



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting RM 03-24**  
**9:00 a.m., March 6th, 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 50<sup>th</sup> Street in the Town of Spirit River in the Province of Alberta on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

**Reeve:** Tony Van Rootselaar

**Councillors:** Elaine Garrow  
Stan Bzowy

**Administration:** Dan Dibbelt  
Shirley Hayden

Reeve Van Rootselaar requested that each motion be a recorded vote.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with Public Works Director, Dave Johnson and Agricultural Fieldman, Simon Amting in attendance.

**2. AGENDA ADDITIONS**

**ADDITION : New Business:**

**13.F. Elimination of Municipal Ward System.**

**13.G. Dissolution of a Municipality.**

**ADDITION : Information items:**

**15.J. Correspondence - Letter from Minister McIver RE: Municipal Government Act (MGA) requirements regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF); Survey deadline April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A. Adoption of the March 6th, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 03-24.**

**050.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 03-24 be adopted with the following Agenda Additions: 13.F.Elimination of Municipal Ward System, 13.G.Dissolution of a Municipality.15.J.Correspondence - Letter from Minister McIver RE: Municipal Government Act (MGA) requirements regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF); Survey Deadline April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
**Recorded Vote:**  
**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**  
**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**  
**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A. Adoption of Minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council Meeting RM 02-24.**

**051.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting RM 02-24 be adopted as presented.  
**Recorded Vote:**  
**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**  
**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**  
**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES**

Councillor Nick vanRootselaar and Legislative Officer, Dianne Nellis were absent for the meeting.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. DELEGATIONS**

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**A. Code of Conduct Breach - Information Package.**

There was no discussion with regard to the Code of Conduct Breach Information Package.

**10. REPORTS**

**A. Public Works Report**

Public Works Director, Dave Johnson reviewed with Council the Public Works Report.

**052.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Public Works Report be accepted as presented.  
**Recorded Vote:**  
**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**  
**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**  
**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Agricultural Fieldman, Simon Amting presented his report to Council regarding his attendance at the Spirit River Regional Academy School Job Fair held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Reeve Van Rootselaar attended the job fair as well, overall, it was a huge success with approx. 200 students from Spirit River and surrounding area schools in attendance.

Simon Amting and Dave Johnson left the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

**C. Council Reports**

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed Council Reports.

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

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. CAO Report**

**054.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that a letter be sent to the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, Jason Nixon with an invitation to attend the grand opening of the Pleasant View Lodge located in the Town of Spirit River on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**

**12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Request for Proclamation - Myeloma Month March 2024**

**056.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Multiple Myeloma Month be declared in The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 for the Month of March 2024.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Sponsorship Request - NW Regional Skills Canada Competition 2024**

**057.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Sponsorship Request from the NW Regional Skills Canada Competition 2024 be accepted for information.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A. Veterinary Services Incorporated - amount increase**

**058.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council approve the V.S.I Services (1980) Ltd. requisition in the amount of \$9,200 and that the agreement between the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 and Veterinary Services Incorporated (V.S.I Services 1980 Ltd.) be adjusted to \$9,200 for the Jan 1 to Dec. 31, 2024, service year.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. Letter from Renee Charbonneau Executive Director Veterans Memorial Interpretive Centre RE Follow up information on Veteran John Louise De Vere Conolly follow up on sponsorship request.**

**059.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Veterans Memorial Gardens and Interpretive Centre D-Day commemoration event sponsorship request be tabled to a future meeting and direct administration to research cost of donating transportation for the event.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. Grande Spirit Foundation - Repurposing of the former Pleasant View Lodge Building Expression of Interest.**

**060.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council direct administration to submit an Expression of Interest in conjunction with at least one other G5 Municipality for the repurposing of the Pleasant View Lodge, Expression of Interest is to be based on the Grande Spirit Foundation to include removal of asbestos and provide all reports regarding asbestos.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. Elimination of Municipal Ward System**

**061.03.06.24** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar to direct Administration to research options for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 with regard to the Elimination of the Municipal Ward System, to a future meeting.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. Dissolution of a Municipality**

**062.03.06.24** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to conduct research with regard to the conditions whereby the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 may pursue Municipal Restructuring; Dissolution of the Municipality the advantages and the disadvantages related to dissolution with regards to cost savings as well as the financial and social disadvantages that could potentially occur for the Municipal District and our Municipal partners.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14. BYLAWS**

**15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

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

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

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

**064.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy 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 Land and Legal.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting went into closed meeting at 10:32 a.m.

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

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting came out of closed meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Councillor Stan Bzowy left the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and returned at 11:09 a.m.

**066.03.06.24** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council direct administration to grant permission to move forward with allowing the CAO from the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 to collaborate with the CAO of the Town of Spirit River on the proposed development of a Commercial Building Project located within the Town of Spirit River, to be brought to a future meeting for Council's final approval.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**067.03.06.24** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council direct administration to grant permission to move forward with allowing the CAO from the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 to collaborate with the CAO of the Town of Spirit River on the proposed development of Country Residential space in The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 to be brought to a future meeting for Council's final approval.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Reeve Van Rootselaar - In favour**

**Councillor Bzowy - In favour**

**Councillor Garrow - In favour**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 11:13 a.m.

These minutes approved this 3rd day of April, 2024.



**Deputy Reeve**  
Nick van Rootselaar



**Acting CAO**  
Dianne Nellis