



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 Council

Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM.17.26

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 14th, 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, October 14th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance:

Council Members:

Reeve Tony van Rootselaar
Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer
Deputy Reeve Dean Wark
Councillor Shelley Rozecki
Councillor Evelyn Bzowy

Administration:

Shirley Hayden, Chief Administrative Officer
Monty Bremont, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Johnson, Public Works Supervisor
Elena De Leon, Chief Financial Officer
Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Recording Secretary

1.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve van Rootselaar called Regular Council Meeting RM 17-26 to order at 9:03 am on Wednesday, October 14th, 2026.

2.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

- 10.E. Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Verbal Report
- Addendum 11.D. Delegation Invitation to meet with Minister LaGrange regarding future Spirit River Hospital Development
- Addendum 13.B. Invitation to Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) Special Meeting: Regional Airport Management
- Addendum 17.H. Economic and Other Interests: *(Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30, Economic and Other Interests)*

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- MOTION 436.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy to adopt the agenda for Regular Council meeting RM 17-26 with the following Addendum and Addition items:
- 10.E. Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Verbal Report
- 11.D. Delegation Invitation to meet with Minister LaGrange regarding future Spirit River Hospital Development
- 13.B. Invitation to Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) Special Meeting: Regional Airport Management
- 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

- MOTION 437.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council approve the minutes for the September 23rd, 2026 Regular Council Meeting RM 17-26 as presented.
- Carried unanimously.*

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DELEGATIONS

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. REPORTS

A. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT

- MOTION 438.10.14.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council accepts Agricultural Fieldman Report RM 17-26 as presented by Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting.
- Carried unanimously.*

B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

MOTION 439.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct the Public Works Supervisor to investigate and obtain costs for the purchase and installation of 25,000 litre to 50,000 litre fuel tanks at the Public Works yard and bring back to a future meeting.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 440.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Public Works Report RM 17-26 as presented by Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson.

Carried unanimously.

Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting left Council Chambers at 9:37 am.

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson left Council Chambers at 9:38 am.

C. FINANCE REPORT

MOTION 441.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept the Finance Report RM 17-26 as presented by Director of Corporate Finance Elena de Leon.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 442.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that administration takes the required steps to prepare and advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) through the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) portal, for the provision of Municipal Assessment Services for the year 2027 and forward.

Carried unanimously.

D. CAO REPORT

MOTION 443.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the CAO Report RM 17-26 as presented by CAO Shirley Hayden.

Carried unanimously.

Director of Corporate Finance Elena de Leon left Council Chambers at 10:03 am.

E. COUNCIL REPORTS

MOTION 444.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept Councillor Schoorlemmer's verbal Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission report for information.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 445.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept Councillor Bzowy's verbal Central Peace Family and Community Support Services report for information.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 446.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept Deputy Reeve Wark's verbal Northern Alberta Elected Leaders report for information.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 447.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council accept the Central Peace Regional Water System Project Report dated October 7th, 2026, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

11.

TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

A. MOTION 448.10.14.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council approve Option 2 of the proposed new Municipal District of Spirit River Logo, with amendments as discussed.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 449.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to investigate the costs and installation of industrial park signs.

Carried unanimously.

B. MOTION 450.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council table the review of the MD Family and Community Support Services Policy ADM.78 be tabled to the next Regular Council meeting, RM 18-26, and direct Administration to bring back to a future Council meeting with the amendments as discussed.

Carried unanimously.

C. MOTION 451.10.14.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council adopts Information Management Policy IM.01: Privacy Management Program, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 452.10.14.26 Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council approves the attendance of all available members of Council and Assistant CAO Montana Bremont to a meeting with Minister LaGrange, scheduled immediately following the conclusion of the Fall 2026 Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention.

Carried unanimously.

12.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MOTION 453.10.14.26** Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council approve moving the Regular Council Meeting RM 19-26 scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2026, to Thursday, November 12th, 2026, beginning at 9:00 am, due to the Remembrance Day statutory holiday.
- Carried unanimously.*

14. BYLAWS

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- MOTION 454.10.14.26** Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Reeve van Rootselaar be authorized to attend the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) Special Meeting: Regional Airport Management, happening on October 23rd, 2026, at the Sandman Hotel in Grande Prairie.
- Carried unanimously.*

- MOTION 455.10.14.26** Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer to accept RM 17-26 Correspondence and Information Items A through M for information.
- Carried unanimously.*

- MOTION 456.10.14.26** Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council accept the letter of resignation from the Central Peace Family and Community Support Services Member-at-Large Vanessa Pybus, and further that Administration send a letter thanking her for her service.
- Carried unanimously.*

16. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Deputy Reeve Wark left Council Chambers at 10:44 am, and returned at 10:46 am.

Reeve van Rootselaar recessed meeting RM 17-26 at 11:26 am, and reconvened the meeting at 11:40 am.

17.

CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)

MOTION 457.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council move to closed meeting at 11:40 am as per *Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000, Section 197 (4)*, for the purpose of discussing:
Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26*)
Third Party Business Interests: (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 16, Third Party Business Interests*)
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Legal (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, ATIA, Section 27*).
Intermunicipal Relations (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 26*)
Economic and Other Interests: (*Access to Information Act, Part 1, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure ATIA Section 30, Economic and Other Interests*)
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Carried unanimously.

Closed Session of Regular Council Meeting RM 17-26 began at time 11:40 am.

CAO Hayden, Assistant CAO Bremont, and Recording Secretary Fitzsimmons remained in attendance. There were no members of the Public in attendance, and the virtual session was ended.

MOTION 458.10.14.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council come out of Closed Session at 4:02 pm.
Carried unanimously.

Regular Council Meeting RM 17-26 resumed in open session at 4:02 pm.

MOTION 459.10.14.26 Moved by Reeve van Rootselaar that Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission requesting a discussion take place regarding the proposal that the Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission be dissolved, and further proposing the establishment of a new regional G5 Fire Commission comprised of Saddle Hills County, Birch Hills County, the Village of Rycroft, the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, and the Town of Spirit River.
Carried unanimously.

MOTION 460.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council direct Administration to enter into an agreement with Fire & Form Architecture and Engineering as per their proposal and project scope, in the amount of \$278,324.00, to come from reserves.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 461.10.14.26 Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct Administration to respond to MPE's water inquiry, as discussed.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 462.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Bzowy that Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC), and Ministers Todd Loewen and Mickey Amery, requesting clarity on providing land ownership maps to the public with names, and further, relay the detrimental effects that the removal of names from ownership maps could cause.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION 463.10.14.26 Moved by Councillor Schoorlemmer that Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Town of Spirit River inviting their Council and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to meet with MD Council and CAO to discuss intermunicipal development opportunities.

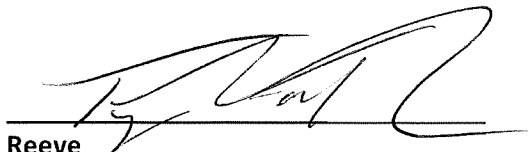
Carried unanimously.

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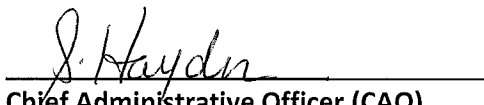
ADJOURNMENT

Reeve van Rootselaar adjourned Regular Council meeting RM 17-26 at 4:14 pm.

These minutes approved this 29th day of October, 2026.



Reeve
Tony Van Rootselaar



Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Shirley Hayden