



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council**  
**Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.03.26**  
**9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 11th, 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 50<sup>th</sup> Street in the Town of Spirit River in the Province of Alberta on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**In attendance:**

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

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

Delegation - Scott Ratch, Alberta Counsel  
Zack Ziolkowski, Alberta Counsel

1. Meeting called to order by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 9:03 am.

2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS**

13.H. Recycling/collection sites  
13.I. Trees on NW 9-78-5W6  
13.J. Attendance to EOEP Course at Spring RMA Convention  
13.K. Renewal of Land Lease with Spirit River Ag Society

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion #060.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to adopt the Agenda for February 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting RM 03-26 with the following additions:

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13.I. Trees on NW 9-78-5W6  
13.J. Attendance to EOEP Course at Spring RMA Convention  
13.K. Renewal of Land Lease with Spirit River Ag Society

Carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- A. Motion #061.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to adopt the January 28, 2026 Regular Meeting RM 02-26 Minutes with the following correction:  
Motion #052.01.28.26 - include 'Moved by Councillor Rozecki' in the motion, to read:

“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.

- B. Motion #062.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the MPC meeting MPC 01-26 Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

- A. Scott Ratch and Zack Ziolkowski with Alberta Counsel entered the meeting virtually via Teams as a Delegation representing Alberta Counsel at 9:08 am, and left the meeting at 9:38 am.

- Motion #063.02.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the Alberta Counsel presentation as presented, for information.

Carried unanimously.

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

10. **REPORTS**

A. Agricultural Fieldman Report

B. Motion #064.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept Public Works Supervisor and Agricultural Fieldman reports as presented.

Carried unanimously.

C. Motion #065.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Finance Report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 10:22 am, and returned to Council Chambers at 10:25 am.

D. Motion #066.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to direct Administration to send a letter regarding the communication between the Municipal District of Spirit River and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), specifically GST and T4 filing issues with the CRA, noting that efforts have been undertaken to resolve administration/clerical issues within the CRA-Municipal District of Spirit River account since November 2025, to Minister of Finance and National Revenue, François-Philippe Champagne and copy to Secretary of State (CRA), Wayne Long, and copy to Grande Prairie–Mackenzie MP Chris Warkentin.

Carried unanimously.

Motion #067.02.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the CAO Report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

E. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

11. **TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**

12. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Motion #068.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to increase the 2026 'Supervisor Training & Travel' budget line from \$3,000.00 to \$6,000.00 to accommodate training and anticipated increase in annual conference expenses.

Carried unanimously.

- Motion #069.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approve the Public Works Supervisor in the amount of \$2000.00 to attend the Caterpillar/Governmental Training and Safety Days from May 5th - 7th, 2026 in Peoria, Illinois, to come from the Public Works Training & Travel budget.
- Carried unanimously.**
- B. Motion #070.02.11.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to table discussion regarding inaugural meeting date for Regional Daycare Society Steering Committee.
- Carried unanimously.**
- Councillor Bzowy left Council Chambers at 10:53 am, and returned to Council Chambers at 10:55 am.
- C. Motion #071.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to provide funding for the Heartland Training & Support HUB in the amount of \$364.50 for the 2026 year on behalf of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.
- Carried unanimously.**
- D. Motion #072.02.11.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council appoint Aaron Young and Clint Lefley to the Agricultural Appeal Board.
- Carried unanimously.**
- E. Motion #073.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council directs Administration to contribute funds to Alberta Invasive Species Council in the amount of \$1000.00 for the 2026 Bronze Partnership.
- Carried unanimously.**
- F. Motion #074.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council directs Administration to contribute funds to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association in the amount of \$7000.00 for 2026 annual funding.
- Carried unanimously.**
- G. Motion #075.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that the Agricultural Fieldman and Agricultural Service Board members complete Municipal Partners Feedback Survey 2025, as referenced on the letter from the PCBFA.
- Carried unanimously.**
- Motion #076.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that the Agricultural Fieldman provide update on Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) and specifically report on the status of elk and bison as part of the VSI program.
- Carried unanimously.**

**Motion #077.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to contribute \$12,100.00 to the Veterinary Services Inc. program for 2026 on behalf of the MD of Spirit River No. 133.  
Carried unanimously.

**H. Motion #078.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to engage with R360, for recycling options, and other municipalities for partnership options, regarding household recycling.  
Carried unanimously.

**Motion #079.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Agricultural Fieldman to explore the disposal options and on-farm pick-up for agricultural grainbags and chemical containers.  
Carried unanimously.

**I. Motion #080.02.11.26** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council directs Administration to notify MD residents regarding the option to acquire trees from the location of NW 9-78-5W6 , further that the option is to be advertised, with the deadline to pick up the trees is no later than May 1st, 2026.  
Carried unanimously.

**J. Motion #081.02.11.26** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council approve the additional expense of \$400 per attendee for Deputy Reeve Wark and CAO Hayden to attend the EOEP Strategic Planning course offered concurrently with the Spring RMA Convention 2026, funds to come from Council and Administration training budgets, respectively.  
Carried unanimously.

**K. Motion #082.02.11.26** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar to renew the lease agreement regarding Municipal District of Spirit River land located at SE 22-78-6W6 with the Spirit River Agricultural Society for the 2026 year.  
Carried unanimously.

**14. BYLAWS**

**A. Bylaw 01-AM-2026**  
*To revise Bylaw 02-AM-2025*

**Motion #083.02.11.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Bylaw 01-AM-2026 for the purpose of closing to public travel and disposing of portions of a road allowance, be read a first time.  
Carried unanimously.

**Motion #084.02.11.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Bylaw 01-AM-2026 be read a second time.  
Carried unanimously.

Motion #085.02.11.26 Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that consent be given for third reading of Bylaw 01-AM-2026.  
Carried unanimously.

Motion #086.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Bylaw 01-AM-2026 be read a third and final time and be passed.  
Carried unanimously.

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Motion #087.02.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Public Works department to install appropriate signage near Municipal District of Spirit River open waterbodies, specifically the 780 reservoir, Nardam, and all MD owned properties with reservoirs, as per recommendations from insurance regarding liability.  
Carried unanimously.

Motion #088.02.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Correspondence and Information Items A through N as information.  
Carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 12:05 pm.  
Council reconvened at 12:27 pm.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

Motion #089.02.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to move to Closed Meeting at 12:27 pm.  
Carried unanimously.

Councillor Schoorlemmer, attending the meeting virtually, formally declared that he was alone and no one was present in the room with him. Councillor Schoorlemmer declared that he would be leaving the Regular Council meeting RM 03-26 at 1 pm.

Meeting moved to Closed at 12:27 pm.

Motion #090.02.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to reconvene Regular Meeting.  
Carried.

Regular Meeting resumed at 1:05 pm with four members present.

A. Motion #091.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approve the drafting of a multi-lot tentative plan for SE 22-78-6W6. in the amount of approximately \$3000 to come from Reserves.

Carried.

B. Motion #092.02.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council approve publishing a Request for Proposal for Civil Engineering at SE 22-78-6W6.

Carried.

Motion #093.02.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 donate the cube freezer belonging to the MD to the Central Peace Family and Community Support Services Program.

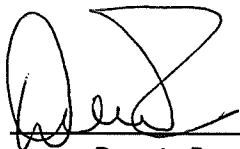
Carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Regular Council meeting RM 03-26 adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 1:12 pm.

These minutes approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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Deputy Reeve  
Dean Wark

  
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CAO  
Shirley Hayden