

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86142554344?pwd=XaulPnxpclCUdi6Lp9MZhast3eRobz.1>

PRESENT:

Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Kayln Schug	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
Brenda Yasinski	Ward Three	Dixonville/Chinook Valley
Brent Reese	Ward Four	Deadwood/Sunny Valley
Gloria Dechant	Ward Five	North Star/Breaking Point
Terry Ungarian	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills
Linda Halabisky	Ward Seven	Keg River/Carcajou

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerhard Stickling - Chief Administrative Officer
Charles Schwab – Director of Public Works
Josh Hunter – Director of Finance
Teresa Tupper – Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
Dan Archer – Mile Zero Banner Post Reporter

01.0 Call to Order

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Ungarian called the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

327/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Agenda and adopt it with the following additions:**

06.1.1-A Plebiscite Discussion (after in camera)
06.2.3-A FRIAA Community Fireguard Program (CFP)
06.3.2-B Letter regarding Dust Suppression Program – Sunny Valley Road
06.6.2-A Economic Development Discussion
08.10-k) Government News: Nuclear in the mix of Alberta's energy future
08.60-h) Networking Mixer Invitation
CARRIED

03.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Regular or Special Meeting(s)

A. Tuesday, July 08, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

328/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, July 08, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.**
CARRIED

B. Thursday, July 24, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes

329/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of Thursday, July 24, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.**
CARRIED

04.0 Delegations

A. In Camera 10.A with Alifeyah Gulamhusein, Partner, BROWNLEE LLP at 9:15 a.m.

10.0 In Camera Items

A. Brownlee LLP under ATIA section 32 Privileged Information at 9:15 a.m.

330/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to have the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting go in camera for Legal discussion with Brownlee LLP under ATIA section 32 at 9:04 a.m.**
CARRIED

Dan Archer, Reporter; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant; Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works and the public exited the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

331/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to have the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting come out of camera at 10:01 a.m.**
CARRIED

*Recessed meeting at 10:01 a.m.
Reconvened at 10:09 a.m.*

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. Plebiscite Discussion

332/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to ask the following plebiscite question at the 2025 General Municipal Election:**

- 1) **Do you support the County of Northern Lights engaging with residents, businesses, and other level of government to explore the potential impacts and benefits of a nuclear power plant within the County or neighbouring County?**
- 2) **Do you support a nuclear power generation facility within the County of Northern Lights?;**
and that the results of the question will be forwarded to Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC).
CARRIED

B. Rail Safety Week Proclamation Request

333/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Rail Safety Request and proclaim September 15 to 21, 2025 as Rail Safety Week in the County of Northern Lights.**
CARRIED

C. Strategic Planning Date

334/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Strategic Planning verbal Report and set the afternoon of September 9th, 2025, for a pre-strategic planning session.**
CARRIED

D. World Suicide Prevention Day

335/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the World Suicide Prevention Day Request and send Councilor Schug to give greetings on behalf of the County at the World Suicide Prevention Day Event in Peace River on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Riverfront Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
CARRIED

E. Invitation to Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA) AGM & Conference

336/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Invitation to the Alberta Forest Products Association AGM & Conference and register Reeve Ungarian to attend the conference on behalf of council from September 24 to 26, 2025 at the Jasper Park Lodge.**
CARRIED

F. Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs

337/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Municipal Affairs Report and respond to the Minister's Office that Council will meet virtually on September 08, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.**
CARRIED

G. Newspaper Subscription Policy Concern

338/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Newspaper Subscription Policy Concern and write a letter to the Ratepayer in response to their concerns raised and have administration add the Newspaper Policy to the pre-strategic planning session.**
CARRIED

H. Ordinance Standing Committee Meeting

339/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Ordinance Standing Committee Meeting Report and set Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for an Ordinance Standing Committee Meeting.**
CARRIED

*Recessed meeting at 11:03 a.m.
Reconvened meeting at 11:05 a.m.*

I. Lawen Met Hopninja Radio Society Expansion

340/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Lawen Met Hopninja Radio Society Expansion Report and approve ISL Engineering Ltd to submit the GMF application and have the County give a letter of support for the Radio Society's expansion.**
CARRIED

J. Northern Action Alliance – Request for Funding

341/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Northern Action Alliance request for funding and that Reeve Terry Ungarian and Deputy Reeve Yasinski bring it forward at the September PREC meeting and be paid the same amount as Dr. Neil Alexander.**
CARRIED

K. 2025 ATCO Employees Participating in Communities (EPIC) Canada Campaign – Request for Donation

342/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 ATCO Employees Participating in Communities donation request and provide a gift item up to a \$100 for support of this year's theme "Support Where it Matters: Health, Safety, Housing" from council grants.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

343/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation
A. Assessment Appeal Update

344/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Assessment Appeal Update and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.5 Finance
*A. Preliminary Budget Meeting Date
- hold during the preliminary Strategic Planning Session*

B. June 2025 Bank Reconciliation

345/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the June 2025 Bank Reconciliation and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

C. July 2025 Bank Reconciliation

346/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the July 2025 Bank Reconciliation Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

D. Director of Finance Update

347/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

348/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to move Open Mic period to 12:00 p.m.**
CARRIED

09.0 Open Mic

Council heard questions and comments from the public

*Recessed the meeting at 12:17 p.m.
Reconvened meeting at 1:27 p.m.*

E. June 2025 Payment Register

349/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the June 2025 Payment Register and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

F. July 2025 Payment Register

350/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the July 2025 Payment Register and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

G. Year-to-Date Budget

351/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the Year-to-Date Budget Report and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies

06.1.7 Buildings/Properties

06.1.8 Personnel/Human Resources

06.2 Protective Services

06.2.1 Policing

06.2.3 Fire protection

A. FRIAA Community Fireguard Program (CFP)

352/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the FRIAA Community Fireguard Program Report and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

06.2.4 Emergency Measures & Disaster Services

06.2.5 Ambulance/First Aid

06.2.6 By-law Enforcement

06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works

06.3.1 Public Works

A. Director of Public Works Report

353/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

B. Request for Decision – GIS Public Access

354/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the GIS Public Access Report and have administration proceed with the public portal with the additional cost of \$800.00 per year and include the following layers:**

- Electoral boundaries
 - Road Network
 - Truck fill locations
 - Land Use types
 - Road closures
 - Drainage ditches
 - Elevation data
 - Assessed value
 - Zoning
 - Property names (pending ATIA)
- CARRIED**

C. Request for Decision – GPS Tracking Hardware

355/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the GPS Tracking Hardware Report and accept it for information and discuss at the fall budget meeting.
CARRIED**

06.3.2 Roads
A. Request for Decision – Range Road 250 Reclassification

356/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Reclassification Report and reclassify Range Road 250 from a Residential Road to a Recreational Road.
CARRIED**

B. Letter of regarding Dust Suppression Program – Sunny Valley Road

357/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the letter regarding the Dust Suppression Program and write a letter of response to the ratepayer.
CARRIED**

06.3.3 Airport

06.3.7 Drainage Ditches

06.4 Utilities/Public Works

06.4.1 Water

06.4.2 Sewage

06.4.3 Solid Waste

A. Request for Decision – Keg River Operating Days

358/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Keg River Landfill Report and alter the operating schedule of the Keg River Landfill to open alternate Sunday and Mondays; effective immediately.
CARRIED**

06.6 Environmental Development

06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]

A. Subdivision Report 25NL11

359/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge Subdivision Application 25NL11 to subdivide a 4.7-hectare (11.6 acre) parcel from SW 23-91-22-W5 for a residential farmstead separation and approve it subject to the following seven (7) conditions:**

1. That the applicant/owner enter into a development agreement with the County to include, but not limited to, the removal of an approach, construction of a new approach, or the upgrading of an approach. When installing approaches or culverts the applicant/owner shall contact the County of Northern Lights Public Works Department to ensure the approaches are constructed in accordance with County standards. Any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the applicant/owner.

2. That the applicant/owner dedicate a 5.0 m road right-of-way by caveat along the west boundary of the proposed parcel and the balance of the quarter section adjacent to the road allowance for Range Road 222, for future road widening pursuant to Section 662 of the Municipal Government Act.

3. That the applicant/owner provide a private sewage system and water services in accordance with the required acts, regulations, and standards.

4. That the applicant/owner obtain all necessary environmental approvals required for development. Alterations to or obstruction of existing drainage courses, wetlands, or other bodies of water will not be permitted without prior approval from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.

5. That the applicant/owner carry forward and/or provide new agreements, caveats, easements and/or rights-of-way in accordance with municipal requirements, and agency and/or utility company requirements.

6. That the applicant/owner pay all outstanding property taxes on the land proposed to be subdivided or have arrangements made which are satisfactory to the County of Northern Lights; and

7. That the applicant/owner contact an Alberta Land Surveyor for the preparation of a Plan of Subdivision suitable for registration at the Alberta Land Titles Office to obtain title(s) under this decision.

CARRIED

B. Subdivision Report 25NL12

360/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of Subdivision Application 25NL12 to subdivide a 2.0-hectare (4.9 acre) parcel from NW 29-90-22-W5M for a residential farmstead separation and approve it subject to the following seven (7) conditions:**

1. That the applicant/owner dedicate a 5.0 m road right-of-way by caveat along the west boundary of the proposed parcel and the balance of the quarter section adjacent to the road allowance for Range Road 225, and along the north boundary of the proposed parcel and the balance of the quarter section adjacent to the road allowance for Township Road 905, for future road widening pursuant to Section 662 of the Municipal Government Act.

2. That the applicant/owner enter into a development agreement with the County to include, but

not limited to, the removal of an approach, construction of a new approach, or the upgrading of an approach. When installing approaches or culverts the applicant/owner shall contact the County of Northern Lights Public Works Department to ensure the approaches are constructed in accordance with County standards. Any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the applicant/owner.

3. That the applicant/owner obtain all necessary environmental approvals required for development. This may include but is not limited to a Water Act approval for wetland disturbance.

4. That the applicant/owner carry forward and/or provide new agreements, caveats, easements and/or rights-of-way in accordance with municipal requirements, and agency and/or utility company requirements.

5. That the applicant/owner adhere to the 2021 Alberta Private Sewage System Standard of Practice and all required setbacks.

6. That the applicant/owner pay all outstanding property taxes on the land proposed to be subdivided or have arrangements made which are satisfactory to the County of Northern Lights; and

7. That the applicant/owner contacts an Alberta Land Surveyor for the preparation of a Plan of Subdivision suitable for registration at the Alberta Land Titles Office to obtain title(s) under this decision.

CARRIED

C. Planning and Development Update

361/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Planning and Development Administrators Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
A. Economic Development Discussion

362/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Economic Development Discussion Report and each Councillor provide a definition of Economic Development in the County and measurement goals and outcomes to Administration by September 2, 2025.**
CARRIED

06.6.3 Agriculture Services
A. Letter regarding the Ongoing Decision not to Mow County Roadside Ditches

363/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Ratepayer letter regarding Decision on not mowing County roadside ditches and extend conversation to the Strategic Planning session.**
CARRIED

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.6 Housing / Seniors

06.6.9 Tourism

07.0 **Ward and/or Committee Reports**
A. July 2025 Councillor Ward Reports

364/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the July 2025 Councilor Ward Reports and accept them for information.**
CARRIED

08.0 **Info Items**
A. Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Info Package

ADDITION: 08.60-h) Networking Mixer Invitation

08.10-k) Government News: Nuclear in the mix for Alberta's energy future

365/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Info Package, including addition and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

09.0 **Open Mic**

Decisions on Delegations

*Recessed the meeting at 3:45 p.m.
Reconvened meeting at*

B. Fires Services under ATIA section 28 Local Public Body Confidences

366/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to have the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss Fire Services under ATIA section 28 at 3:55 p.m.
CARRIED**

Dan Archer, Reporter; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant; Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works and the public exited the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

367/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting come out of camera at 4:30 p.m.
CARRIED**

368/26/08/25 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to have the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting go past 4:30 p.m.
CARRIED**

11.0 Adjournment

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting at 4:58 p.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling