



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.06.26
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 will be 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, March 25th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Council Members: Reeve Tony van Rootselaar
Deputy Reeve Dean Wark
Councillor Shelley Rozecki
Councillor Evelyn Bzowy
Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer

Administration: Shirley Hayden, CAO
Monty Bremont, Assistant CAO
Dave Johnson, Public Works Supervisor
Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman
Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Recording Secretary

Delegation: Max Fritz, Strategic and Priority Planning

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve van Rootselaar called the meeting RM 06-26 to order at 9:08 am.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

No additions to the Agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

145.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the RM 06-26 Agenda for March 25, 2026 as presented.

Carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

146.03.25.26 Councillor Schoorlemmer moved to accept the Minutes from RM 05-26 Regular Council Meeting held March 11th, 2026 with the following amendments:

Motion 141.03.11.26 - addition of "with funds to come from reserves" to read "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*".

Motion 142.03.11.26 - addition of "Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 to join G5" to read "Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that *Council of Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 join the G5 Regional Industrial Committee*".

Carried unanimously.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

- A. Max Fritz - Council Priority Setting (9:10 am)
Delegation Max Fritz joined the meeting at 9:10 am, presented a Strategic and Priority Planning proposal, and left the meeting at 9:33 am.

147.03.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to move ahead with Strategic Planning as presented, with Max Fritz, and further that Administration coordinate dates with Max Fritz.

Carried unanimously.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

148.03.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Public Works to undertake necessary actions to put two grader Units 32116 and 32118, up for tender for 30 days, offers to be reviewed by Council, and further that offers will not necessarily be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

Councillor Bzowy left Council Chambers at 10:09 am, and returned to Council Chambers at 10:11 am.

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

Carried unanimously.

B. CAO REPORT

150.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to coordinate the attendance of Councillor Rozecki and CAO Hayden to the RiskPro Conference in Calgary April 28 - 30, 2026, using points where possible for travel to conference.
Carried unanimously.

151.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Administration to reach out to Max Fritz to invite him to present at G5 meeting on July 8th, 2026, and further, request that he amend his engagement proposal to reflect the additional presentation, and further, that the Municipal District of Spirit River will cover the additional cost of accommodation.
Carried unanimously.

152.03.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council review the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 Procedural Bylaw with Administration at a future meeting.
Carried unanimously.

153.03.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept CAO report for information.
Carried unanimously.

C. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

154.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Agricultural Fieldman report for information.
Carried unanimously.

155.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to send a letter engaging community members/members of the public, to express their interest in creating a cemetery care committee.
Carried unanimously.

D. FINANCE REPORT

E. COUNCIL REPORTS

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

A. 156.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to add Elk and Bison to the VSI user list as per Agricultural Fieldman recommendations.
Carried unanimously.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 157.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council rescind Policy No. ASB.08 "Agricultural Equipment Rental Policy" and Policy No. ASB.09 "Agricultural Equipment Rental Rates".

Carried unanimously.

Reeve van Rootselaar recessed Meeting RM 06-26 for lunch at 11:40 am. Reeve van Rootselaar reconvened Council Meeting RM 06-26 at 12:35 pm, with MMSA representatives Komiete Tetteh and Inwon Nteogwuija in attendance.

158.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy to enter into closed meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Meeting RM 06-26 entered closed meeting at 12:35pm

159.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy to leave closed session at 2:40

Carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting RM 06-26 resumed at 2:40 pm.
MMSA Representatives left the meeting.

160.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Administration to take the necessary steps to withdraw advertising presence in MoveUp magazine, and further to allocate funds (approx. \$30,000) to upgrade the MD website.

Carried unanimously.

161.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to track expenses of the 2026 roadside mowing program to assess in-house feasibility rather than contracting.

Carried unanimously.

162.03.25.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to reach out to Grande Spirit Foundation regarding the potential for a human resources partnership.

Carried unanimously.

163.03.25.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council direct Finance department to include pie chart of requisitions in tax notice mail-outs.

Carried unanimously.

B. 164.03.25.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council authorize the renewal of the Agricultural Lease Agreement with Arvid Lof for the haying of 19 acres of Municipal District of Spirit River-owned land at NE 5-82-1W6, within the Municipal District of Fairview, for a three (3) year term effective April 1st 2026, at a rate of \$20.00 per acre, and further that Administration conduct annual weed inspections and ensure there is documentation of said

inspections, and further that the Agreement be reviewed in three (3) years' time, in 2029.

Carried unanimously.

C. 165.03.25.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar to accept the Request for Decision: YOLO Nomads, for information.

Carried unanimously.

D. 166.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council award Contract No. TND-2026-001 for the Highway 2 and Township 780 Intersection Improvement Project to Northern Road Builders GP Ltd. in the amount of \$1,662,422.40 (excluding GST) subject to execution of the formal contract and submission of required statutory declaration, insurance certification, and performance, labour, and materials bonding.

Carried unanimously.

E. 167.03.25.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to contact Happy Valley Ag and Recreation Club, to communicate Council's offer of advertising for the Happy Valley Ag and Recreation Club, in the Municipal District of Spirit River newsletter; 1/4 page advertisement for the duration of one year, and further that Administration contact the Happy Valley Ag and Recreation Club regarding potential for the Municipal District of Spirit River to display a four (4) foot by four (4) foot MD sign with the MD of Spirit River No. 133 logo, as described in their sponsorship request letter, any incurred costs for the sign to come from the MD signage budget.

Carried unanimously.

168.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Item 15. A through S Information and Correspondence as information.

Carried unanimously.

CFO Elena Valdes entered the meeting at 3:14 pm.

Councillor Rozecki left the meeting at 3:53 pm, and returned to Council Chambers at 3:55 pm.

169.03.25.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to base Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 2026 tax rate bylaw on Option 1 as presented by Finance.

Carried unanimously.

170.03.25.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council authorizes the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 to act as the Fiscal Agent for the Spirit River Regional Daycare Society (SRRDS), subject to the execution of an agreement between both parties.

Carried unanimously.

171.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Capital Budget as presented.
Carried unanimously.

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

172.03.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to enter into closed meeting at 4:49 pm
Carried unanimously.
Meeting RM 06-26 entered closed session at 4:49 pm

173.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to leave closed session and return to
regular meeting at 5:06 pm.
Carried unanimously.
Regular Meeting RM 06-26 resumed at 5:06 pm.

174.03.25.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to send
the letter regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) and
independent funding meetings as presented and to coordinate the
meetings for April 7th and as an alternate possibility April 14th, pending
Saddle Hills County Council availability.
Carried unanimously.

175.03.25.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council authorize Administration to enter
into a one-year term agreement with Alberta Counsel for grant writing
services.
Carried unanimously.

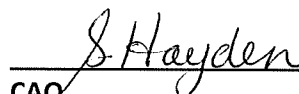
ADJOURNMENT

Reeve van Rootselaar adjourned Regular Council Meeting RM 06-26 at 5:10
pm.

These minutes approved this 8th day of April, 2026.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Shirley Hayden