



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.10.26
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 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, May 27th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

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

Absent: Reeve Tony van Rootselaar

Administration: Shirley Hayden, CAO
Simon Amting, Agricultural Fieldman
Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting RM 10-26 called to order by Deputy Reeve Wark at 9:02 am.

Councillor Schoorlemmer arrived at 9:03 am.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

New Business Item 13.F. Policy Leg. 18 Update

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 260.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to adopt the agenda for the May 27th, 2026 meeting RM 10-26 with the following addition: New Business 13.F. Leg 18 Policy: Council, Committee and Board Remuneration.

Carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION 261.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to adopt the minutes for RM 09-26 with the following amendments:

Motion 256.05.13.26: 'Woking Hall' be updated to 'Woking Multiplex' as the destination, and should read as follows: "Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council authorize Administration to offer use of the MD bus to the Central Peace Health and Wellness Coalition as per the Coalition request, for transport of attendees to the June 1st, 2026 Seniors Week event happening at Woking Multiplex".

Correction to the recorded arrival time of Councillor Rozecki to the Regular Council Meeting RM 09-26, where they arrived at 9:12 am. Minutes to be amended to read "Councillor Rozecki joined meeting at 9:12 am."

Carried unanimously.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

A. Louisa Robison, CEO Peace Library System, joined Regular Council Meeting RM 10-26 at 9:05 am and left the meeting at 9:23 am.

B. Deputy Reeve Wark recessed the Regular Council Meeting RM 10-26 at 9:23 am, to hold a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Regular Council Meeting RM 10-26 resumed at 9:36 am.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

MOTION 262.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to amend motion 205.04.22.26, whereby extending the advertising for the two MD graders, ensuring they are advertised in the MD newsletter, and further that Administration continue to keep the graders up for tender as per discussion at the May 27th, 2026 Regular Council meeting RM 10-26, and further that if no acceptable offer has been reached, the graders will be submitted to be listed in the local fall auction.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 263.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Public Works to apply calcium on Range Road 54, from Highway 49 to NW-9-78-5-W6 (old golf course).
Carried unanimously.

MOTION 264.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the Public Works Report for information.
Carried unanimously.

B. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

CFO Elena Valdes joined Regular Council Meeting RM 10-26 at 9:55 am.

MOTION 265.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to accept Agricultural Fieldman report for information.
Carried unanimously.

C. FINANCE REPORT

Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting left the Regular Council Meeting RM 10-26 at 10:04 am.

MOTION 266.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept the CFO Finance Report as presented.
Carried unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Wark recessed the Regular Council Meeting RM 10-26 at 10:47 am, and reconvened at 11:03 am.

D. CAO REPORT

MOTION 267.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept the CAO Report as presented.
Carried unanimously.

E. COUNCIL REPORTS

MOTION 268.05.27.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the Council Reports: South Peace Regional Archives, and Family and Community Support Services, as presented.
Carried unanimously.

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MOTION 269.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Administration to send a letter to MLA for Central Peace-Notley Todd Loewen regarding the invoice received for the fire GMD-004-24, seeking clarification regarding the length of time elapsed between the deployment of the fire response and the invoicing to the MD, as well as the time elapsed between the issuance of the invoice, that being March 25th, 2026, and the receipt of invoice by the MD Finance department, that being May 14th, 2026, for clarification prior to issuing payment for the invoice.
Carried unanimously.
- B. MOTION 270.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approve the appointment of Jaxon Stokes, Shyanne Page, Cindy Thornton and Natalya Klassen as weed and pest inspectors under the Weed Control Act and the Agricultural Pests Act effective May 1, 2026 until termination of employment with the Municipal District.
Carried unanimously.
- C. MOTION 271.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council adopt the Agricultural Services Board Grant Reporting as presented for information.
Carried unanimously.
- D. MOTION 272.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to enrol Municipal District staff members in the MMSA ArcGIS Field Map training on June 2nd, 2026 online via Teams.
Carried unanimously.
- E. MOTION 273.05.27.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council accept the United Way Grant Application Tools for School as information.
Carried unanimously.
- F. MOTION 274.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer that Council review and approve the updated Policy Leg 18: Council, Committee and Board Remuneration, as presented, with the following updates:
a. Amended date to be changed from December 3rd, 2025 to May 27th, 2026;
b. December 3rd, 2025 added to 'Past review dates';
c. Mixed compensation: Member meetings: ~~\$185.66~~ updated to \$191.23; Conference: Full day conference ~~257.50~~ updated to \$265.23 / per day; Half day conference: ~~\$185.66~~ updated to \$191.23 /per day;
d. Salary: Reeves Allowance changed from ~~\$1237.08~~ to \$1274.19;
e. Councillor Allowance changed from ~~\$1060.00~~ to \$1092.73;
f. Travel Allowance: Mileage Rates changed from ~~\$0.72~~ to \$0.73 per kilometre.
Carried unanimously.

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

MOTION 275.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to appoint Councillor Schoorlemmer to the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance.
Carried unanimously.

MOTION 276.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to provide donation item to the Spirit River Municipal Library Board per their letter request dated May 20th, 2026.
Carried unanimously.

MOTION 277.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki to accept Information and Correspondence Items A through J for information.
Carried unanimously.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

MOTION 278.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to enter into Closed Session as per Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4) at 12:11 pm, for the purpose of discussing *Intermunicipal Relations (Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26)*.
Carried unanimously.

Meeting RM 10-26 entered Closed Session at 12:11 pm.

MOTION 279.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to come out of closed session at 12:41 pm.
Carried unanimously.

Regular meeting RM 10-26 resumed at 12:41 pm.

MOTION 280.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to send a thank you letter to Saddle Hills County, signed by the Reeve, regarding funding, and include in the response that MD Council would like to sign the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement at Saddle Hills County's earliest convenience.
Carried unanimously.

MOTION 281.05.27.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to amend the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) transition and audit acknowledgement letter for 2026, to add the signatory lines to include CAO Shirley Hayden and, further, a signatory line be added for the CAO of Town of Spirit River or Chief Elected Official of Town of Spirit River, as the Unit Authority for FCSS.

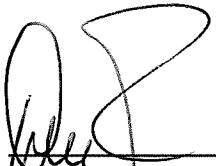
Carried unanimously.

18.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Deputy Reeve Wark at 12:42 pm.

These minutes approved this 10th day of June, 2026.



Deputy Reeve Dean Wark



CAO Shirley Hayden