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

A. Information – Email; Grande Spirit Foundation - RE New Apartment Sign Unveiling: October 27th, 9 a.m.

266.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Councillor Nick vanRoostselaar attend the sign unveiling for the Grande Spirit Foundation New Senior Apartment Building Project on October 27th, 2023.

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- B. Information - Peace Library System - MD Spirit River Advisory meeting November 2nd at 6:15 p.m.
- C. Thank You Card from Mae Woronuk RE: Celebration for 100th Birthday at the Pleasantview Lodge.
- D. Email from Kayla Doody - Canadian Strategy Group RE recap of the CRAA Community Rail Advocacy Alliance meeting with CN that took place in Grande Prairie on August 22nd, 2023.
- E. Thank you, Card - From Judy Brown, Chairperson for the Spirit River Library: Thank Note to the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 for their contribution.
- F. Information - Email from Beaver County RE: Mayor and Reeves Meeting November 6th, 2023, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Salon 4 during the RMA fall conference.

267.10.18.23 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy 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 11:45 a.m.

These minutes approved this 1st day of November, 2023.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt