



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.11.26
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 10th, 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, June 10th, 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

Absent: No Councillor Absences

Administration: Shirley Hayden, CAO
Monty Bremont, Assistant CAO
Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting RM 11-26 called to order by Reeve van Rootselaar at 9:03 am.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

New Business Items:

- 13.D. Build Communities Strong Fund**
- 13.E. Confidentiality Policy ADM.42**
- 13.F. Council, Committee and Board Remuneration Leg. 18**
- 13.G. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of Auditor**

Closed Session Items:

- 17.F. Third Party Business Interests**
- 17.G. Intermunicipal Relations**
- 17.H. Economic and Other Interests**

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 282.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to approve the agenda for the June 10th, 2026 Regular Council meeting with the following additions:

New Business Items:

13.D. Build Communities Strong Fund

13.E. Confidentiality Policy ADM.42

13.F. Council, Committee and Board Remuneration Leg. 18

13.G. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of Auditor

Closed Session Items:

17.F. Third Party Business Interests (Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 16, Third Party Business Interests).

17.G. Intermunicipal Relations (Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26).

17.H. Economic and Other Interests (Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30, Economic and Other Interests).

Carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. MOTION 283.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to approve the minutes for May 27th, 2026 Regular Council meeting RM 10-26 as presented.

Carried unanimously.

B. MOTION 284.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the minutes for May 27th, 2026 Municipal Planning Commission MPC 03-26 meeting as presented.

Carried unanimously.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. **DELEGATIONS**

- A. Chief Brian Kroes, Central Peace Fire & Rescue Commission, and Brice Daly, Central Peace Regional Emergency Management, joined Regular Council Meeting RM 11-26 at 9:07 am, and left the meeting at 9:44 am.

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson joined Regular Council meeting RM 11-26 at 9:39 am.

Councillor Rozecki left Council Chambers at 9:44 am , and returned at 9:48 am.

- B. Delegation GEM Holdings, represented by Sarah Smith and Murray Smith, joined the meeting RM 11-26 at 9:45 am, and left the meeting at 10:26 am.

Councillor Bzowy left Council Chambers at 10:19 am, and returned at 10:21 am.

- C. Delegation UFA (United Farmers of Alberta) represented by Andrew Wells joined the meeting RM 11-26 at 10:27 am and left the meeting at 11:05 am.

CFO Elena Valdes joined meeting RM 11-26 at 10:37 am, and left the meeting when recessed at 11:05 am.

MOTION 285.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Administration purchase a membership to United Farmers of Alberta (UFA) in the amount of five (5) dollars (\$5.00), to come from the Membership Fees GL.

Carried unanimously.

Reeve van Rootselaar recessed meeting RM 11-26 at 11:05 am and the meeting resumed at 11:12 am.

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

10. **REPORTS**

A. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

MOTION 286.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept the Public Works report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

B. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

MOTION 287.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council accept the Agricultural Fieldman report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson left meeting RM 11-26 at 11:32 am.

C. FINANCE REPORT

MOTION 288.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Finance Report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

D. CAO REPORT

MOTION 289.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to pay the Wildfire Invoice in the amount of \$76, 867.70, and further to apply for the Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program (MWAP) grant.

Carried unanimously.

CFO Elena Valdes joined meeting RM 11-26 at 11:51 am and left the meeting at 11:58 am.

MOTION 290.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council approve Infotech proposal for enhanced cybersecurity in the amount of \$1,134.00 annually, to come from Training Fees GLs allocated by department.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 291.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council be authorized to attend the Empowering Minds Elected Officials session on June 16th, 2026, and June 17th, 2026 evening Public session being hosted at the Rycroft Agricultural Society.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 292.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Councillors Rozecki and Bzowy and CAO Hayden attend the Central Peace hospital tour scheduled for June 26, 2026.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 293.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept CAO Report as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Reeve van Rootselaar recessed meeting RM 11-26 for lunch at 12:33 pm and reconvened the meeting at 1:04 pm.

E. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

MOTION 294.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Central Peace Regional Water Project update for information.

Carried unanimously.

11. **TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**

A. MOTION 295.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council authorize the reimbursement of the development permit fee in the amount of \$3,690.00 for Permit 07-DP-26 to Saddle Hills County.

Carried unanimously.

12. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. MOTION 296.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to coordinate the annual Municipal District of Spirit River road tour for July 20th, 2026.

Carried unanimously.

B. MOTION 297.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council accept the Peace Regional Economic Development Association (PREDA) request regarding the invitation for appointment of PREDA Board of Directors member for information.

Carried unanimously.

C. MOTION 298.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approve the letter to Forestry and Parks Wildfire Management Branch regarding the 2024 wildfire mutual aid response invoice, with the following amendments:

- paragraph 2: remove the word 'graciously', to read fully "The correspondence pertains to a wildfire that occurred within the Municipal District of Spirit River on August 24, 2024, during which Alberta Forestry and Parks responded to a Mutual Aid request from the Central Peace Fire and Rescue Committee (CPFRC)."
- paragraph 3: insert 'unforeseen financial consequence and created hardship', to read fully "Council's primary concern centers around the timeline of this correspondence and the significant administrative challenges, as well as unforeseen financial consequence and consequent hardship that it has unintentionally created for our municipality."

Carried unanimously.

- D. MOTION 299.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council authorize Administration to submit an application to the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) Local Impact Stream(administered regionally via PrairiesCan) for the maximum allowable grant of \$1,000,000; and further, direct Administration to formally request a commitment for the remaining \$1,714,988 from the Government of Alberta to be approved prior to the federal application submission in order to satisfy federal eligibility requirements proving the project is fully funded.
Carried unanimously.
- E. MOTION 300.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council approve the Confidentiality Policy ADM.42 as presented and direct Administration to implement amendments.
Carried unanimously.
- F. MOTION 301.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to update the Council, Committee, and Board Remuneration Leg. 18 policy to reflect that when Council is attending staff events, Council may submit for mileage reimbursement.
Carried unanimously.
- G. MOTION 302.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals for external audit services and direct Administration to return with an evaluation summary and recommendation for Council's consideration prior to awarding the contract.
Carried unanimously.

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- MOTION 303.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council accept Information & Correspondence Items A through G for information.
Carried unanimously.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17.

CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

- MOTION 304.06.10.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to enter closed meeting at 1:51 pm, for the purpose of discussing;
- A. Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26*).
 - B. Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*).
 - C. Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*).
 - D. Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26*).
 - E. Advice from Officials: (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 24, Advice from Officials*).
 - F. Third Party Business Interests (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 16, Third Party Business Interests*).
 - G. Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26*).
 - H. Economic and Other Interests (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30, Economic and Other Interests*).

Carried unanimously.

Meeting RM 11-26 entered Closed Session at 1:51 pm.

Councillor Bzowy recused herself due to a perceived conflict of interest regarding Item 17.C. Legal, at 2:08 pm, and left Council Chambers immediately prior to discussion on Item 17.C. Legal commencing. Councillor Bzowy returned to Council Chambers and meeting RM 11-26 at 2:40 pm, following the conclusion of discussion regarding 17.C. and whereupon discussion on Item 17.D. Intermunicipal Relations commenced.

- MOTION 305.06.10.26** Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar to leave closed session at 3:47 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting RM 11-26 resumed at 3:47 pm.

- MOTION 306.06.10.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to proceed as discussed in closed session regarding Item 17.A, regarding Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26*).

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 307.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept Item 17.B. for information.

MOTION 308.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to proceed as discussed in closed session regarding Item 17.C. Councillor Evelyn Bzowy abstained from voting on Motion 308.06.10.26.

*In Favour - Reeve van Rootselaar
In Favour - Deputy Reeve Wark
In Favour - Councillor Schoorlemmer
In Favour - Councillor Rozecki
Abstained - Councillor Bzowy
Carried.*

MOTION 309.06.10.26 Moved by Reeve Van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to proceed as discussed in closed session regarding item 17.D.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 310.06.10.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council table Item 17.E. to a future meeting.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 311.06.10.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to proceed as discussed in closed session regarding Item 17.F.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 312.06.10.26 Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council accept Item 17.G. for information.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 313.06.10.26 Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council accept Item 17.H. for information.

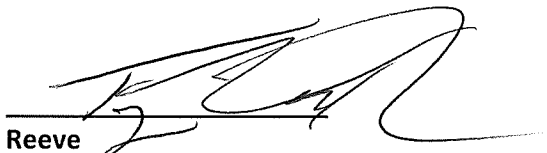
Carried unanimously.


18.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting RM 11-26 adjourned by Reeve van Rootselaar 3:56 pm.

These minutes approved this 24th day of June, 2026.


Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar


CAO
Shirley Hayden