

**MINUTES  
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, 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 (virtual)
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 (virtual)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**01.0 Call to Order**

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Ungarian called the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**02.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

**067/10/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council agenda and adopt it with the following additions:**  
**06.1.5 - E Utility Bill Relief Request**  
**06.6.3 – A ASB Year-End Highlights**  
**Info Package: 08.60 - c) NPARA Peace Ag Update**  
**Info Package: 08.70 - c) RMA Release: Government of Alberta Announces New Plan for Parks**  
**Info Package: 08.70 - d) The Plan for Parks – Alberta’s enduring strategic direction for the provincial parks system**  
**Info Package: 08.90 - b) Municipal Information Network: Mayor’s Statement on successful Darlington refurbishment**  
**Info Package: 08.90 – c) National Post February 09, 2026, Article: How Canada squandered its most valuable national asset**  
**CARRIED**

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

*A. Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes*

**068/10/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

**04.0 Delegations**

*B. Casey Szamata, North Peace Coordinator and Angela Sutherland, Executive Director, Centre for Suicide Prevention at 9:00 a.m. (virtual)*

Introductions were made and Angela and Casey presented to Council. They requested financial assistance of \$10,000 for 2026 and possibly ongoing sustainable funding for the future.

*Delegation exited at 9:24 a.m.*

**05.0 Policies/ Bylaws**

**06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business**

06.1 Government Services  
06.1.1 Council/Legislative  
  
06.1.2 Administration  
*A. CAO Report*

**069/10/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

- 06.1.3 Assessment
- 06.1.4 Taxation
- 06.1.5 Finance
  - A. Director of Finance Update

**070/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Report and authorize execution of the proposed Family and Community Social Services (FCSS) agreements with the Town of Manning and Town of Grimshaw FCSS's.**  
**CARRIED**

*B. 2025 Budget Variance*

**071/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Budget Variance Report and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 10:10 a.m.  
 Reconvened the meeting at 10:22 a.m.*

*C. Preliminary Operating & Capital Budget*

**072/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Preliminary Operating & Capital Budget Report and adopt the Preliminary 2026 – 2030 Operating & Capital Budget as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

*D. December 2025 Bank Payment Register*

**073/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the December 2025 Bank Register and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

*E. Utility Bill Relief Request*

**074/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Utility Bill Relief Request and authorize a one-time waiver of the overconsumption charges in the amount of \$93.60 from utility account 900240.001.**  
**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
- 06.3.2 Roads
- 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]
    - A. Administrative Planning & Development Update

**075/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Administrative Planning & Development Update and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

**07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**  
A. Ward Reports

**076/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the written and verbal Councilor Ward Reports and accept them for information.**  
**CARRIED**

06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development

06.6.3 Agriculture Services  
A. 2025 ASB Year-End Highlights

**077/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 ASB Year-End Report and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.6 Housing / Seniors

06.6.9 Tourism

*Recessed the meeting at 11:06 a.m.  
Reconvened the meeting at 11:09 a.m.*

**08.0 Info Items**

A. Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Info Package

**ADDITIONS:**

08.60 - c) NPARA Peace Ag Update

08.70 - c) RMA Release: Government of Alberta Announces New Plan for Parks

08.70 - d) The Plan for Parks – Alberta's enduring strategic direction for the provincial parks system

08.90 - b) Municipal Information Network: Mayor's Statement on successful Darlington refurbishment

08.90 - c) National Post February 09, 2026, Article: How Canada squandered its most valuable national asset

**078/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Info Package and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

**09.0 Open Mic**

*Decisions on Delegations*

Centre for Suicide Prevention Delegation

**079/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to fund \$7,500 for year 2026 to the Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention, Satellite Office in Grimshaw, coming from council grants; and lobby the provincial government for funding in this area.**  
**CARRIED**

**04.0 Delegations**

C. Glenda Farden from STARS at 11:21 a.m. (in-person)

A welcome from Council and presentation. Asking Council to confirm sustainable funding donation under essential emergency services.

*Recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m.  
Reconvened the meeting at 12:46 p.m.*

**10.0 In Camera Items**

A. Assessment of Crown Grazing Leases under ATIA Section 32

**080/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council meeting go in camera to discuss Assessment of Crown Grazing Leases under ATIA section 32 at 12:46 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Dan Archer, Reporter; Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant exited the meeting at 12:46 p.m.*

*Josh Hunter, Director of Finance, exited the meeting at 1:16 p.m.*

Josh Hunter, Director of Finance, re-entered the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

**081/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council meeting come out of camera at 1:31 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Dan Archer, Reporter; Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant; re-entered the meeting at 1:32 p.m.*

**04.0 Delegations**

*A. Derek Young, Regional Director, Peace Region, Ministry of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors at 1:33 p.m.*

Reeve welcomes Derek to Council. Council asked a few questions regarding transportation infrastructure in the area.

*Delegation A exited at 1:59 p.m.*

**10.0 In Camera Items**

*B. South Regional Waterline under ATIA Section 32 at 2:00 p.m.*

**082/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to have the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council meeting go in camera to discuss South Regional Waterline under ATIA section 32 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug declared conflict of interest and removed herself from the council chambers at 2:00 p.m.*

*Dan Archer, Reporter; Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, exited the meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

**083/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to have the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council meeting come out of camera at 2:41 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Dan Archer, Reporter, Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant; and Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug re-enter the meeting at 2:42 p.m.*

**04.0 Delegations**

*D. Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs & MLA, Peace River Constituency at 2:42 p.m.*

Reeve welcomed Minister Williams, Isaiah Derkson, Policy Advisor and Angela Cobick, Constituency Manager, and discussed:

- Provincial Electoral Boundaries
- Council Code of Conduct (accountability framework)
- STIP Funding application support
- Alberta Health Services (AHS) structure
- Chinchaga Land Range Plan (90-day public engagement process this summer/fall)
- Municipal Library Funding
- Suicide prevention Funding
- Alberta Nuclear Energy Panel (current province-wide engagement-public & online)
- Forest Industry Collaboration
- Alberta Sovereignty

*Delegation exited the meeting at 3:35 p.m.*

**084/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to have the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council meeting go in camera to discuss South Regional Waterline under ATIA section 32 at 3:36 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug declared conflict of interest and exited the meeting at 3:36 p.m.*

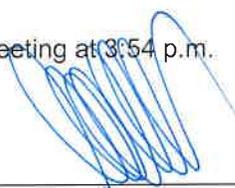
*Dan Archer, Reporter; Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant; exited the meeting at 3:36 p.m.*

**085/10/02/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to have the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council meeting come out of camera at 3:52 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

**11.0 Adjournment**

Reeve Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council Meeting at 3:54 p.m.

  
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Chief Elected Official  
Terry Ungarian

  
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Chief Administrative Officer  
Gerhard Stickling