



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council

Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.14.26

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 12th, 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, August 12th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Council Members: Reeve Tony van Rootselaar
Councillor Shelley Rozecki
Councillor Evelyn Bzowy
Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer (*arrived 9:11 am*)

Absent: Deputy Reeve Dean Wark (*absent with regrets*)

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

Regular Council Meeting RM 14-26 was called to order by Reeve van Rootselaar at 9:05 am on Wednesday, August 12th, 2026.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Requested by Councillor Bzowy to add Road Tour Action Items to Agenda under New Business;

Requested by Administration to add Additional FCSS Policies to the Agenda under Business Arising from the Minutes, a new motion is required to rescind the remaining FCSS policies that were missed at the July 8th, 2026 RM 13-26 Regular Council meeting;

Addition of Addendum Items:

New Business 13.D. RFD: Appointment of Board Members to the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (PRSDAB)

New Business 13.E. RFD: Auditor Appointment

Correspondence and Information 15.S. CORRESPONDENCE: Town of Spirit River email and Council motion regarding Traffic Safety Fund Donation Closed Session as per *Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4)* to discuss:

17.I. Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*).

17.J. Land (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 20*) and Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*).

3.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 360.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council adopt the agenda for Regular Council Meeting RM 14-26 with the following additions:

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

9. A. Additional Family and FCSS Policies to rescind, as follows:

15) FCSS Program 2-A Youth Programs

16) FCSS Program 2-B Seniors' Supports

17) FCSS Program 2-C Community Initiatives

18) FCSS Program 2-D Community Connections and Supports

19) FCSS Program 2-E Community Kitchen

20) FCSS Program 2-F Christmas Hamper

21) FCSS Program 2-G Helping Hands Home Support Program

21.1) FCSS Program 2-G a) Home Support Fee Payment Schedule

22) FCSS Program 2-H Meals on Wheels

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.D. RFD: Appointment of Board Members to the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (PRSDAB)

13.E. RFD: Auditor Appointment

13.F. Road Tour Action Items

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

15.S. CORRESPONDENCE: Town of Spirit River email and Council motion regarding Traffic Safety Fund Donation

17. CLOSED SESSION as per *Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4)* to discuss:

17.I. Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*).

17.J. Land (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 20*) and Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*).

Carried unanimously.

4.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. MOTION 361.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approve the minutes for the July 8th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting RM 13-26 as presented.

Carried unanimously.

B. MOTION 362.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council adopt the minutes for the July 17th, 2026 Special Council Meeting SM 02-26 as presented.

Carried unanimously.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

Deputy Reeve Dean Wark (*absent with regrets*)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- MOTION 363.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council rescind remaining Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) policies, as listed:
- 15) FCSS Program 2-A Youth Programs
 - 16) FCSS Program 2-B Seniors' Supports
 - 17) FCSS Program 2-C Community Initiatives
 - 18) FCSS Program 2-D Community Connections and Supports
 - 19) FCSS Program 2-E Community Kitchen
 - 20) FCSS Program 2-F Christmas Hamper
 - 21) FCSS Program 2-G Helping Hands Home Support Program
 - 21.1) FCSS Program 2-G a) Home Support Fee Payment Schedule
 - 22) FCSS Program 2-H Meals on Wheels

Carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS

A. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

- MOTION 364.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept Agricultural Fieldman Report RM 14-26 as presented by Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting.

Carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- MOTION 365.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Public Works Report RM 14-26 as presented by Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson.

Carried unanimously.

- MOTION 366.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson to coordinate for the sale of the two MD graders in the September 2026 auction sale.

Carried unanimously.

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson and Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting left the meeting RM 14-26 at 10:18 am.

C. FINANCE REPORT

MOTION 367.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Finance Report RM 14-26 as presented by CFO Elena De Leon.

Carried unanimously.

Councillor Rozecki left meeting RM 14-26 at 10:43 am and returned to Council Chambers at 10:46 am.

D. CAO REPORT

Councillor Bzowy left meeting RM 14-26 at 10:56 am and returned to Council Chambers at 10:58 am.

Assistant CAO Monty Bremont left meeting RM 14-26 at 10:58 am and returned to Council Chambers at 11:01 am.

MOTION 368.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council accept the CAO Report RM 14-26 as presented by CAO Shirley Hayden.

Carried unanimously.

E. COUNCIL REPORTS

MOTION 369.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance (MPWA) Report as presented by appointed MPWA member Councillor Schoorlemmer.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 370.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) report as presented by appointed FCSS Board Member Councillor Bzowy.

Carried unanimously.

Reeve van Rootselaar recessed meeting RM 14-26 at 11:28 am, and reconvened the meeting at 2:05 pm.

11. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MOTION 371.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Evelyn Bzowy that Council officially proclaim the week of September 21st to 27th, 2026, as Rail Safety Week in the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133.
Carried unanimously.
- B. MOTION 372.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council adopt the amended Cemetery policy CEM.06 as presented, with the following amendments:
1. clear reporting requirements, including submission requirements of:
 - financial information;
 - updated cemetery records;
 - photographs;
 - updated cemetery map;
 2. define submission deadlines;
 3. clarification regarding documentation - must be relevant to immediately preceding calendar year;
 4. establishment of timing for annual release of funds;
 5. introduction / addition of standardized compliance checklist.
- Carried unanimously.*
- C. MOTION 373.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to purchase a corporate table for the Friends of the Grande Spirit Foundation Harvest Dinner Fundraiser in the amount of \$850.00, and further that the tickets for the event be donated to residents of the Spirit River Pleasantview Lodge who may want to attend, and further that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 provide the MD Transit Bus service at no charge, for the purpose of ensuring the safe transportation of the ticket recipients to and return from the Grande Spirit Foundation Annual Harvest Dine and Dance event, where the MD transit bus costs may total up to \$750.00 including driver, to come from Reserves; and further that an item be donated to the GSF Harvest Dinner & Dance Silent Auction.
Carried unanimously.
- D. MOTION 374.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council appoint John Croken of MD 136 and Lynne Coulter of the Town of Fairview as temporary Members of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for the sole purpose of hearing Appeal Files No. 26PRSDAB001-A to 26PRSDAB001-E, effective August 11, 2026, with the appointments terminating upon the Board issuing its written decision in those appeals.
Carried unanimously.
- MOTION 375.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approve the appointment of Mercedes Doiron of the Town of Fairview as a Member of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a three-year term, effective August 11, 2026.
Carried unanimously.

- E. MOTION 376.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council award the Audit Contract for the years 2026 to 2028 to Metrix Group LLP in the amount of \$81,000.00 subject to execution and detailed review of the formal contract by Administration.

Carried unanimously.

- MOTION 377.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to draft a policy regarding standards for the construction of approaches and bring back to a future meeting for review.

Carried unanimously.

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- MOTION 378.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept Correspondence and Information Items A through S for information.

Carried unanimously.

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

17. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

- MOTION 379.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council enter into closed meeting at 3:08 pm, as per *Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4)* for the purpose of discussing:

- A. Third Party Business Interests: (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 16, Third Party Business 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*)
- E. Advice from Officials: (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 24, Advice from Officials*)
- F. Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26*)
- G. Labour (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 19*)
- H. Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*)
- I. Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*)

- J. Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*) and Land (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 20*).
Carried unanimously.

Meeting RM 14-26 entered closed session at 3:08 pm.

- MOTION 380.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to leave closed session at 4:27 pm.
Carried unanimously.

Regular Council Meeting RM 14-26 resumed at 4:27 pm.

- MOTION 381.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to proceed with the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) engagement with Town of Spirit River and Village of Rycroft as discussed.
Carried unanimously.

- MOTION 382.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council table the organizational review proposal to RM 15-26 on September 9th, 2026.
Carried unanimously.

- MOTION 383.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council award applicants Shaelyn Beaupre and Colton Witts \$1,000 each as per the 2026 Bursary Program.
Carried unanimously.

- MOTION 384.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council table review of the Community Policing Priorities (CPP) MD Resident survey results to a future meeting.
Carried unanimously.

- MOTION 385.08.12.26 Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to draft the proposed changes to the Waterline Agreement as discussed, and further that Administration research and collect cost estimates for the project.
Carried unanimously.

- MOTION 386.08.12.26 Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council recognize the significant long-term contributions of made by Ron Lindsay, and grant the full 20-year service award upon retirement, to come from the Employee Recognition/Human Resources Operating Budget.
Carried unanimously.

MOTION 387.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approve the MD House Rental Agreement with the following amendment to Item 43.b. where "the smoking, vaping, ingestion, cultivation, processing, or use of cannabis (marijuana), whether for recreational or non-prescribed purposes, is strictly prohibited *on the Premises*" be amended to read "the smoking, vaping, ingestion, cultivation, processing, or use of cannabis (marijuana), whether for recreational or non-prescribed purposes, is strictly prohibited *inside the house*": and further, that Council direct Administration to execute the Agreement.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 388.08.12.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to accept R360 contract for information.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 389.08.12.26 Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar to enter into the agreement as presented.

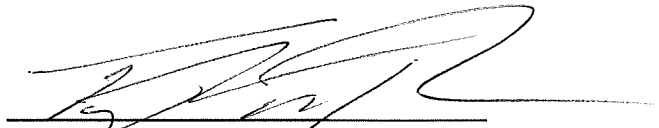
Carried unanimously.

18.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve van Rootselaar adjourned Regular Council meeting RM 14-26 at 4:28 pm.

These minutes approved this 9th day of September, 2026.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



Deputy Reeve
Dean Wark



Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Shirley Hayden