



THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 02 -24
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 7th 2024

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, February 7th 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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 9:04 a.m. with Public Works Supervisor, Dave Johnson in attendance.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

18A. Payment of Col Bren Transport Invoice

18B. Request for Reinstatement

18C. Meeting Request with the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the February 7th, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 02-24.

023.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 02-24 February 7th, 2024 be adopted to include Addendum items; 18B. Request for Reinstatement 18C. Meeting Request with the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver and the deletion of item 18A. Payment of Col Bren Transport Invoice.

Reeve Van Rootselaar requested a recorded vote:

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar - In Favor.

Councillor Stan Bzowy - In Favor.

Councillor Nick vanRootselaar - In Favor.

Councillor Elaine Garrow - Opposed.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the January 17th, 2024 Council Meeting RM 01-24 Minutes.

024.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting January 17th, RM 01-24 be adopted as presented.

Reeve Van Rootselaar requested a recorded vote:

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar - In Favor
Councillor Stan Bzowy - In Favor
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar - In Favor
Councillor Elaine Garrow - Opposed

CARRIED

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 Public Works Report.

025.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Public Works Report RM-02-24 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CAO Report

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed with Council the CAO Report.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

027.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Regular Meetings scheduled for February 21st, 2024, and March 20th 2024 meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dave Johnson left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.
Louise Gostick entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

C. Council Reports

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed Council Reports.

028.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial Report

Director of Corporate Services, Louise Gostick reviewed with Council the Finance Report:

029.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Finance Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Louise Gostick exited the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Invitation to Participate: D-Day & The Battle of Normandy Ceremonies.

030.02.07.24 Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council appoint Councillor Nick vanRootselaar to participate in the D-Day and The Battle of Normandy Commemoration Event on behalf of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133., taking place Sunday June 9th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Blueberry Mountain Community Hall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Commemoration Event: 80th Anniversary of D Day and the Battle of Normand and Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre 2024- Sponsorship Proposal.

031.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council accept the Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre 2024 Commemoration Event Sponsorship Proposal as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Town of Spirit River Airport Financial Report: 3 Year Project Budget.

032.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Town of Spirit River Airport Financial Report be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Small Modular Reactors (SMR'S)

033.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 will support the development and use of Small Modular Reactors within the Municipal District and direct administration to pursue opportunities to attract Small Modular Reactor development in the MD.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E. Invitation to attend the Pleasant View Lodge Grand Opening Saturday June 1st
Request for Sponsorship: Grande Spirit Foundation.**

034.02.07.24 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that Council appoint members Councillor Nick vanRootselaar, Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar and Councillor Stan Bzowy to attend the grand opening of the Pleasant View Lodge taking place on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 in the Town of Spirit River.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

035.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 make a financial contribution to the Grande Spirit Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be directed to the official grand opening of the new Pleasantview Lodge with funds to come from reserves, further that, additionally the MD contribute in-kind services including the use of the Municipal District Transit Bus for the June 1st, 2024 grand opening.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stan Bzowy declared a pecuniary because Evelyn Bzowy (Mr.Bzowy's spouse) is an applicant to fill the vacant position of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 FCSS Board Member Appointment and exited the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

F. Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board Member Appointment.

Administration received information from the Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Coordinator Julie Temple with regard to correspondence from applicants that have put their name forward as a potential candidate for the appointment of the Board Member Representative for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133.

036.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council appoint Evelyn Bzowy to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board as the member at large representative for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133.

Reeve Van Rootselaar requested a recorded vote.

Reeve Van Rootselaar - In Favor.

Nick vanRootselaar - In Favor.

Councillor Elaine Garrow - Opposed.

CARRIED

037.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council direct administration to contact the coordinator of the Family and Community Support Services regarding the words " Code of Ethics" within the FCSS January 16th, 2024 meeting minutes section 4.b.i.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Bzowy returned at 10:00 a.m.

G. Policy Development: ADM.22 Personal Use of Devices.

038.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Administration Policy ADM.22: Use of Personal Devices, be adopted with corrections and further that, Administration develop a Finance, Tax, and Assessment Section (F.T.A) of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Policy Manual.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

**A. Request to close a Statutory and Lease Statutory Road Allowance:
W/NW 4-78-4-W6 & Pt. W/SW 4-78-4-W6.**

039.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council approve commencing the process to close for the purpose of leasing the statutory road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of NW 4-78-4-W6th the west boundary of SW 4-78-4-W6th lying north of the rail line and give approval to Administration to set the Public Hearing date to hear comments regarding the proposal to close and lease the said statutory road allowance for the next Council meeting that falls within the advertising requirements as per the Municipal Government Act”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar declared a pecuniary interest as owner of SL 49-78-6-W6 in reference to the proposed road cancellation and left the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

B. Road Realignment: SL-4-78-6-W6, Et.al.

040.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council approve the survey work required to realign the public roadway contained in all of SL 4-78-6-W6 and a portion of SL 5-78-6-W6; that a portion of road plan 1056 KS that is not utilized for roadway be closed for disposal purposes and consolidated back to the title from which it was taken; and that roadway adjacent to the west boundary of SL 49-78-6-W6 be surveyed to indicate the public road where it exists and that road plans 4018 BM and a portion of road plan 3266 ET, contained within SL 49-78-6-W6 be closed for disposal purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar returned to the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

C. Establishing Advertising Methods: Bylaw 01-2024

041.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Bylaw 01-2024, for the purpose of establishing advertising methods for bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other matters referred to in the Municipal Government Act (MGA) that require advertising, be read a first time and further that a Public Hearing be set for April 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments regarding the proposal to pass Bylaw 01-2024 for the purpose of establishing advertising methods for bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearing and other matters requiring advertising as necessitated by the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- A. Info - Letter of response to the Honourable Minister Ric McIver RE RMA 2023 Fall Convention meeting with MDSR 133 Council. (letter from the minister attached).
- B. Information - Sponsorship Request: David Thompson Bible Camp.
- C. Information - News Release - Economic Developers Alberta: The "Why I love Alberta" Youth Challenge for grades 9-12 social studies students.
- D. Information - Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2024 Conference June 6th - 9th.
- E. Email from Lori Loset, Medical Office Manager Central Peace Health Centre RE: Council invitation to attend the PCA meeting on January 30th, 2024.
- F. Information - Improving Police Governance in Alberta: Questionnaire Deadline to submit March 15th, 2024.
- G. Happy Valley Ag and Recreation Club - Sponsorship Proposal.

042.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

043.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that as per *FOIP Act* requirement in accordance with Section 197(4)(b) of *The Municipal Government Act*, the meeting go into closed meeting to discuss a matter regarding legal.

CARRIED

The meeting went into closed meeting at 10:24 a.m.

044.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the meeting come out of closed meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting came out of closed meeting at 10:40 a.m.

045.02.07.24 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that as per *FOIP Act* requirement in accordance with Section 197(4)(b) of *The Municipal Government Act*, the meeting go into closed meeting to discuss a matter regarding legal.

CARRIED

The meeting went into closed meeting at 10:43 a.m.

046.02.07.24 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that the meeting come out of closed meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting came out of closed meeting at 10:48 a.m.

18.B. *Request for Reinstatement (verbal)*

Councillor Garrow left the meeting a.m. at 10:57 a.m.

047.02.07.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Councillor Garrow not be reinstated to Committees nor be authorized to attend any meetings, events or Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 functions and that the sanction continue until the next general municipal election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

048.02.07.24 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that Council direct administration to compile information for the next RM-03-24 Meeting Agenda regarding the breach of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Code of Conduct by Councillor Elaine Garrow during the Silverwood Fire on May 3rd, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18.C. Meeting Request with the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver

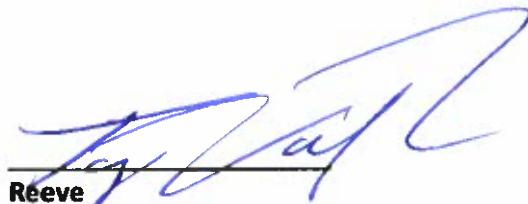
049.02.07.24 Moved by Tony Van Rootselaar that a letter be sent requesting a meeting with Minister McIver to set a meeting date with Council as soon as possible prior to RMA, either locally or in Edmonton, (including a package of background materials), and that approval be given to pay travel expenses and per diem for Councillor Garrow to attend the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 11:14 a.m.

These minutes approved this 6th day of March, 2024.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt