



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council**  
**Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.05.26**  
**9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, 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 11th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**In attendance:** Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar  
Deputy Reeve Dean Wark  
Councillor Shelley Rozecki  
Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer

**Absent:** Councillor Evelyn Bzowy

**Administration:** Shirley Hayden, CAO  
Monty Bremont, Assistant CAO  
Dave Johnson, Public Works Supervisor  
Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman  
Elena Valdes, Director of Corporate Services  
Jen Larmand, Municipal Clerk  
Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Executive Assistant

**Delegation:** Sergeant Stokes, Spirit River RCMP Detachment

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Meeting RM 05-26 called to order by Reeve van Rootselaar at 9:07 am.

2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS:**  
17.F. Economic and Other Interests

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

117.03.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the agenda for the March 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting RM 05-26 with the addition of Closed Session item 17.F. Economic and Other Interests: (Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30).

Carried unanimously.

4. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A. 118.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Minutes from the February 25, 2026 RM 04-26 Meeting as amended, with the addition to Motion 107.02.25.26, the text "...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" as an amendment to Motion 107.02.25.26, to read as follows:

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change to the MD's current budgeted requisition for 2026; further that, all previous participating agreements be hereby rescinded; *further that Town of Spirit River be acknowledged and authorized to act as the Unit Authority for the Central Peace FCSS, and further that Council rescinds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.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES  
Councillor Bzowy

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

- A. Sergeant Stokes, RCMP, Spirit River Detachment  
Delegation, Sergeant Stokes, Spirit River RCMP Detachment, joined the meeting RM 05-26 at 9:09 am.

Spirit River RCMP Detachment Sergeant Stokes, departed Council Chambers at 10:00 am.

- 119.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the RCMP Delegation presentation and the Community Policing Program initiatives in the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

- 120.03.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to publish the Community Policing Program initiatives in Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 newsletter and Facebook page.

Carried unanimously.

- B. MPC – Subdivision Discussion:  
MPC meeting rescheduled to follow the regular meeting of Council, RM 05-26.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10.

REPORTS

A.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

121.03.11.26

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

Carried unanimously.

B.

CAO REPORT

122.03.11.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council host the G5 meeting at the Brownlee Building, and further that Council directs Administration to coordinate the meeting for the G5 municipalities, including Birch Hills County, Village of Rycroft, Town of Spirit River, and Saddle Hills County.

Carried unanimously.

123.03.11.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to table the Spring Road Tour scheduling discussion.

Carried unanimously.

124.03.11.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to consult with the Government of Alberta to ensure the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 is compliant with regulations regarding the transfer of payroll to the Town of Spirit River prior to their assumption of the Unit Authority role.

Carried unanimously.

125.03.11.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept CAO Report for information.

Carried unanimously.

C.

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

126.03.11.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the Agricultural Fieldman Report for information.

Carried unanimously.

127.03.11.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Administration to table the addition of elk and bison to the VSI agreement discussion to the next Council meeting, pending review by the Agricultural Service Board scheduled for March 12, 2026.

Carried unanimously.

**D. FINANCE REPORT**

**128.03.11.26** Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to accept the Finance Report for information.  
Carried unanimously.

**E. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**

**12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**129.03.11.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to host a Committee of the Whole (CotW) meeting for the purpose of asset management discussion and capital replacement planning, to be held on April 8th, 2026, following the Regular Council meeting.  
Carried unanimously.

**130.03.11.26** Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council approves the sponsorship for Wanham Plowing Match in the amount of \$500, further that an online Facebook raffle be held for the Wanham Plowing Match tickets, included in the sponsorship package.  
Carried unanimously.

**131.03.11.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approve a yearly recurring outgoing transfer of \$1.00 from the Municipality's main operating account to the RBC account for the purpose of maintaining an account balance to prevent the account from becoming inactive, that inactive status of which incur inactive fees, and that this transfer continue annually until such time as the RBC account is no longer required.  
Carried unanimously.

**14. BYLAWS**

**A. Bylaw 10-2024 Designated Noxious Weeds**

**132.03.11.26** Moved by Councillor Rozecki to rescind previous bylaw 10-2024.  
Carried unanimously.

**133.03.11.26** Bylaw 01-2026: Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Bylaw 01-2026, being a bylaw for the purpose of designating plants as noxious or prohibited noxious, be read a first time.  
Carried unanimously.

134.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Bylaw 01-2026 be read a second time.  
Carried unanimously.

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

135.03.11.26 Moved By Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Administration to send a letter to Lacombe County regarding concerns over the closure of the Lacombe County Research and Development Centre.  
Carried unanimously.

136.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council support the Central Peace Community Garden Park in the amount of \$500.  
Carried unanimously.

137.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Information and Correspondence Items A through G for information.  
Carried unanimously.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

138.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to move into closed meeting at 10:50 am.  
Carried unanimously.

Meeting RM 05-26 entered closed session at 10:50 am.

139.03.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to come out of closed meeting at RM 05-26 at 1:10 pm.  
Carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting RM 05-26 reconvened at 1:10 pm.

140.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to table the Alberta Counsel discussion to the Committee of the Whole CW 01-26 Budget Review Meeting, scheduled for March 23, 2026.  
Carried unanimously.

141.03.11.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to proceed as discussed in Closed Session regarding RM 05-26 Agenda Item 17.A. with funds to come from reserves.  
Carried unanimously.

142.03.11.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council of Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 join the G5 Regional Industrial Committee.  
Carried unanimously.

143.03.11.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to send a letter to Saddle Hills County regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF).

Carried unanimously.

144.03.11.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council create an internal investment, economic development and engagement committee (IIEDEC), comprised of Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 CAO, Assistant CAO, Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

Carried unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Wark left the meeting at 1:20 pm.

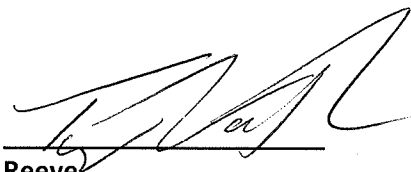
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ADJOURNMENT

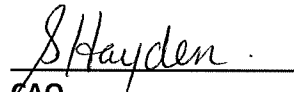
Reeve van Rootselaar adjourned the meeting RM 05-26 at 1:33 pm.

Meeting RM 05-26 adjourned at 1:33 pm.

These minutes approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.  
*S.H.* *S.H. TVR*



Reeve  
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO  
Shirley Hayden