



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133
Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.08.25
9:00 am, July 2nd, 2025

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, July 2nd, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Reeve: Tony Van Rootselaar

Councillors: Nick vanRootselaar
Elaine Garrow
Stan Bzowy

Administration: Dan Dibbelt
Shirley Hayden
Montana Kuhar

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting and Junell Wood in attendance.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar requested council motions be recorded.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Councillor Stan Bzowy inquired why item: Misconduct of Staff and Security and security costs were not added to the RM.07.25 minutes or meeting agenda RM.08.25.

Recording Secretary Shirley Hayden relayed for clarification that the motion Councillor Bzowy referenced was in the RM.07.25 minutes which read as follows:

128.06.04.25 *Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow to add Agenda item; Misconduct of Staff and Security:*

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	OPPOSED
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	OPPOSED
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION DEFEATED

Ms Hayden further relayed the item was not included in meeting agenda RM.08.25 as the motion to add the item was defeated at the previous meeting, therefore no action was required. Ms Hayden further relayed that Councillor Bzowy was informed that item: security cost would be addressed in the CAO report during the RM.08.25 meeting. Councillor Bzowy put forward a motion to have the item added to today's meeting agenda RM.08.25.

155.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy to add Agenda item:16.C. Misconduct of staff and security and defeated motion for legal support for staff to meeting agenda: RM.08.25.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	OPPOSED
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Delegation 8.1. Liisa Jeffery, Executive Director of the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association unable to attend the meeting and is scheduled to present at a future meeting.

A. Adoption of the July 2nd, 2025, Regular Meeting Agenda RM.08.25.

156.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Agenda for Regular Council Meeting RM-08-25 be adopted with addition Items: Council Concerns 16.C. Misconduct of Staff and Security, and defeated motion for legal support for staff Reports 10.1.b. Agricultural Fieldman Report RM.08.25, further, remove delegation 8.1. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Adoption of Minutes from the June 4th, 2025 Council Meeting RM.07.25.

157.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 07-25 be adopted as presented.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

1. **Junell Wood, resident of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m. to discuss concerns regarding the status of the Old Highway 2 Road.**

Ms. Wood requested clarification regarding the Municipal Districts future plans for a section of pavement adjacent to her property from the Old Highway 2. Specifically, Ms Wood described the section of road as being an approach off Highway 2 North of Township Road 771, near her property located at NW -10-77-5-W6. Ms Wood described the section of pavement being approximately 10 feet long. The section of road currently does not belong to the MD and is in the custody of Alberta Transportation. The proposed plan for the roadway is to remove the existing paved surface and turn the pavement back to gravel.

Reeve Van Rootselaar relayed interest in having the Public Works department investigate the measurements of the aforementioned 10 foot section of pavement and the approach, further that administration contact Alberta Transportation to provide clarification regarding the paved approach and that the item be tabled to a future meeting for further discussion.

- 158.07.02.25** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that item 8.2 Old section of Highway 2 pavement be tabled to the next council meeting, further that council direct administration to contact Alberta Transportation regarding the section of pavement from the highway approach off Highway 2 North of Township Road 771, Legal Description: NW -10-77-5-W6.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Wood left the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

1. **Public Works Report RM.08.25**
- 1.B. **Agricultural Fieldman Report RM.08.25**

Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting reviewed the Public Works Report RM.08.25 and Agricultural Fieldman's Report RM.08.25.

- 159.07.02.25** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that council direct administration to request the Public Works Supervisor assess the site of the Durda drainage ditch located at SE-26-77-5-W6. Specifically, that the man-made Chute located at the site be assessed for debris ie; trees, etc. further that, if said debris exist in the chute, the Public Works Supervisor be directed to bring forward his recommendation and plan the removal and clean-up of said debris, to a future meeting.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

160.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Public Works Report RM.08.25 and Agricultural Fieldman's Report RM.08.25, be accepted as presented.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CAO Report

CAO Dan Dibbelt reviewed the CAO Report RM.08.25: 1-5:

161.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the CAO Report RM.08.25: items 1. through 5., be accepted as presented.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Council Reports

162.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the NAEL verbal report and Council Reports A. through D: A.1. Central Peace Family and Community Support Services: June 2025 Coordinators Report, 2. FCSS Draft Board meeting agenda, June 10th, 2025, 3. FCSS approved Meeting Minutes: May 13th, 2025, further, the verbal FCSS report presented by Councillor Bzowy and D. Spirit River Arena and Curling Rink Report DRAFT, be accepted as presented.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGRICULTURAL - 2025 WEED INSPECTION AND PEST INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS

163.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that council appoint Jeremy Cassell-Metzner, Jaxson Stokes, and Shyanne Page as weed and pest inspectors under the Weed Contral Act and the Agricultural Pests Act, effective from June 18th, 2025, until the end employment with the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Central Peace Regional Water Project - Concerns Regarding the Collaboration Agreement

164.07.02.25 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 maintain opposition to Saddle Hills County's request to add the County of Grande Prairie No.1 as a full voting board member to the Central Peace Regional Water Project, further that, the MD's position will remain opposed until Saddle Hills County fulfill their obligation to adhere to the requirements of the Central Peace Regional Water Project Collaboration Agreement.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

165.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that council direct administration to research the grant agreement, contact Alberta Transportation regarding the due process for the addition of new members/ opportunities with regard to the Central Peace Regional Water Project Grant Agreement.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

166.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Correspondence and Information items A. through P. be accepted presented.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- A. Councillor Garrow - Employee working for the Town of Spirit River (Discussion)**
- B. Councillor Garrow - Balance Sheet, variance to budget, and cash flow statement (Discussion)**
- C. Misconduct of MD Staff and Security and defeated motion for legal support for staff (Discussion)**

CAO, Dan Dibbelt left the meeting 10:12 a.m
No action taken on items 16A., 16.B., and 16. C.

167.07.02.25 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that council accept Dan Dibbelt's letter of resignation from the Chief Administrative Officer position for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 effective August 31st, 2025, as presented.

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Nick vanRootselaar	IN FAVOR
Councillor Elaine Garrow	IN FAVOR
Councillor Stan Bzowy	IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 10:19 a.m.

These minutes approved this 6th day of August, 2025.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Dan Dibbelt