



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.04.26
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 25th, 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, February 25th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Council Members:

Deputy Reeve Wark
Councillor Rozecki
Councillor Bzowy

Absent:

Reeve Van Rootselaar
Councillor Schoorlemmer

Administration:

Shirley Hayden, CAO
Monty Bremont, Assistant CAO
Dave Johnson, Public Works Supervisor
Elena Valdes, CFO
Jen Larmand, Municipal Clerk
Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Executive Assistant

Delegations:

ATB Wealth (*virtual; Kimberley Walker, Jeremy King*)
Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance (*in-person; Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier, Adam Norris, Adanna Hustler*)

1.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting RM 04-26 called to order by Deputy Reeve Wark at 9:00 am.

2.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

17.C Intermunicipal Relations

3.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

094.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy to adopt the Agenda for RM 04-26 with the following addition:

17. C. Intermunicipal Relations

Carried unanimously.

4.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

095.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to adopt the Minutes RM 03-26 with the following amendment: Amend motion 077-02-11-26 VSI funding to reflect the actual invoice amount of \$12, 100 instead of \$11,500 previously noted.

Carried unanimously.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES
Reeve Van Rootselaar
Councillor Schoorlemmer

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

A. ATB Wealth (9:05 am, *virtual*) Closed Session

- Economic and Other Interests: (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30, Economic and Other Interests*)

Delegation ATB Wealth representatives Kimberley Walker and Jeremy King joined the meeting virtually at 9:12 am.

096.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy to go into closed meeting at 9:13 am.

Carried unanimously.

Meeting entered closed session at 9:18 am.

097.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to move out of closed session and return to regular meeting RM 04-26 at 10:15 am.

Carried unanimously.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:15 am.

098.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept the presentation by ATB Wealth as presented, for information.

Carried unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 10:17 am, and returned to Council Chambers at 10:18 am.

Councillor Bzowy left Council Chambers at 10:20 am, and returned at 10:21 am.

B. Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance (10:30 am)

Delegation Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance representatives Executive Director Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier, Watershed Coordinator Adam Norris, and Education/Outreach Coordinator Adanna Hustler joined Council meeting RM 04-26 in person, and shared their presentation.

099.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance report for information.

Carried unanimously.

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

10. **REPORTS**

A. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

100.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Public Works Report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

101.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct the Public Works Supervisor to coordinate the transport of the MD of Spirit River Transit Bus to Edmonton for necessary repairs, and further, that the Public Works Supervisor collaborate with the Assistant CAO and Corporate Finance to secure a temporary replacement vehicle through a partner organization, including the verification and placement of all required insurance coverage.

Carried unanimously.

B. **AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT**

102.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Agricultural Fieldman report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

C. **FINANCE REPORT**

103.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Finance Report presented, for information.

Carried unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Wark recessed Council Meeting RM 04-26 at 12:20 pm.
Council Meeting RM 04-26 reconvened at 1:06 pm.

D. **CAO REPORT**

104.02.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to send a formal letter of advocacy to the Taxpayers' Ombudsperson, MP Chris Warkentin, and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), outlining the significant administrative barriers and lack of timelines currently experienced by municipalities attempting to access their GST accounts; and further, that the letter urge the federal government to implement a more streamlined and responsive system for municipal tax administration.

Carried unanimously.

105.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to approve the CAO Report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

E. COUNCIL REPORTS

106.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Council Reports as presented.
Carried unanimously.

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

A. 107.02.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council for the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 approve and adopt the updated Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (CP FCSS) Multi-Municipal Agreement as presented, noting that there is no change to the MD's current budgeted requisition for 2026; further that, all previous participating agreements be hereby rescinded; further that Town of Spirit River be acknowledged and authorized to act as the Unit Authority for the Central Peace FCSS, and further that Council rescinds any bylaws relating to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program in which the Municipal District is designated as the Unit Authority.
Carried unanimously.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. 108.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to amend the annual property tax notice format to include a separate line item titled:
"Provincially Mandated Police Funding Model" and further, to include an informational insert (pamphlet) with the annual tax (as presented).
Carried unanimously.

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

A. 109.02.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to invite R360 to attend as a delegation to a future Council meeting, to discuss recycling opportunities.
Carried unanimously.

D. 110.02.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to approve Agricultural Fieldman to attend Career Day 2026.
Carried unanimously.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17.

CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

111.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to move into closed meeting at 1:46 pm.
Meeting RM 04-26 entered Closed Meeting at 1:46 pm.
Carried unanimously.

112.02.25.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to come out of Closed Meeting at 2:34 pm.
Regular Council Meeting RM 04-26 reconvened at 2:34 pm.
Carried unanimously.

113.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Information & Correspondence
Items as information.
Carried unanimously.

114.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to table
Alberta Counsel engagement proposal to future meeting when all Council
members are present for discussion and decision.
Carried unanimously.

115.02.25.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to approve the proposed bridge repairs for
the amount of \$170,467.50 as a Capital Project, with funding to be drawn
from Municipal Reserves and incorporated into the 2026 Final Capital
Budget; and further, that Council acknowledge the submission of a STIP
funding application and if successful, grant Administration the authority to
allocate those funds back to Municipal Reserves or as otherwise directed
by Council.
Carried unanimously.

116.02.25.26

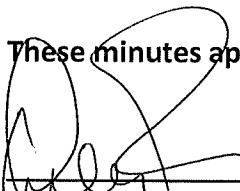
Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to
coordinate the inaugural Regional Day Care Steering Committee meeting
on March 12th, 2026, at 5:30 pm, in MDSR #133 Council Chambers.
Carried unanimously.

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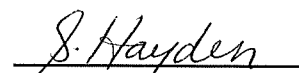
ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Reeve Wark adjourned the Meeting RM 04-26 at 2:37 pm.

These minutes approved this 25th day of March, 2026.



Deputy Reeve
Dean Wark



CAO
Shirley Hayden