

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

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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, September 09, 2025, Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

369/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, September 09, 2025, Council Agenda and adopt it with the following additions and deletion:**
06.1.1-F Firefighter's National Memorial Day – Invitation
06.1.1- G Briefing Note on Northern H.E.A.T. Conference & Tradeshow
~~06.4.1-A North Star Truck Fill~~
10.A Personnel under ATIA section
CARRIED

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

A. Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

370/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.**
CARRIED

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. Joint Council Meeting and Council Time Change

371/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Joint Council Meeting and Council Time Change Report and postpone the September 23, 2025, Joint Meeting to October 14, 2025; and move the start time from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the October 14, 2025, council meeting.**
CARRIED

B. Alberta Municipalities Annual Convention & Tradeshow

372/09/069/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Municipalities Annual Convention & Tradeshow and register two Councillors and CAO to attend the convention on November 12 to 14, 2025 in Calgary.**
CARRIED

C. 2025 General Municipal Election Update

373/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 General Municipal Election Update and have the County host both of their Advance Polling station dates in the southern portion of the County of Northern Lights.**
CARRIED

D. Letter of Support Request

- 374/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Letter of Support Request and write a letter to support the Town of Manning's position on the shared postal code affecting Manning and Keg River.**
CARRIED

E. Invitation to Community Engagement Sessions – Energy Alberta

- 375/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Invitation to Community Engagement Sessions by Energy Alberta and have Councillors register for the engagement sessions and attend for information.**
CARRIED

F. Firefighter's National Memorial Day – Invitation

- 376/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Firefighter National Memorial Day Invitation and send Schug, These and Yasinski to attend the Ceremony on behalf of Council at the Peace River Fire Hall #1, Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**
CARRIED

G. Briefing Note on Northern H.E.A.T. Conference & Tradeshow

- 377/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Northern H.E.A.T. Conference Report and send Councillor Schug, Yasinski, Ungarian and These to drop into the event to represent the County.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

- 378/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to reach out to Mackenzie County Council to request a meeting to discuss the proposed bridge across Tompkins and propose the dates of October 15 or 16, 2025.**
CARRIED

- 379/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to ask for an endorsement letter on the County's application of STIP funding for the Blue Ridge from Minister Dan Williams.**
CARRIED

- 380/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to accept the CAO Report for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation
A. Tax Penalty Request

- 381/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tax Penalty Request and uphold the penalty levied against roll number 307009 in the amount of \$87.12 and respond to the Landowners.**
CARRIED

*Recessed the meeting at 9:44 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.*

04.0 Delegations

A. Chris Nel, requesting Council to rescind their support for nuclear power facility in the County at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Nel gave his opinion of nuclear to Council. Asked Council to re-access their approach and strategy and to negotiate. He requests Council rescind their motion of support for nuclear.

Delegation A exited meeting at 10:35 a.m.

06.1.5 Finance
A. Director of Finance Update

- 382/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Update and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

383/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to increase the small business awards budget an extra \$3500.00 coming from the economic development budget; and accept the report for information.**
CARRIED

B. Year-to-Date Budget Report

384/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug 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

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 (verbal)

- *Re-gravel Program Update*
- *Bridge Maintenance Tender Update*
- *Keg River Water Treatment Plant Update*
- *North Star Truck-fill leak (seal)*
- *Crushing Update (Gillies/Sunny Valley)*
- *Bear Creek Patching*
- *Crack Sealing*

385/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

*Recessed meeting at 11:04 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 11:14 am.*

06.3.2 Roads

A. Designation of School Zone on Range Road 235 Request

386/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Request and designate a section of Range Road 235 as a School Zone.**
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

06.6 Environmental Development

06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]

06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development

A. WildTV 72 Hours to Survive (Season 2)

387/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the WILDTV 72 Hours to Survive Report and direct Economic Development and Community Services department to move forward with participating in being a sponsor and location for "72 Hours to Survive" with \$6,300.00 coming from the 2026 Economic Development budget.**
CARRIED

- 06.6.3 Agriculture Services
- 06.6.5 Natural Resources
- 06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
- 06.6.9 Tourism

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

A. August Ward Reports

388/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Councillor's August verbal and written Ward Reports and accept them for information.**
CARRIED

08.0 Info Items

A. September 09, 2025, Info Package

389/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the September 09, 2025, Council Info Package and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

Councillor These abstained from vote

390/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to rescind Council's motion to support a nuclear project.**
DEFEATED

Recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Dan Archer, Reporter; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant; Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works; and Josh Hunter, Director of Finance, exited meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Reconvene the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

10.0 In Camera Items

A. Personnel under ATIA section 9(b)

391/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to have the Tuesday, September 09, 2025, Council meeting go in camera at 11:37 a.m. to discuss personnel under ATIA section 9(b).**
CARRIED

392/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have the Tuesday, September 09, 2025, Council Meeting come out of camera at 11:58 a.m.**
CARRIED

393/09/09/25 **MOVED BY Reeve Ungarian, "Whereas the County of Northern Lights has the following interests:**

- Obtaining a better understanding of climate hazards and their impact on community wide systems including people, infrastructure, agriculture, economy, and the environment; and
- Providing baseline information to incorporate climate knowledge into daily operations and decision-making processes.

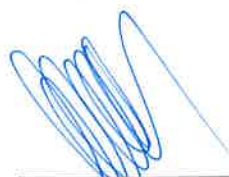
Whereas ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. is undertaking a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.
Be it resolved that Council acknowledges that ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Climate-Ready Plans and Processes initiative for a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, in partnership with the Town of Manning."
CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, September 09, 2025, Council Meeting at 11:58 a.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling