



Town of Spirit River  
Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, Town Office  
July 18, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ezio, Meyer, Skoworodko, Stanich, Thomas, Interim CAO Greg Gayton,  
Administrative Assistant Karly MacDonnell, Superintendent of Public Works Brent Potter  
VIRTUAL: Mayor Yaremko, Councillor Nicholson

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Deputy Mayor Ezio called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- 22-197 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to adopt the July 18, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda as presented.  
Carried.
- 22-198 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
a. Council Meeting – June 20, 2022  
Moved by Councillor Thomas to approve the June 20, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.  
Carried.
- 22-199 4. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Bylaw No 986 to Rezone Lot 1,2; Block 10; Plan 66HW.  
*Council had a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of a parcel from R-2 zoning to Public Services zoning to facilitate a privately owned recreation facility. Staff reported that rezoning had been advertised and there had been no responses to the advertisement. Notifications had been sent to adjoining landowners, and there had no responses.*  
Moved by Councillor Meyer to adjourn the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Carried.
- 22-200 5. PRESENTATIONS  
a. Cliff Sopko – Private Service Repairs Council met with Cliff Sopko to discuss a private service repair that was done in 2021, and invoices that had been sent to him. He and Brent Potter discussed the circumstances behind the repair, including the curbscock involved.  
Moved by Councillor Meyer to approve waiving the remaining \$2,140.55 outstanding from the balance invoiced to Cliff Sopko. Carried.
- 22-201 6. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT  
*Mr. Potter reviewed with Council the areas targeted for pavement overlay. Funding would be coming from capital grant programs.*  
Moved by Councillor Thomas to approve contracting Blondin's Paving Ltd. to complete the overlay projects presented by Superintendent Brent Potter. Carried.
- 22-202 Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to approve demolishing the fence and removing the shed at the locum house. Carried.

*Superintendent of Public Works Brent Potter left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.*

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7. PUBLIC INPUT

- a. Beck Boissoneault – RPCPAC Concerns

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bylaw No. 986 – Rezone Lot 1,2; Block 10; Plan 66HW – Second & Third Reading  
*Councillor Nicholson abstained from being involved in the discussion and voting as he is related to the potential buyer.*  
*Councillor Stanich abstained from being involved in the discussion and voting as she is part of the Royal Canadian Legion.*

22-203 Moved by Councillor Thomas to read Bylaw No. 986 for the second time. Carried.

22-204 Moved by Councillor Meyer to read Bylaw No. 986 for the third and final reading. Carried.

- b. CN Land – Phase 2 Environmental Study Review

22-205 Moved by Councillor Stanich to table the CN land – Phase 2 Study until the August 15, 2022 Council Meeting. Carried.

- c. Tax Recovery Arrears Auction – Reserve Bids

22-206 Moved by Councillor Thomas to approve the reserved bids are presented. Carried.

- d. Airport Lighting Proposals

22-207 Moved by Councillor Thomas to approve contracting Approach Navigations to complete the rehabilitation on the airport lighting at an estimated cost of \$297,050.05. Carried.

- e. Central Peace Regional Water Supply – Update

- f. AUMA 2022 Registration

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

22-208 Moved by Councillor Stanich to appoint Councillor Meyer as Deputy Mayor for the next eight months. Carried.

- b. SRRR Hall Booking – Hall Joint Use Agreement

22-209 Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to waive the Centennial Hall rental fee; however, SRRR will still need to pay a \$500.00 damage deposit and pay for the janitorial services. Carried.

- c. Bylaw Enforcement Monthly Report

- d. FCSS Silent Auction Donation Request

22-210 Moved by Councillor Stanich to have Administration create a silent auction donation basket consisting of a one-hour private pool rental and other pool-related items. Carried.

- e. Spirit River Home Hardware – Trees Canada Grant

*Council directed Tim Bellamy to obtain a quote for spruce trees approximately 6 feet tall.*

- f. Spirit River Ag Society

- i. Financial Review

- ii. Arena Refrigeration Condenser

22-211 Moved by Councillor Yaremko to table the Financial Review and Arena Refrigeration Condenser cost request due to the Spirit River Ag Society not providing the Town with the requested financial documents. Carried.

- g. Spirit River Sea Wolves

- i. RFD – Year End Private Swim

22-212 Moved by Councillor Meyer to decline the rental due to it not being a regular schedule private rental time. All private rentals must be booked during the allotted private rental times on Saturday and Sunday. Carried.

- ii. 2022 Agreement

- h. Reserves Adjustments

*The CAO presented an updated reserve schedule for all operating and capital reserves. This included additions from the 2022 budget.*

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22-213 Moved by Councillor Nicholson to approve the reserves as presented. Carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Hwy 2/49 Music and Dance Society – Letter of Appreciation
- b. ARS – Letter of Appreciation
- c. Village of Rycroft – Traffic Control
- d. Village of Rycroft – Economic Development
- e. Call To Action, Provincial Police Force – Final Release

*Council directed Administration to reach out to Hwy 2/49 Music and Dance Society to let them know of the positive reviews/experience from their recent festival held at the Centennial Hall and to work on a plan for parking for future years' festivals.  
All correspondence received as information.*

11. FINANCIAL

- a. Bank Reconciliation – June 2022

22-214 Moved by Councillor Meyer to approve the June 2022 Bank Reconciliation as presented. Carried.

12. CAO AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. CPMSC – June 29, 2022 Meeting
- b. CAO REPORT

22-215 Moved by Councillor Stanich to decline the CPMSC's offer for the Town to manage the clinic at \$2,500.00 per month. Carried.

22-216 Moved by Councillor Thomas to approve waiving the Centennial Hall rental fee, damage deposit, and janitorial for Saddle Hills County's booking on August 18, 2022 for the Central Peace Waterline Open House as it benefits the G5 communities. Carried.

13. IN CAMERA

- a. Personnel – CAO Employment – FOIP, Section 17

22-217 Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to move In-Camera as per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at 9:15 p.m. Carried.

22-218 Moved by Councillor Meyer to move out of In-Camera at 9:17 p.m. Carried.

22-219 Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to approve hiring Steve Jack as CAO effective August 8, 2022 Carried.

22-220 Moved by Councillor Stanich to approve Greg Gayton's training proposal and fees as presented. Carried.

14. COUNCIL DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

15. NEXT MEETINGS:

- a. August 15, 2022
- b. September 6, 2022 (Tuesday)

16. ADJOURNMENT

22-221 Moved by Councillor Stanich to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Carried.

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