

November 14, 2023

AGENDA OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136 MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FAIRVIEW, ALBERTA, AT 9:30 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023.

- 9:00 a.m.
1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - * A. Council Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023
 - * B. Council Organizational Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023
 - * C. Council as a Whole Committee Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2023
 4. FINANCE
 - * A. Statement of Operations to October 31st, 2023
 5. STAFF REPORTS
 - * A. Chief Administrative Officer Report
 - * B. Director of Agriculture & Parks/Agriculture Fieldman Report
 - * C. Director of Public Works Report
 6. COUNCILLOR CONCERNS
- 12:00 p.m.
7. DELEGATIONS
 - A. Arnold Viersen, Member of Parliament for Peace River – Westlock
 8. DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISIONS
 - A. Development Permit Application No. 23-17-DEV
 9. COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS
 10. OLD BUSINESS
 - * A. Pending Report – October 24, 2023
 - * B. Election of Deputy Reeve
 - * C. Bridge File No. 72863 – Failure
 - * D. Transportation Services Policy Review
 - Policy TRN27: Road Classification
 - Policy TRN21: Winter Road Maintenance
 - Policy TRN28: Road Maintenance
 - Policy TRN29: Gravelling Program
 - Policy TRN04: Approaches
 11. NEW BUSINESS
 - * A. NWP - Request for Letter of Support
 - * B. M.D. of Fairview No. 136 Draft Strategic Plan
 - * C. 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
 - D. Christmas Office Hours
 - E. Hamlet Light-up Contest
 - * F. 2023 Staff Appreciation Christmas Bonus
 - G. Scheduling of Council as a Whole Committee Meeting (Budget)
 - * H. Cancellation of December 26, 2023 Meeting of Council
 12. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - * A. M.D. of Peace No. 135 – Organizational Meeting Appointments
 - * B. Town of Fairview – Response re: Grant Application to Investigate a Regional Police Force
 - * C. Response from Minister of Municipal Affairs Re: Request for Meeting
 - * D. Secret Santa for a Senior
 - * E. Accounts Payable Cheque List
 13. NEXT MEETING
 - A. Council Meeting – November 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
 14. CLOSED SESSION
 15. Adjournment
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Attend Electronically: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9132361715?pwd=ajU4aHY5QzNON3JTZnAyL2tBVDVmQT09>
Attend by Phone (long distance charges may apply): 1-587-328-1099



Meeting ID: 913 236 1715

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November 14, 2023

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136 MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FAIRVIEW, ALBERTA, ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023 COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Przybylski Councillor
Nolan Robertson Councillor
Phil Kolodychuk Reeve
Dalen Richardson Councillor

REGRETS:

Joshua Hostetler Councillor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Robert Jorgensen Chief Administrative Officer
Lyndsey Lawrence Director, Legislative Services/Development Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Kolodychuk called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

AGENDA

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Revision:

Revise Item 11C such that it reads as follows: "2024 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)"

MOTION #23-505
Councillor Przybylski

Moved that Council adopt the agenda for the November 14, 2023 Council Meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MINUTES

MOTION #23-506
Councillor Robertson

Moved that Council approve the October 24, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION #23-507
Councillor Richardson

Moved that Council approve the October 24, 2023 Organizational Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION #23-508
Councillor Richardson

Moved that Council approve the October 18, 2024 Council as a Whole Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

FINANCE

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

The Director of Corporate Services and Finance, Dennesha Ferguson, joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The Statement of Operations to October 31, 2023 was provided for Council's review. Attached as Schedule "A."

MOTION #23-509 **Moved that the Statement of Operations to**
Councillor Przybylski **October 31, 2023 be accepted as presented.**
CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

CAO REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Jorgensen, presented his report to Council.

MOTION #23-510 **Moved that Council defer the discussion**
Councillor Richardson **regarding the CAO's concerns and directions to**
the next Council as a Whole Committee Meeting
(Budget).
CARRIED.

MOTION #23-511 **Moved that Council receive the Chief**
Councillor Robertson **Administrative Officer's report as presented.**
CARRIED.

**DIRECTOR,
AGRICULTURE &
PARKS REPORT**

The Director of Agriculture and Parks, Kaitlin McLachlan's report was presented to Council.

MOTION #23-512 **Moved that Council receive the Director of**
Councillor Richardson **Agriculture and Parks' report as presented.**
CARRIED.

**DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT**

The Director of Public Works, Kevin Morrison's report, was presented to Council.

Council discussed the work completed by the Department of Public Works in 2023 and made the following requests:

- All reporting to Council to include actual costs (or best estimates thereof) as opposed to the use of Alberta Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association Rates.
- Provision of the amount of reclamation (actual numbers) that was completed in 2023 in both municipally owned and operated gravel pits.
- Provision of the type and amount of ditch maintenance completed throughout the year (including during which seasons).
- Provision of the number of culvert projects completed and costs associated with the same.
- Provision of the description of the road projects completed, and the costs associated with the same.
- Compilation and provision of potential Public Works road-related projects that are of priority for completion in 2024, and the estimated costs associated with the same. Relatedly, that the Department of Public Works shall develop a set of criteria and rating system to be used for the objective (and consistent) prioritization of road-related projects.

MOTION #23-513 **Moved that Council receive the Director of**
Councillor Przybylski **Public Works' report as presented.**
CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:22 a.m.

Council resumed at 10:29 a.m.

COUNCILLOR CONCERNS



Councillor Richardson queried about whether the Member at Large for the Fairview Library Board has been advertised.

Councillor Przybylski advised that there are several Recreational Vehicles potentially being used for habitation in the Hamlet of Whitelaw. Further, he advised that he has received several inquiries from concerned residents regarding the repair of the Range Road 11 Bridge.

DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISIONS

**DEVELOPMENT
PERMIT NO. 23-17-
DEV – FERTILIZER
BLENDING
FACILITY**

MOTION #23-514 **Moved that Council approve Development Permit No. 23-17-DEV for a Fertilizer Blending Facility (Agricultural Industry) on lands legally described as NW-04-82-03-W6 with the conditions presented by the Development Officer.**
Councillor Richardson

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillors reported on the following Board/Committee meetings they attended from October 24, 2023 to November 13, 2023:

Councillor Przybylski: October 25-26, 2023 – Reimagining Rural Economic Development Conference
November 2, 2023 – Meeting with NWP
November 6, 2023 – EOEP Course (Council’s Role in Service Delivery)
November 6-9, 2023 – RMA Fall Convention

Reeve Kolodychuk: October 26, 2023 – Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference
October 30, 3034 – Fairview Rural Water Co-Op
November 6-9, 2023 – RMA Fall Convention

Councillor Richardson: November 3, 2023 – VSI
November 6, 2023 – EOEP Course (Effective Meetings)
November 6-9, 2023 – RMA Fall Convention
November 10, 2023 – Stronger Together Conference

Councillor Hostetler: No reports available.

Councillor Robertson: October 24, 2023 – Fairview Ski Club AGM
November 2, 2023 – NWP Agricultural Operator Program Development
November 6-9, 2023 – RMA Fall Convention

MOTION #23-515 **Moved that Council accept the Committee/Board Reports as presented.**
Councillor Robertson

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

PENDING REPORT

**ELECTION OF
DEPUTY REEVE**

MOTION #23-516 Moved that Council accept the October 24, 2023
Councillor Richardson Pending Report as presented. **CARRIED.**

MOTION #23-517 Moved that Council rescind Motion No. 23-444
Councillor Richardson appointing Councillor Przybylski to the position
of Deputy Reeve for the Municipal District of
Fairview No. 136. **CARRIED.**

MOTION #23-518 Moved that Council continue with a rotational
Councillor Robertson schedule as mandated by Section 3.21 of Bylaw
No. 967/COUNCIL/2021 with each Councillor
taking the responsibility of Deputy Reeve on a
quarterly basis for the following three-month
terms:

- November 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024: Nolan Robertson
- February 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024: Joshua Hostetler
- May 1, 2024 – July 31, 2023: John Przybylski
- August 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024: Dalen Richardson

CARRIED.

**BRIDGE FILE NO.
72863 - FAILURE**

MOTION #23-519 Moved that Council direct Administration to
Councillor Richardson continue the temporary closure of Bridge File
No. 72863 pending receipt of STIP Funding or a
cost-effective alternative. **CARRIED.**

DELEGATIONS

DELEGATION

The delegation, Arnold Viersen, Member of Parliament for Peace River – Westlock, and Erika Giroux joined the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

The delegation provided a parliamentary update to Council and received concerns from Council.

Council recessed at 12:55 p.m.

Council resumed at 1:35 p.m.

The delegation left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

**TRANSPORT-
ATION SERVICES
POLICY REVIEW**

Council reviewed Policy TRN 27 – Road Classification.

MOTION #23-520 Moved that Council table the discussion
Councillor Robertson regarding Policy TRN 27 – Road Classification to
the November 28, 2023 Council Meeting. **CARRIED.**

Council reviewed Policy TRN 21 – Winter Road Maintenance.

MOTION #23-521 Moved that Council table the discussion
Councillor Richardson regarding Policy TRN 21 – Winter Road
Maintenance to the November 28, 2023 Council
Meeting.

CARRIED.

Council reviewed Policy TRN 28 – Road Maintenance.

MOTION #23-522 Moved that Council table the discussion
Councillor Przybylski regarding Policy TRN 28 – Road Maintenance to
the November 28, 2023 Council Meeting.
CARRIED.

Council reviewed Policy TRN 29 – Gravelling Program.

MOTION #23-523 Moved that Council table the discussion
Councillor Robertson regarding Policy TRN 29 – Gravelling Program to
the November 28, 2023 Council Meeting.
CARRIED.

Council reviewed Policy TRN 04 – Approaches.

MOTION #23-524 Moved that Council table the discussion
Councillor Przybylski regarding Policy TRN 04 – Approaches to the
November 28, 2023 Council Meeting.
CARRIED.

Council recessed at 3:15 p.m.

Lyndsey Lawrence left the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Fiona Ness joined the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Council resumed at 3:24 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

**NWP – REQUEST
FOR LETTER OF
SUPPORT**

MOTION #23-525 Moved that Council write a letter to
Councillor Richardson Northwestern Polytechnic, supporting the
proposed Agriculture Operations Diploma
program as requested.
CARRIED.

**M.D. OF FAIRVIEW
NO. 136 DRAFT
STRATEGIC PLAN**

MOTION #23-526 Moved that Council adopt the Municipal District
Councillor Robertson of Fairview No. 136 2023-2026 Strategic Plan as
prepared by Transitional Solutions Inc.
CARRIED.

**2024 COST OF
LIVING
ADJUSTMENT
(COLA)**

MOTION #23-527 Moved that Council approve a 3.55% grid
Councillor Richardson adjustment for Cost of Living Adjustment
(COLA).
DEFEATED

MOTION #23-528 Move that Council defer the decision on Cost of
Councillor Przybylski Living Adjustment (COLA) until the
organizational and compensation review has
been completed.
CARRIED.



**CHRISTMAS
OFFICE HOURS**

MOTION #23-529
Councillor Robertson

Move that Council extend the meeting past 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

MOTION #23-530
Councillor Robertson

Moved that Council approve employer-paid closure of operations on December 27, 28 and 29, 2023 with the same work plan in place as in previous years.

DEFEATED

MOTION #23-531
Councillor Kolodychuk

Moved that Council approve employer-paid closure of operations on December 27, 28 and 29, 2023, with the following restrictions:

- To be eligible for these days off with pay, employees must be available for work, if the Municipal operations require.
- Further, any employee required to work during these days, will be granted time off in lieu to be taken at an operationally-feasible time.

CARRIED.

**HAMLET LIGHT-
UP CONTEST**

MOTION #23-532
Councillor Richardson

Moved that Council schedule the Bluesky and Whitelaw light-up contest judging for December 17, 2023. Further, to approve prizes of \$100.00 Chamber Change for the first place, \$80.00 Chamber Change for second place and \$50.00 Chamber Change for third place in each Hamlet.

CARRIED.

Councillor Richardson left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

**2023 STAFF
APPRECIATION
CHRISTMAS
BONUS**

MOTION #23-533
Councillor Robertson

Moved that Council approve giving each employee a Christmas gift not to exceed \$50.00.

CARRIED.

**SCHEDULING
COUNCIL AS A
WHOLE
COMMITTEE
MEETING
(BUDGET)**

MOTION #23-534
Councillor Robertson

Moved that Council schedule the next Council as a whole Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 30, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the draft 2024 Operating and Capital budgets.

CARRIED.

**CANCELLATION
OF DECEMBER 26,
2023 MEETING OF
COUNCIL**

MOTION #23-535
Councillor Przybylski

Moved that Council cancel the regular Council Meeting scheduled for December 26, 2023.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS



Council was presented with the following information for review:

- A. M.D. of Peace No. 135 – Organizational Meeting Appointments
- B. Town of Fairview – Response re: Grant Application to Investigate a Regional Police Force
- C. Response from Minister of Municipal Affairs Re: Request for Meeting
- D. Secret Santa for a Senior
- E. Accounts Payable Cheque List

MOTION #23-536 **Moved that Council donate an “I, Mother Earth”**
Councillor Kolodychuk **book for the Secret Santa for a Senior program.**
CARRIED.

MOTION #23-537 **Moved that Council accept the information items**
Councillor Robertson **as presented.**
CARRIED.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Kolodychuk adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.



Reeve Kolodychuk



Chief Administrative Officer

Municipal District of Fairview No. 136
Statement of Operations - Expense Summary by Category
Period Ending October 31, 2023

Category	2023_Budget	2023_Actual YTD	2022_Actual YTD
Accounting and legal services	72,500	41,263	88,585
Advertising and publication	39,125	16,631	32,989
Amortization	-	-	1,341,898
Bad debt and disposal loss (gain)	66,500	3	69,059
Chemicals	56,500	9,525	95,994
Compensation and benefits	2,548,737	2,039,189	2,298,931
Contracted services	1,786,066	1,417,785	864,365
Employee gift and recognition	10,000	8,056	10,929
Fees, bank charges and interest	5,100	3,239	4,968
Fire management	1,200	19,347	-
Freight and postage	22,450	21,944	19,981
Fuel	738,000	440,040	739,006
Grants and contributions	557,312	415,844	482,707
Gravel inventory adjustment	-	-	296,569
Insurance	95,960	74,196	92,260
Lease and rental	23,750	17,419	17,591
Licenses and permits	3,500	2,882	3,317
Minor equipment	6,000	-	3,057
Miscellaneous expenses	7,300	1,074	28,521
Property and assessment services	68,000	52,090	66,230
Protective services	75,013	73,513	57,697
Reclamation	-	-	78,721
Repairs and parts	266,200	194,011	211,642
Road, bridges, and culverts	175,800	132,572	129,858
Supplies and tools	79,900	72,126	59,233
Tax requisition	1,184,548	662,173	1,170,435
Telephone and communication devices	53,200	34,074	47,665
Training and development	65,265	40,074	16,771
Travel, meetings, conference and memberships	297,750	137,161	251,651
Utilities	189,200	129,140	179,160
Grand Total	8,361,876	6,055,367	8,759,789

Will have year end adjustments

To investigate reason for low tax requisition
Gravel purchased to move from expense to inventory
These values do not include any estimated projections.

Municipal District of Fairview No. 136
Statement of Operations
Period Ending October 31, 2023

	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 YTD	Variance	
REVENUES					
Municipal taxes	6,577,874	6,467,260	6,573,554	106,294	1.6%
Tax requisition	(1,170,435)	(1,184,548)	(662,173)	522,375	-44.1%
User fees and sale of goods	444,411	465,729	377,471	(88,258)	-19.0%
Other Recoveries	-	-	4,813	4,813	0.0%
Government transfers - operational	196,295	267,183	309,523	42,340	15.8%
Government transfers - other recoveries	67,013	116,326	25,164	(91,162)	-78.4%
Investment income	157,727	77,927	235,724	157,797	202.5%
Total Revenues	6,272,886	6,209,877	6,864,076	654,199	10.5%
EXPENSES					
Administration	1,021,906	1,059,905	848,293	(211,612)	-20.0%
Agriculture service board	334,646	608,251	398,021	(210,230)	-34.6%
Cemeteries	34,003	42,608	32,064	(10,544)	-24.7%
Animal control	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Parks and recreation	366,287	385,103	339,447	(45,656)	-11.9%
Total agriculture and parks	734,935	1,035,962	769,531	(266,431)	-25.7%
Public works	1,438,807	1,766,102	1,376,596	(389,506)	-22.1%
Gravel	600,312	1,064,418	849,099	(215,319)	-20.2%
Grading	777,866	853,061	552,233	(300,828)	-35.3%
Total public works	2,816,984	3,683,581	2,777,928	(905,653)	-24.6%
Waste management	160,393	153,000	153,719	719	0.5%
Wastewater treatment and disposal	134,910	164,086	51,726	(112,360)	-68.5%
Water supply and distribution	277,304	292,667	240,764	(51,903)	-17.7%
Total utilities and environmental services	572,607	609,753	446,208	(163,545)	-26.8%
Bylaw	10,903	21,500	9,310	(12,191)	-56.7%
Council	244,335	275,880	132,140	(143,740)	-52.1%
Total legislative	255,238	297,380	141,450	(155,930)	-52.4%
Policing	57,697	75,013	73,513	(1,500)	-2.0%
Ambulance and Health	29,653	29,650	29,649	(1)	0.0%
Public Safety	10,327	12,500	7,169	(5,331)	-42.6%
Total protective services	97,677	117,163	110,331	(6,832)	-5.8%
Fire Protection	70,258	101,200	45,095	(56,105)	-55.4%
Airport	139,893	143,843	84,655	(59,188)	-41.1%
Culture and library	25,383	34,000	10,046	(23,954)	-70.5%
Family community support services	35,182	40,250	29,523	(10,727)	-26.7%
Total community services and FCSS	270,716	319,293	169,318	(149,975)	-47.0%
Planning and Development	91,459	99,266	108,013	8,747	8.8%
Economic Development	24,037	22,525	22,122	(403)	-1.8%
Total land use planning and development	115,496	121,791	130,135	8,344	6.9%
Estimated expenses to December 31, 2023			1,100,000	1,100,000	
Expenses, before transfers	5,885,560	7,244,828	6,493,194	(751,634)	-10.4%
Revenue (deficit) over expenses	387,326	(1,034,951)	370,882	1,405,833	
Revenue transfers					
Government transfers - capital	783,876	2,392,958	104,197	(2,288,761)	
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,389,145	-	(1,389,145)	
Expense transfers					
Transfer to Reserves	-	2,234,768	63,544	(2,171,224)	
Transfer to capital	-	579,884	-	(579,884)	
Surplus (deficit) before other transactions	1,171,202	(67,500)	411,535	479,035	
Amortization	1,341,898	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	
Gravel inventory adjustment	296,569	-	(200,000)	(200,000)	
Bad debt and disposal loss (gain)	65,328	(67,500)	-	67,500	
End of year surplus (deficit)	(532,592)	-	(788,465)	(788,465)	
Capital Purchases in 2023	-	-	827,199	827,199	

Amounts highlighted in green are approximates to December 31, 2023

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Other Recoveries	-	-	4,813	4,813
Government transfers - operational	196,295	267,183	309,523	42,340
Government transfers - other recoveries	67,013	116,326	25,164	(91,162)
Investment income	157,727	77,927	235,724	157,797
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EXPENSES				
Administration	1,021,906	1,059,905	848,293	(211,612)
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Family community support services	35,182	40,250	29,523	(10,727)
Fire Protection	70,258	101,200	45,095	(56,105)
Gravel	600,312	1,064,418	849,099	(215,319)
Grading	777,866	853,061	552,233	(300,828)
Land use planning and development	115,496	121,791	130,135	8,344
Legislative	255,238	297,380	141,450	(155,930)
Parks and recreation	366,287	385,103	339,447	(45,656)
Protective services	97,677	117,163	110,331	(6,832)
Public works	1,438,807	1,766,102	1,376,596	(389,506)
Utilities and Environmental Services				-
Waste management	160,393	153,000	153,719	719
Wastewater treatment and disposal	134,910	164,086	51,726	(112,360)
Water supply and distribution	277,304	292,667	240,764	(51,903)
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Revenue transfers				
Government transfers - capital	783,876	2,392,958	104,197	(2,288,761)
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,389,145	-	(1,389,145)
Expense transfers				
Transfer to reserves	-	2,234,768	63,544	(2,171,224)
Transfer to capital	-	579,884	-	(579,884)
Surplus (deficit) before other transactions	1,171,202	(67,500)	411,535	479,035
Amortization	1,341,898	-	1,400,000	1,400,000
Gravel inventory adjustment	296,569	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
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