



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.08.26
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 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, April 22, 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

Absent: Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer

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

Ken Drysdale, Chairman, Maskwa Medical Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve van Rootselaar called meeting RM 08-26 to order at 9:03 am.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Addition of the following items:

Addendum Items :

13.A Funding for CP Medical Clinic

15.T. Correspondence and Information - Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, Traffic Safety Fund Letters & Applications

17.C. Closed Session, to discuss Third Party Business Interests

17.D. Closed Session, to discuss Economic & Other Interests

Request to add:

13.C MD Newsletter

Remove the following item:

8.B. MPC.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

203.04.22.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the Agenda for Regular Council Meeting RM 08-26 with the following amendments:

Addition of the following items:

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Remove the following item:

8.B. MPC.

Carried unanimously.

4. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A. 204.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept the minutes for RM 07-26 Meeting as presented.

Carried unanimously.

5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

6. **COUNCILLOR ABSENCES**

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **DELEGATIONS**

A. Ken Drysdale, Maskwa Medical Center Chairman of the Board, joined the meeting RM 08-26, at 9:06 am, and presented information regarding the Maskwa Medical Center under development in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Delegation left the meeting at 9:55 am.

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

10.

REPORTS

A.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

205.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to extend the advertising for the two MD graders, ensuring they are advertised in the MD newsletter, and further that if there is no expressed interest by buyers, that Administration is directed to arrange for sale in the upcoming Weaver Auction scheduled for June 2026.

Carried unanimously.

206.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Public Works Supervisor's report for information.

Carried unanimously.

B.

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

207.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accepts the Agricultural Fieldman's verbal report for information.

Carried unanimously.

C.

FINANCE REPORT

208.04.22.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council accept the CFO finance report for information.

Carried unanimously.

D.

CAO REPORT

209.04.22.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the CAO report for information.

Carried unanimously.

E.

COUNCIL REPORTS

210.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Deputy Reeve Wark's Central Peace Fire and Rescue report for information.

Carried unanimously.

Reeve van Rootselaar recessed Meeting RM 08-26 at 10:39, and reconvened the meeting at 10:46 am.

Carried unanimously.

211.04.22.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Reeve van Rootselaar's Central Peace Medical Clinic report for information.

Carried unanimously.

212.04.22.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to engage the Central Peace Regional Water Commission regarding the waterline installation project and request access on behalf of the MD of Spirit River.

Carried unanimously.

213.04.22.26 Deputy Reeve Wark moved that Council accept Councillor Bzowy's Central Peace Attraction and Retention committee report as information.

Carried unanimously.

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. 214.04.22.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approve the 2025 Medical Clinic Deficit Requisition and the 2026 Capital Requisition as follows: 1. The 2025 Operating Deficit in the amount of \$7,949.12; 2. the 2026 Annual Capital Requisition (20% portion) of \$2,000.00, to come from reserves; and 3. the 2026 Special Renovation Requisition (20% portion) of \$13,000.00, to come from reserves; for a total requisition of \$22,949.12, of which \$15,000.00 is to come from reserves.

Carried unanimously.

B. 215.04.22.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the Operating and Capital Budgets as presented with the change in the pie chart colour.

Carried unanimously.

C. 216.04.22.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Addition to Agenda Item 13. C. MD Newsletter, as information

Carried unanimously.

14. BYLAWS

A. Bylaw 01-2026

217.04.22.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Bylaw 01-2026: Bylaw for the Purpose of Designating Plants as Noxious or Prohibited Noxious be given Third and Final Reading, and finally passed.

Carried unanimously.

B.

Bylaw 02-2026

218.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Bylaw 02-2026, for the purpose of authorizing the Rates of Taxation for the 2026 Taxation Year, be given First Reading.

Carried unanimously.

219.04.22.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Bylaw 02-2026 be given Second Reading.

Carried unanimously.

220.04.22.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that consent be given for Third Reading of Bylaw 02-2026.

Carried unanimously.

221.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Bylaw 02-2026 for the purpose of authorizing the Rates of Taxation for the 2026 Taxation Year be read a third and final time, and be passed.

Carried unanimously.

Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting left Meeting RM 08-26 at 12:02 pm.

Councillor Rozecki left Council Chambers at 12:08 pm and returned at 12:12 pm.

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson left Council Chambers at 12:21 pm.

15.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

222.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council of the MD of Spirit River No. 133 hereby proclaims the week of May 3 – 9, 2026 as Emergency Preparedness Week within the Municipal District; further that Council encourages all residents to take proactive steps toward personal and community safety by identifying local risks, developing a household emergency plan, and preparing an emergency kit to ensure they can be self sufficient for at least 72 hours in the event of an emergency.

Carried unanimously.

223.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Administration send a letter to the Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission suggesting a ten-year debenture for the financing for the construction of the new fire hall.

Carried unanimously.

224.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept Information and Correspondence Items A through T as information.

Carried unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 12:41 and returned at 12:42 pm.

Reeve van Rootselaar recessed meeting RM 08-26 for lunch at 12:43 pm, and reconvened meeting at 1:04 pm.

Carried unanimously.

16.

COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17.

CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

225.04.22.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to enter into closed session at 1:04 pm, as per Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4) to discuss:

- A. Economic and Other Interests (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30, Economic and Other Interests;*
- B. Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26;*
- C. Third Party Business Interests: (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 16, Third Party Business Interests*)
- D. Economic and Other Interests (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30, Economic and Other Interests.*

Carried unanimously.

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson joined the closed session portion of Meeting RM 08-26 at 1:14 pm, and left the meeting at 1:35 pm.

226.04.22.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to come out of closed session at 2:43 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting RM 08-26 resumed at 1:43 pm.

227.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accepts the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee's recommendation of the proposed site, authorizes the MD to proceed with a Development Permit Application, and directs Administration to formalize an agreement with Fire and Form Architecture and Engineering to act as the Authorized Agent for the application process.

Carried unanimously.

228.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to:

1. Contact the participating municipalities to advise that MD membership in the committee is subject to a review of the Terms of Reference; and
2. Coordinate the hosting of the next committee meeting by the MD on July 30, 2026, pending the outcome of that review.

Carried unanimously.

229.04.22.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar to approve the Policy PWS.15 with amendments as presented and also the following further amendments: add to item 2a) "As per Public Works Supervisor discretion" to read "Application rate of 2.5 litres per square metre for the average width of 9.144 metres (30ft). Residents will be required to pay \$7.50 per lineal meter subsidized at 50% by the municipality, as per the Public Works Supervisor discretion."; further remove items 2c and 3c portion that says "(Note that Energy Companies may pay the costs - contact them as required)."; and add to item 4.a. the words 'social media' to read "Notice of the Dust control program is advertised in the MD Newsletter at least in one issue in the spring of each year, and on all Municipal social media".

Carried unanimously.

230.04.22.26

Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Item 17.D as information.

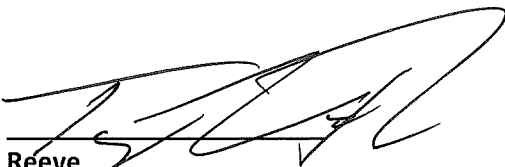
Carried unanimously.

18.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve van Rootselaar adjourned meeting RM 08-26 at 2:46 pm.

These minutes approved this 13th day of May, 2026.



 Reeve
 Tony Van Rootselaar



 CAO
 Shirley Hayden