



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.02.26
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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, January 28th, 2026 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar
Deputy Reeve Dean Wark
Councillor Evelyn Bzowy
Councillor Shelley Rozecki
Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer

CAO Shirley Hayden
Assistant CAO Monty Bremont
Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson
Director of Corporate Services Elena Valdes
Executive Assistant Rebecca Fitzsimmons

1.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 10:01 am.

2.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

13.D Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer 30th Annual Northern
Municipalities Law Seminar
13.E Appointment of MD Representative to Rycroft Agricultural Society
13.F EOEP RMA Courses

3.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

026.01.28.26

Councillor Schoorlemmer moved to accept the Agenda with the following additions:

13.D Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer 30th Annual Northern
Municipalities Law Seminar
13.E Appointment of MD Representative to Rycroft Agricultural Society
13.F EOEP RMA Courses

Carried unanimously

4.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

027.01.28.26

Councillor Rozecki moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously

5.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6.

COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

Councillor Rozecki left Council Chambers at 10:38 am.
Councillor Rozecki returned to Council Chambers at 10:40 am.

A. Luke Panek, YOLO Nomads entered the meeting at 10:40 am and presented to Council virtually via Teams and left at 11:16 am.

028.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to recess the Regular Council meeting to hold a municipal planning commission meeting.

The Regular Council meeting recessed at 11:16 am.

B. MPC 01-26

029.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to reconvene the Regular Council meeting. The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 12:06 pm.

C. Sergeant Stokes, RCMP – *RCMP unavailable for Delegation*

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. CN Rail Invoice (*discussed in CAO Report*)

10. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

030.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council authorize the Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson to proceed with the purchase of a grader for the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Public Works department, in the amount of \$704, 025.00, as per the Capital Budget allocation;
And further that the agreement include a Maintenance Contract up to a maximum of \$60,000.00

Carried unanimously

031.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the Public Works Report.

Carried unanimously.

The Regular Council meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1:36 pm.

B. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 1:48 pm.

- 032.01.28.26 Councillor Rozecki moved to accept the Agricultural Fieldman's report as presented.
Carried unanimously

C. FINANCE REPORT

- 033.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept the Finance report as presented.
Carried unanimously

Deputy Reeve Wark returned to Council Chambers at 1:50 pm.

D. CAO REPORT

- 034.01.28.26 Councillor Schoorlemmer moved to accept the CAO report as presented.
Carried unanimously

E. COUNCIL REPORTS

- i. 035.01.28.26 Councillor Bzowy moved to accept Councillor Rozecki's verbal agricultural report.
Carried unanimously
- ii. 036.01.28.26 Councillor Rozecki moved to accept Reeve Van Rootselaar's verbal Grande Spirit Foundation report.
Carried unanimously
- iii. 037.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept Deputy Reeve Wark's update on Boards & Committees (CPFRC, NAEL).
Carried unanimously
- iv. 038.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Councillor Bzowy's verbal report on Watersheds for Munis 101.
Carried unanimously
- v. 039.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Councillor Schoorlemmer's verbal report on CPFRC follow-up.
Carried unanimously

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 040.01.28.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to approve meeting date and time changes to 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, starting at 9 am.

Carried unanimously

041.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to research options for upgrading the MD of Spirit River No. 133 website.

Carried unanimously

B. 042.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept 72 Hours to Survive sponsorship as information.

Carried unanimously

C. 043.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept the Police Funding Model item as information.

Carried unanimously

D. 044.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council approve that attendance of Deputy Reeve Wark and Councillor Bzowy to Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer 30th Annual Northern Municipalities Law Seminar.

Carried unanimously

Deputy Reeve Wark recused himself due to a conflict of interest regarding Agenda Item 13.E.

Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 2:57 pm.

E. 045.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council appoint Reeve Van Rootselaar to the Rycroft Agricultural Society Board as a non-voting member representative for the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

Carried unanimously

Deputy Reeve Wark returned to Council Chambers at 3:05 pm.

F.

Discussion regarding Strategic Planning Course at Spring RMA Convention.

14. **BYLAWS**

15. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

046.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council authorize up to three Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Administration/Office staff to attend the 2026 Women in the North Conference.
Carried unanimously

047.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council approve the 2026 Peace Library System requisition in the amount of \$6,848.00, split into two semi-annual payments of \$3,424.00, noting an increase over the previous year due to the adjustment to the 2024 Alberta Treasury Board population estimate of 649 residents and the \$7.36 per capita levy rate.
Carried unanimously

048.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Information and Correspondence Items A through I for information.
Carried unanimously

16. **COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

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

049.01.28.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to enter into closed session as per Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4) and Access to Information Act to discuss:
Section 30, Economic Interests - Land Development
Section 19, Third-party Business Interests
Section 26, Intermunicipal Relations
Section 27, Legal
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Section 26, Intermunicipal Relations.
Carried unanimously

Council entered closed meeting at 3:14 pm.

050.01.28.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to leave closed meeting and reconvene Regular Council meeting.
Carried unanimously

Council reconvened Regular Council meeting at 5:05 pm.

- 051.01.28.26** Councillor Schoorlemmer moved that Council direct Administration to send a letter to Town of Spirit River inviting their Council to a supper meeting at the Brownlee Building on March 2nd, 2026 at 5 pm to discuss intermunicipal development.
Carried unanimously
- 052.01.28.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council formally relinquishes the role of Unit Authority for the Central Peace FCSS program, further directs Administration to formally notify the Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) partner municipalities—the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft—as well as the appropriate Government of Alberta Ministry pertaining to FCSS, of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133’s intent to relinquish the role of Unit Authority for the partnership after 21 years; further, that Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate the transition process, including organizing a meeting with a partner municipality to facilitate the transfer of the Unit Authority role, legal employer obligations, and administrative duties to a successor entity, while maintaining the MD’s financial commitment to the program. Further directs Administration to transfer all relevant legal, financial, and personnel records to the New Lead Municipality to facilitate the transition.
Carried unanimously
- 053.01.28.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approve Fire & Form Engineering Ltd.’s proposal as presented.
Carried unanimously
- 054.01.28.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct administration to enter into negotiations with Grande Spirit Foundation regarding a partnership with the Municipal District of Spirit River with regard to the transit bus program.
Carried unanimously
- 055.01.28.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct administration to send a letter of support to the Town of Spirit River for their STIP application regarding the airport rehabilitation project.
Carried unanimously
- 056.01.28.26** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to send a response letter to Saddle Hills County.
Carried unanimously
- 057.01.28.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approves the establishment of the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee and Terms of Reference as amended.
Carried unanimously

058.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Reeve Van Rootselaar be appointed as the Member Representative for the Municipal District of Spirit River to the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee.

Carried unanimously

059.01.28.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Councillor Rozecki be appointed as Alternate for the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee.


Carried unanimously

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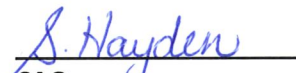
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 5:11 pm.

These minutes approved this 11th day of February, 2026.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Shirley Hayden