



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council
Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.13.26
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 8th, 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, July 8th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Council Members: Reeve Tony van Rootselaar
Deputy Reeve Dean Wark
Councillor Shelley Rozecki (*virtual via Teams, declared to be alone*)
Councillor Evelyn Bzowy
Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer

Absent: No Councillor Absences

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting RM 13-26 was called to order by Reeve van Rootselaar at 9:09 am on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Deletion of Item 13.A. RFD: ASB Member Appointment – remove this item from agenda RM 13-26 due to lack of quorum at ASB meeting;

Addition of Item 13.D. RFD: VEK Labs Additional Expenses

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

335.07.08.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to approve the agenda for the July 8th, 2026 Regular Council meeting RM 13-26 with the following amendments:
13.A. Remove Item 13.A. RFD: ASB Member Appointment
13.D. Addition of Item 13.D. RFD: VEK Labs Additional Expenses

Carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
- A. 336.07.08.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to approve the minutes for the June 24th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting RM 12-26 as presented.
Carried unanimously.
5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES
7. PUBLIC HEARING
8. DELEGATIONS
9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
10. REPORTS
- A. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
- 337.07.08.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council directs Administration to seek three quotes for weeping tile and sump pump remedial work due to the MD administration office basement flooding, and further that Administration will select the successful bid with the cost to be capped at \$20,000, to come from Reserves.
Carried unanimously.
- 338.07.08.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to accept RM 13-26 Public Works report as presented by Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson.
Carried unanimously.
- B. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT
- 339.07.08.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to accept the RM 13-26 Agricultural Fieldman Report as presented by Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting.
Carried unanimously.
- C. FINANCE REPORT
- 340.07.08.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept the RM 13-26 Finance Report as presented by CFO Elena De Leon.
Carried unanimously.

D.

CAO REPORT

341.07.08.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to table discussion regarding email signatures and bring back to a future meeting.

Carried unanimously.

342.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to accept the RM 13-26 CAO report as presented by CAO Shirley Hayden.

Carried unanimously.

Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting & Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson left the meeting RM 13-26 at 9:58 am.

E.

COUNCIL REPORTS

i. Agricultural Services Board (ASB)

343.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct the Agricultural Fieldman to look into rationale for exception to wild boar extermination, and further to bring the discovery back to a future Council meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Assistant CAO Monty Bremont left meeting RM 13-26 at 10:14 am and returned at 10:18 am.

ii. Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission (CPFRF)

No updates available for meeting RM 13-26.

iii. Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA)

344.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) report as presented by PREDA Committee Member Councillor Rozecki.

Carried unanimously.

11.

TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13.

NEW BUSINESS

A.

13.A. removed from Agenda.

Deputy Reeve Wark left meeting RM 13-26 at 10:48 am, and returned 10:50 am.

B. 345.07.08.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council establish the date for the 2026 Public Auction for roll number 136200 to be held on November 9th, 2026 at 2 pm.

Carried unanimously.

346.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council resolve that the presented Terms and Conditions of Sale for the 2026 Public Auction for roll number 136200 are hereby approved.

Carried unanimously.

C. 347.07.08.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council, having ceded the lead role of Unit Authority for Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) effective July 1st, 2026, hereby rescinds all FCSS Policies:

1. 1-A Comprisal of FCSS Board and Tenure of Board Members
2. 1-B FCSS Expenditure Policy
3. 1-C Designation of Responsibilities of Unit Authority
4. 1-D FCSS Board meeting and minutes
5. 1-E FCSS Board Member Collective and Individual Responsibilities
6. 1-F FCSS Board Budget
7. 1-G Request for Financial Statements
8. 1-H Employee Timesheets
9. 1-I Withdrawal and Addition of Participating Municipalities
10. 1-J Scope of Participating Programs and Funding
11. 1-K Grievance and Complaints Policy
12. 1-L FCSS Coordinator Job Description
13. 1-M FCSS Program Assistant Job Description
14. 1-N Code of Conduct and Guidelines

Carried unanimously.

D. 348.07.08.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council authorize Administration to add a full production day as per VekLabs' proposal, with the total cost to be reduced via Avion points where possible.

Carried unanimously.

14.

BYLAWS

A. 349.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Bylaw 03-2026 for the purpose of repealing obsolete FCSS bylaws 01-2005, 02-2005, and 07-2005, is hereby read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

350.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Bylaw 03-2026 be read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

351.07.08.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that consent be given to read Bylaw 03-2026 a third and final time.

Carried unanimously.

352.07.08.26

Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Bylaw 03-2026 for the purpose of repealing obsolete FCSS bylaws 01-2005, 02-2005, and 07-2005, is hereby read a third and final time and finally passed.

Carried unanimously.

15.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

353.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 hereby proclaims October 15th, 2026 as Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day, and October 2026 as Pregnancy and Loss Awareness Month, within the Municipal District, and further that Council directs Administration to promote the proclamation as presented, in the MD Newsletter and on MD social media sites.

Carried unanimously.

354.07.08.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to accept Correspondence and Information Items 15.A. through 15.I. for information.

Carried unanimously.

16.

COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17.

CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

355.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Bzowy to enter into closed session at 11:35 am, for the purpose of discussing:

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Meeting RM 13-26 entered closed session at 11:35 am.

356.07.08.26

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to leave closed session at 12:30 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting RM 13-26 resumed at 12:30 pm.

357.07.08.26

Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Administration to obtain quotes from the consultants as presented.

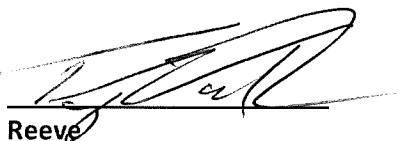
Carried unanimously.

18.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve van Rootselaar adjourned Regular Council meeting RM 13-26 at 12:30 pm.

These minutes approved this 12th day of August, 2026.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



CAO
Shirley Hayden