

**AGENDA**  
**COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS**  
**ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.**  
**COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

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- 01.0 Call to Order**
  - 01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement
  
- 02.0 Adoption of the Agenda**
  
- 03.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Regular or Special Meeting(s)**
  - A. Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes*
  
- 04.0 Delegations**
  
- 05.0 Policies/ Bylaws**
  
- 06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business**
  - 06.1 Government Services
    - 06.1.1 Council/Legislative
      - A. Royal Canadian Legion Grimshaw #253 Request*
      - B. Ordinance Meeting – Cancellation & Rescheduling*
      - C. Interprovincial Committee of Municipalities*
  
    - 06.1.2 Administration
      - A. CAO Report*
  
    - 06.1.3 Assessment
  
    - 06.1.4 Taxation
  
    - 06.1.5 Finance
      - A. Director of Finance Report*
  
    - 06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
      - A. Capital Item Purchases – Public Works*
  
    - 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*
  - 06.3.2 Roads
  - 06.3.3 Airport
  - 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches
- 06.4 Utilities/Public Works
  - 06.4.1 Water
    - A. *2025 Surface Water Monitoring Report*
  - 06.4.2 Sewage
  - 06.4.3 Solid Waste
- 06.6 Environmental Development
  - 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
    - A. *Discussion Regarding Surveys & Subdivision Applications*
  - 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
  - 06.6.3 Agriculture Services
    - A. *Farm Family Award*
  - 06.6.5 Natural Resources
  - 06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
  - 06.6.9 Tourism
- 07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**
  - A. *Councilor Reese's Ward Report*
- 08.0 Info Items**
  - A. *Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Info Package*
- 09.0 Open Mic**
- Decisions on Delegations*
- 10.0 In Camera Items**
  - A. *In Camera Information Sharing Procedures under ATIA s. 20*
  - B. *Manning Annual Airport Funding Agreement under ATIA s. 19*
  - C. *Peace River Regional Airport under ATIA s. 19*
  - D. *Summit PCG Consultant at 1:30 p.m. under ATIA s. 19 & 26*
- 11.0 Adjournment**

**MINUTES**  
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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**

03. BA

*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
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- 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 concerns of:

- 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 removed herself from the council chambers 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



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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.1.1 - A

<b>Subject:</b>	Royal Canadian Legion Grimshaw #253 Request
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
<b>Attachments:</b>	Letter

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- 1) Council acknowledge receipt of the Report; and
- 2) Provide \_\_\_\_\_ to the Royal Canadian Legion Grimshaw for their Alberta NWT Command Legion Mixed Darts Event on March 13 & 14, 2026.

**CONSIDERATION**

- 1) In Stock items for Welcome Bags:
  - County playing cards: \$5.99 each (x100 = \$599.00)
  - County Dominoes: \$4.36 each (x 50 = \$218.00)
  - County Seed Packets \$0.95 each (x100 = \$ 95.00)
- 2) Silent Auction/Raffle Items:
  - It is recommended that if Council wanted to provide a silent auction/raffle item as a fundraising item, to set a budget for administration to purchase an item that would attract bids.
- 3) Cash Donation

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

This item has been approved in the current budget:	Yes	No	N/A
This item is within the approved budget amount:	Yes	No	N/A

- Funds would come from council grants

Prepared By:

Teresa Tupper  
Executive Assistant

Accepted for Council  
Consideration by:

Gerhard Stickling  
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

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# Royal Canadian Legion Grimshaw Branch 253

P.O. Box 856  
5011- 47 Avenue  
Grimshaw AB. T0H1W0  
780 332 4785  
[grimshawlegion@gmail.com](mailto:grimshawlegion@gmail.com)

Dear Manager:

The Grimshaw Legion Branch 253 is excited to announce that we are hosting the Alberta NWT Command Legion Mixed Darts March 13th and 14th, 2026!

This is a sporting event that will bring in over 100 Legion Members from across Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

We are planning several fundraising events which will include a silent auction and raffles. Also, we will be providing each dart team member with a welcome bag filled with small trinkets such as pens, note pads, pins and other items of a generic nature that they can take home with them to remember their time in Grimshaw.

This letter to you is to request your consideration in providing raffle and/or silent auction items or possibly a cash donation to allow us to purchase the items.

In return, the Legion will display your business name on a poster of recognition and appreciation.

The Grimshaw and area businesses have always been very supportive of the Legion and we are very proud and appreciative of your generosity and consideration of our requests.

There are many ways to approach us if you choose to support us.

- You may call us at 780 332 4785 and leave a message or by email: [grimshawlegion@gmail.com](mailto:grimshawlegion@gmail.com). Or you can reach out to one of the members listed below.

We thank you for your consideration in our quest to provide our out-of-town guests with an exceptional event and showcase the great support we enjoy from the community and businesses.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Holt  
780-618-7009  
Host Chairman  
Grimshaw Legion 253

Darcy Szmata  
780-618-8299  
Sports Chairman  
Grimshaw Legion 253

Val Chmilar  
780-618-3623  
Fundraiser Coordinator  
Grimshaw Legion #253

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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.1.1 - B

<b>Subject:</b>	Ordinance Meeting – Cancellation & Rescheduling
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
<b>Attachments:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- 1) Council acknowledge receipt of the Report; and
- 2) Provide Administration with a full day date to conduct an Ordinance Meeting with full council.

**CONSIDERATION**

Due to a conflict in scheduling and a rapidly growing Ordinance agenda, the meeting scheduled for this afternoon needs to be postponed.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

This item has been approved in the current budget:	Yes	No	N/A
This item is within the approved budget amount:	Yes	No	N/A

Prepared By:

Teresa Tupper  
Executive Assistant

Accepted for Council  
Consideration by:

Gerhard Stickling  
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

06.1.1-B



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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.1.1- C

Table with 2 columns: Field (Subject, Agenda Date, Attachments) and Value (Interprovincial Committee of Municipalities, Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Terms of Reference)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 1) Council acknowledge receipt of the Report; and
2) Adopt the Terms of Reference for the interprovincial Committee of Municipalities and appoint Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as an Alternate on the committee.

CONSIDERATION

As the committee requires 2 Elected Officials from each municipality for quorum, Council must appoint an Alternate to this committee and approve the updated Terms of Reference.

BACKGROUND

At a previous council meeting, council approved being a part of the Interprovincial Committee of Municipalities and appointed the Reeve, Councilor Reese and the CAO as committee members.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Table with 4 columns: Question, Yes, No, N/A. Rows: This item has been approved in the current budget; This item is within the approved budget amount.

Prepared By:

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Teresa Tupper
Executive Assistant

Accepted for Council
Consideration by:

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Gerhard Stickling
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

06.1.1-C

**Interprovincial Committee of Municipalities:  
Peace River Regional District, BC  
County of Grande Prairie, Saddle Hills County, Clear Hills County,  
County of Northern Lights, Municipal District of Greenview No. 17, AB**

Established by [Legislation, Bylaw, Policy or Motion # - to be completed upon approvals]

**Purpose:**

The Interprovincial Committee of Municipalities aims to foster collaboration and share innovative ideas among municipalities in Alberta and British Columbia. By working together, the committee seeks to lobby for mutual interests that benefit communities and businesses on both sides of the border.

Our goal is to enhance the quality of life for residents and support economic growth by addressing common challenges, advocating for shared priorities, and promoting sustainable development. Through this partnership, we strive to serve the people effectively, ensure that their voices are heard in regional and national discussions, and create opportunities for business interests to thrive.

**Committee Structure / Membership Type:**

- Peace River Regional District (see Schedule A)
- County of Grande Prairie
- Saddle Hills County
- Clear Hills County
- County of Northern Lights
- MD of Greenview No. 17

**Meetings Schedule:**

The meetings may take place twice per year. The member municipalities shall rotate hosting the meetings.

**Meeting Costs:**

The host municipality shall absorb the cost of hosting.

The member municipalities shall be responsible for compensating their members respectively.

**Administrative Resources:**

Chief Administrative Officers or designates and supporting personnel as required.

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The host municipality shall be responsible for preparing the agenda, gathering related materials, and taking minutes of the meeting. The draft meeting minutes shall include an action list derived from the meeting, detailing the decisions made and the members responsible for actioning assigned tasks. The draft minutes shall be circulated to the members within a maximum of ten working days following the meeting.

The host municipality is responsible for sending invitations to the meetings to the Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) and Members of Parliament (MP) on both sides of the border. The host municipality is also responsible for sending invitations to other individuals and agencies as may be desired from time to time.

The **MLAs** from the following constituencies to be invited:

Alberta:

- Grande Prairie
- Grande Prairie-Wapiti
- Central Peace-Notley

British Columbia:

- Peace River North
- Peace River South

The **MPs** from the following federal ridings to be invited:

- MP, Grande Prairie
- MP, Prince George – Peace River – Northern Rockies

**Quorum:**

A minimum of two (2) elected officials and one member of staff from each member municipality are required.

**Term:**

There is no specified term. That said, the committee will conduct annual review of its purpose and results to ensure alignment with the evolving needs of the municipalities and their residents. These reviews will help assess the effectiveness of the committee's initiatives and provide insights for continuous improvement. The review shall be included as an item on the agenda once per year.

**Authority:**

06.1.1-C

The committee's recommendations are advisory in nature and are intended to guide the decision-making processes of the member municipalities. The committee does not have the authority to make binding decisions on behalf of the municipalities.

**Decision Making by Consensus:**

The committee will strive to make decisions by consensus, ensuring that all member municipalities have an equal voice in the decision-making process. Consensus decision-making promotes collaboration, mutual respect, and shared ownership of the outcomes. In cases where consensus cannot be reached, the committee will explore alternative solutions and seek to find common ground that aligns with the interests of all parties involved.

**Terms of Reference or Other Supporting Documents:**

To be completed upon approval by members: refer and attach any bylaws, policies or motions related to each member's approval of the terms or reference and the committee.

**Attachments:**

Schedule A – Peace Regional District Communities

Schedule B – Interprovincial Committee Map

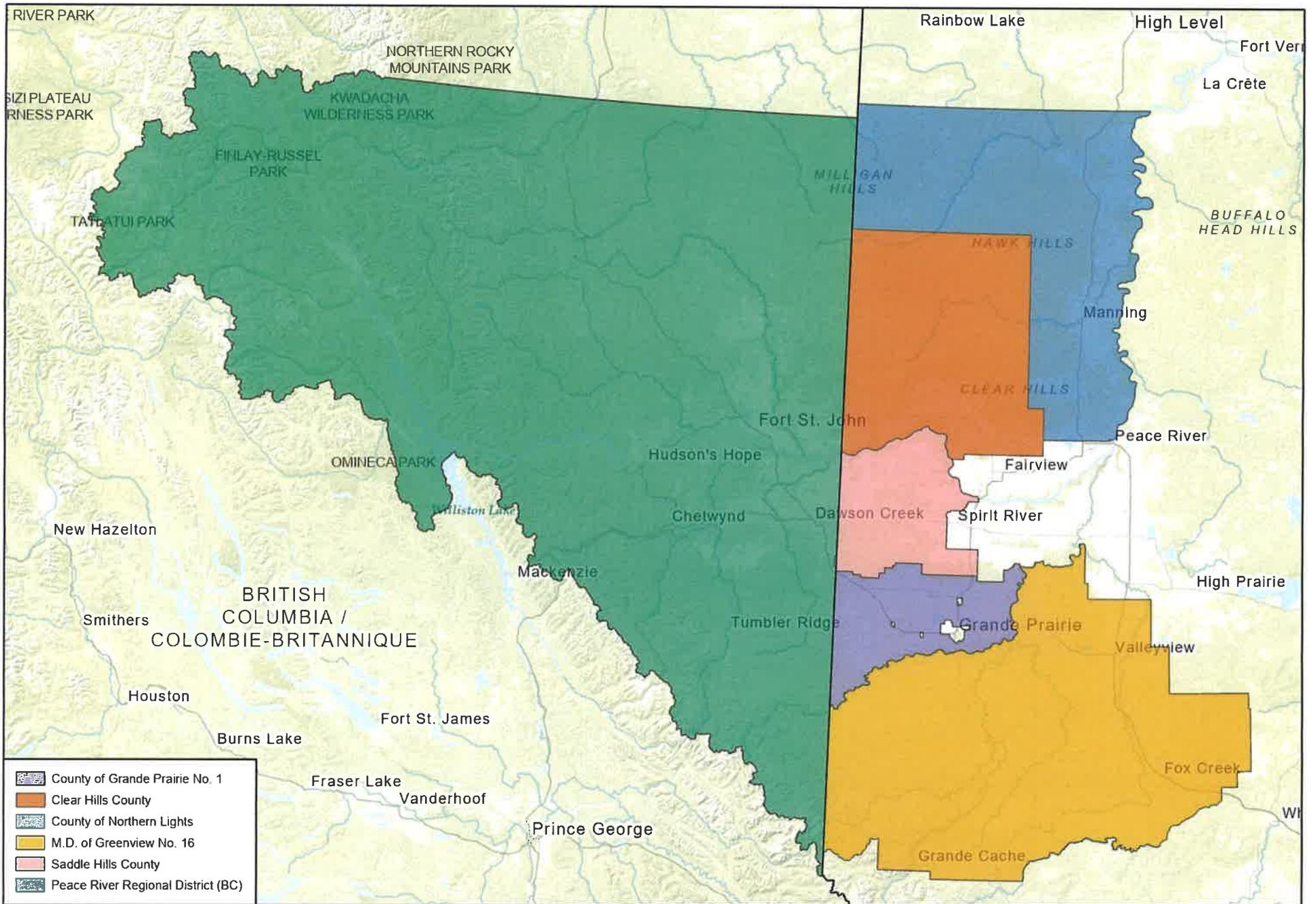
Schedule C – Peace Regional District Communities Map

## Schedule A

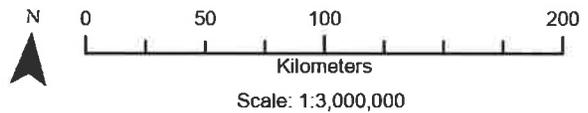
### Peace Regional District Communities - for information:

Category	Community	Website
<b>Municipalities</b>	District of Chetwynd	[www.gochetwynd.com](http://www.gochetwynd.com)
	City of Dawson Creek	[www.dawsoncreek.ca](http://www.dawsoncreek.ca)
	City of Fort St. John	[www.fortstjohn.ca](http://www.fortstjohn.ca)
	District of Hudson's Hope	[www.hudsonshope.ca](http://www.hudsonshope.ca)
	Village of Pouce Coupe	[www.poucecoupe.ca](http://www.poucecoupe.ca)
	District of Taylor	[www.districtoftaylor.com](http://www.districtoftaylor.com)
	District of Tumbler Ridge	[www.districtoftumblerridge.ca](http://www.districtoftumblerridge.ca)
<b>Unincorporated Communities</b>		
<b>Electoral Area 'B'</b>		
	Altona	
	Buick	
	Cecil Lake	
	Clayhurst	
	Clearview	
	Flatrock	
	Goodlow	
	Montney	
	North Pine	
	Osborn	
	Pink Mountain	
	Prespatou	
	Rose Prairie	
	Sikanni Chief	
	Trutch	
	Upper Cache	
	Upper Halfway	
	Wonowon	
<b>Electoral Area 'C'</b>		
	Baldonnel	
	Grandhaven	
	Charlie Lake	
	Old Fort	
	Clairmont	
	Two Rivers	
<b>Electoral Area 'D'</b>		
	Arras	
	Kilkerran	

Category	Community	Website
	Bessborough	
	One Island Lake	
	Cutbank	
	Rolla	
	Doe River	
	Tomslake	
	Farmington	
	Tower Lake	
	Kelly Lake	
	Tupper	
Electoral Area 'E'		
	East Pine	
	McLeod	
	Groundbirch	
	Moberly Lake	
	Hasler Creek	
	Pine Valley	
	Jackfish	
	Progress	
	Lone Prairie	
	Sunset Prairie	



**Data Sources:**  
 Alberta Municipal Boundaries - Altalis  
 Regional Districts - Legally Defined Administrative Areas of BC -  
 BC Geographic Warehouse <https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/>  
 Basemap - Esri Canada, Canada Topographic and Hillshade

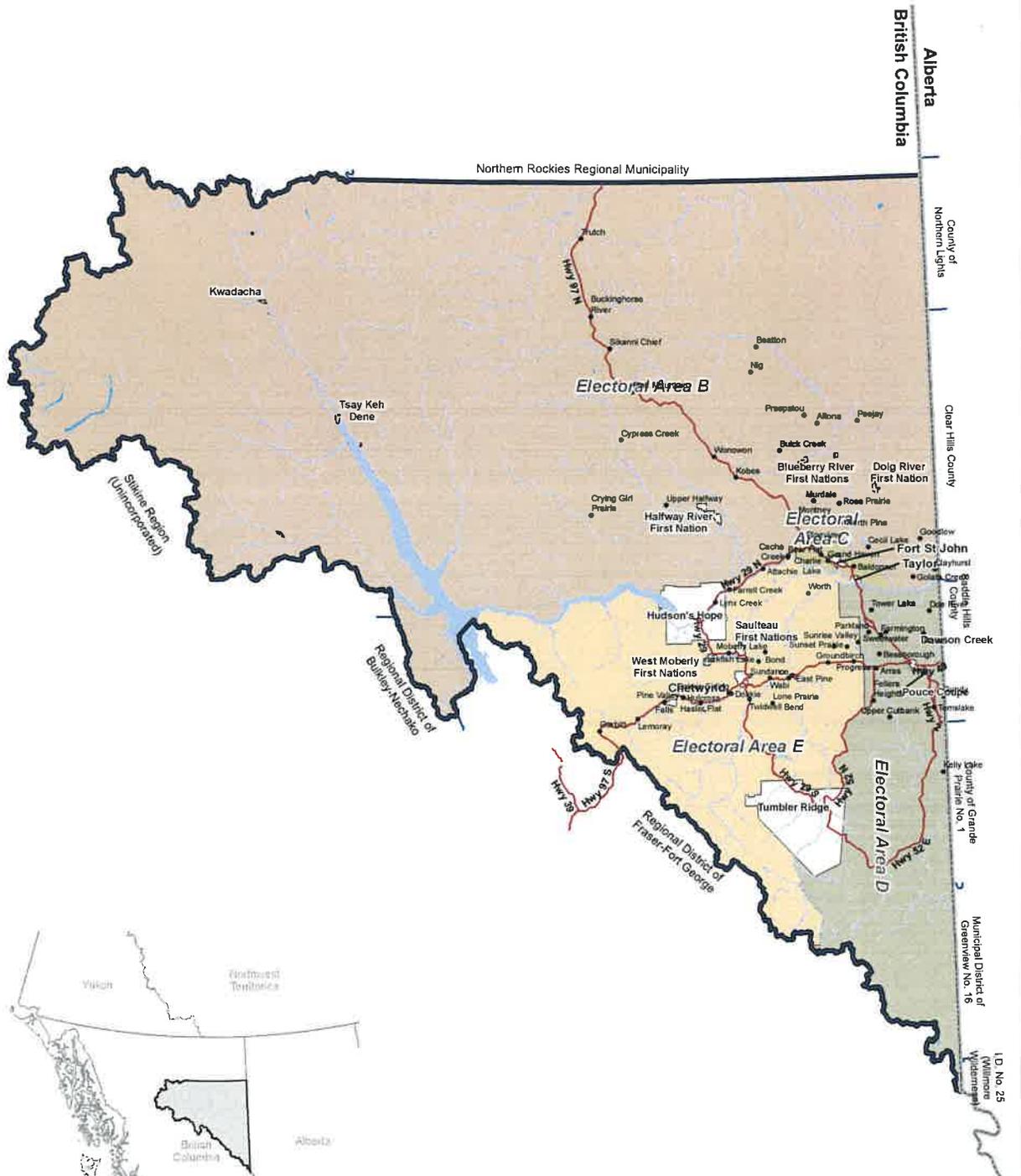
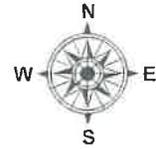


**BC/AB Border Municipalities Group**  
 Last Updated: 27-January-2020  
 NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

06.1.1-C



# Peace River Regional District



Universal Transverse Mercator Projection NAD83 DATUM  
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- Rural Community
- Highway
- BC Provincial Boundary
- First Nation Boundary
- ▬ PRRD Boundary
- Water Feature
- Lake
- Electoral Area B
- Electoral Area C
- Electoral Area D
- Electoral Area E



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**Subject:** CAO Report

**Agenda Date:** February 24, 2026.

**Attachments:** N/A

**UPDATE**

**1. SMR Nuclear Canada 101 Webinar**

Overview of nuclear in preparation for the SMR Conference early next month in Calgary.

**2. Circular Materials Alberta Municipal Working Group**

Had the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 12 monthly meetings on this. More information and brochures to follow. They have reached out to be a delegation to council. Will see it on the agenda of one of the next meetings.

**3. PREC Meeting**

First meeting with new members: Town of Manning and Nampa.

**4. RMA Zone 4 meeting**

Congratulations to our new Zone 4 chairperson: Kayln Schug!

- Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dan Williams:
  - Council accountability framework still on track for release this spring.
  - Red tape reduction: Automatic approvals for some (development) permits.
- Unpaid oil and gas taxes amount to \$254m. They are working with the province on this.
- All 6 resolutions passed.
- Derek Young, ATEC Regional Director:
  - Pavement rehabilitation Hwy 691/741 from ToM to junction of Hwy 691 and 741.
  - Chipseal: Hwy 35 from Dixonville to Manning; Hwy 690 from Hwy 35 to Deadwood.
  - Other ongoing bridge maintenance: Hwy 35 and Hotchkiss River; and Hwy 35 and Notikewin River.
  - Highway Maintenance contract will have new contractor August 2027. Three maintenance areas per zone for 10 years.
  - Hwy 686 from Peerless and Trout Lake to Fort McMurray at least 7 years before construction.

**5. Met with Enterprise Fleet Management**

Annual review. .

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Accept the report as information.

Prepared By:

Gerhard Stickling  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**Subject:** Director of Finance Update

**Agenda Date:** February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Attachments:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that

1. Council accept this report for information; and
2. Authorize Reeve Ungarian (or alternate) to attend the Manning Minor Hockey Association Annual awards ceremony on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to bring greetings on behalf of the County.

**Bank Reconciliation Reports**

I have both the December 2025 and January 2026 Bank Reconciliations complete, however there is a new programming error that makes the presentation of the reporting incorrect. I am waiting on a fix from Sylogist prior to bringing them to Council for approval. ETA unknown

**2025 T4's**

These are due to be filed on the last day of February. Anticipated completion is end of the week. Reminder to not look at filing your personal taxes until you get these!

**Council Grants (Misc)**

For Council's consideration should there be any requests during the meeting... To date Council has spent/committed \$8,100 of the total \$62,500 in unallocated misc. grants

**Manning Minor Hockey Awards Ceremony**

Early notice, however once again, the MMH Association would like to extend an invitation to the Reeve (or alternate) to provide greetings at our annual awards ceremony. The event is scheduled to take place April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm at the Aurora Theatre.

**Year-end Prep**

Progressing well and without significant issues thus far. Audit Visit is tentatively scheduled for March 9-11

**Rural Renewal Stream Update**

I was informed that a large number of our allocation for the year was extended an invitation to apply. This led to a temporary influx of candidates requesting updated letters over the past weeks... Unfortunately, it also led to the discovery of an applicant who had indicated they had already received a letter of endorsement from the County when in fact they hadn't. I can speak verbally to the implications.

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Director of Finance

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Gerhard Stickling  
CAO

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<b>Subject:</b>	Request for Decision – Capital Item Purchases
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	February 24, 2026
<b>Attachments:</b>	None

**Background:**

As the capital budget has not been fully approved at this time, Administration is seeking a Council approval to start the procurement process of a few items as listed below.

<b>Airport AWOS System</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>Grader Replacement</b>	<b>\$600,000.00</b>
<b>Flat-Deck Super-Duty 1 Tonne</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>

**Option 1:**

Make a motion directing administration to proceed with the procurement process for \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 2:**

Wait for the final approved Capital Budget

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Council make a motion directing administration to proceed with the procurement process for: Airport AWOS System, Grader Replacement and the Flat-deck Super-Duty 1 Tonne.

**Prepared By:**

Charles Schwab  
Director of Public Works

**Accepted for Council consideration by:**

Gerhard Stickling  
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Dust Control

Administration has been in conversations with a dust suppression company that provides an alternate product to Calcium Chloride. Once we have more information, we will present to council.

2025 Bridge Maintenance

The bridge maintenance contract has been substantially completed, there are a few minor items the contractor will address in the spring.

The project went well, repairs to the structures was done well and there were very little issues (excluding the period of the snow-pocalypse)

Council Summer Road Tour

If Council still desires a summer road tour, Administration would like to begin planning and preparing for the event. This has typically been a 2-day event, touring the North (Wards 7,6,5,4) one day and the South (Wards 4,3,2,1) the next. With that in mind, we would like to have dates set and any areas that the Council would like to visit identified.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 1. Council accepts this report as information and set the Council Road Tour for \_\_\_\_\_.

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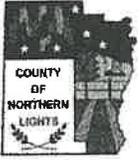
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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.4.1-A

<b>Subject:</b>	2025 Notikewin and Keg River Water Quality Monitoring Program Report
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	February 24, 2026
<b>Attachments:</b>	

### INFORMATION

The County of Northern Lights (the County), in conjunction with the North Peace Applied Research Association (NPARA), has completed an ongoing annual surface water-quality monitoring program (the Program) since 2011. As part of the Program, water samples have been collected from 12 sites on the Notikewin River, its tributaries, and the Keg River. HCL (Hydrogeological Consultants Ltd.) did the 2025 report that summarized the collected data, identified trends in the current and historical data, and includes the calculated Alberta River Water Quality Index (ARWQI) scores.

The samples collected from the 12 sites as part of the 2025 Program indicate that the waters from the Notikewin River, its tributaries, and the Keg River are characterized as fresh, slightly alkaline, and hard; in 2025, the highest TDS value observed was 372 mg/L, the T-alkalinity values ranged from 100 to 229 mg/L, and the hardness values ranged from 142 to 252 mg/L. Samples from the Keg River (Sites 5 and 6) had higher TDS, alkalinity, and hardness values than those from the Notikewin River and its tributaries.

Seasonal trends for 2025 could not be determined because samples for extensive chemical analysis were only collected in the summer of 2025; the samples collected in the fall of 2025 were only analyzed for turbidity and TSS. No samples were collected in the spring of 2025. Historically, TSS has been the highest during spring runoff. The TSS values measured in the fall samples collected in 2025 were within the historical ranges. TSS concentrations were also higher in the samples collected from the Keg River. The total phosphorous concentrations measured in 2025 were significantly lower than the historical averages. Historically, elevated phosphorous concentrations have been observed in samples that are collected in the spring. **No exceedances of the EQGASW limits (Government of Alberta, 2018) were observed in 2025**, and overall, **there are no water-quality concerns associated with the 2025 data**; however, this is partially due to the lack of samples collected during spring runoff. The historical data do not show any concerning trends of water-quality deterioration at any of the sites.

**Overall, the quality of the waters in the Notikewin River, its tributaries, and the Keg River is high, which is reflected in the perfect ARWQI scores.**

### Recommendations

In subsequent monitoring years, if only one annual sample is collected from each site, it is recommended that the samples be collected in the spring because this is when the water quality has historically been the lowest and when potential issues with water quality are most

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likely to be observed. It is recommended that at least two samples from each site be collected per year if budgetary constraints allow.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Council acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Notikewin and Keg River Water Quality Monitoring Program Report and that the report be accepted for information and a copy be provided to the Town of Manning and the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance for their information; and further, that the program continues for 2026 at all sites as recommended, with the inclusion of spring and fall sampling.
2. Council acknowledges receipt of Report; and accept it for information.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that: Council acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Notikewin and Keg River Water Quality Monitoring Program Report and that the report be accepted for information and a copy be provided to the Town of Manning and the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance for their information; and further, that the program continues for 2026 at all sites as recommended, with the inclusion of spring and fall sampling.

**Prepared By:**



**Gerhard Stickling  
CAO**



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<b>Subject:</b>	Discussion Regarding Surveys & Subdivision Applications
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>Attachments:</b>	N/A

**OBJECTIVE:**

To seek Council’s direction on whether subdivision applicants should be required to submit a tentative plan of survey prepared by a Registered Alberta Land Surveyor as part of a complete subdivision application, and to determine the preferred method for implementing this requirement.

**BACKGROUND**

Subdivision approvals are currently based on tentative plans that are typically prepared using measurements provided by the applicant rather than survey-verified information. Applicant measurements are not always accurate, and discrepancies can slow the subdivision process.

Presently the cost of preparing the tentative plans used for subdivision approval is at the expense of the County, rather than the applicant for the subdivision. These plans on which the subdivision is approved by council are not registerable, and the applicant then once approved needs to obtain a registerable survey plan from a Registered Alberta Land Surveyor. The County currently charges a \$100 application fee +\$100 per lot created, this cost does not recuperate the cost of the tentative plan, nor the cost of administrations time corresponding with the applicant confirming or obtaining measurements.

Moving toward survey-based tentative plans earlier in the subdivision process would improve alignment between subdivision approval drawings and final registration documents, while ensuring the responsibility for plan preparation costs falls to the applicant rather than all County ratepayers. Survey-prepared tentative plans would also improve accuracy when confirming the location of septic system components, water system components, building setbacks, dugouts, abandoned wells, access locations, and other site features that are regulated with our land use bylaw, or provincial legislation of which we must ensure compliance in the parcels we approve.

Introducing this requirement would help ensure subdivision approvals are based on information that more closely reflects the reality of the parcel, and would reduce the likelihood of revisions later in the process.

**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

Should Council wish to require the tentative survey from an applicant prior to approval and shift this cost from the municipality’s ratepayers to the subdivision applicant they will need to discuss how they wish to enact this change & direct administration accordingly.

**1. Change Application Requirements.**

Council could require subdivision applicants to submit a tentative plan of survey prepared by **any** registered Alberta Land Surveyor as part of a complete application.

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The tentative survey would include measurements identifying the following, or more:

- All existing and proposed structures (to parcel boundaries and between structures)
- Septic system elements (to parcel boundaries, water bodies, and structures)
- Water system elements (to parcel boundaries, water bodies, and structures)
- Bodies of water
- Abandoned wells (to parcel boundaries, water bodies, and structures)
- Access and approach locations to existing and proposed parcels

Option 1 ensures the measurements on which a subdivision is approved are accurate. The financial burden of the creation of the plan on which the subdivision is approved shifts from the County to the applicant. It allows the applicant to select any surveyor they prefer.

## **2. Require a Tentative Survey from an Approved Surveyor List.**

Council could require tentative surveys as described in Option 1, while directing Administration to maintain a list of approved Alberta Land Surveyors who meet municipal standards for tentative subdivision plans.

Applicants would be required to select a surveyor from this approved list, who have signed up to be on this list & understand the level of detail the County requires on these surveys.

This would ensure consistency in the documents received from a variety of surveyors; however the creation of a list rather than any surveyor does hinder open competition amongst surveyors. The cost of these surveys is determined on a case-by-case basis, meaning the applicant may not see a cost savings from utilizing our registered list.

## **3. Require a Tentative Survey from an Approved Surveyor List with Pricing Commitments.**

Council could require tentative surveys as described in Option 1, while directing Administration to maintain a list of approved Alberta Land Surveyors who meet municipal standards for tentative subdivision plans.

Surveyors would elect to be on this list, with maximum prices provided as to what they will charge applicants for their services. The primary difference between option 2 & option 3 is an attempt to create price limitations or guidelines for the applicant.

#### 4. **Require a Tentative Survey from a singular Surveyor.**

Council could require tentative subdivision surveys to be completed by one designated surveying company selected by the municipality. The County could set the guidelines or requirements for what information we need on the survey document to be presented to council through the agreement.

This option would provide the highest level of standardization and administrative consistency, but would limit applicant choice in surveyors. A set price could be determined as part of the agreement.

### **TO BE DISCUSSED- METHOD OF OBTAINING OUTCOME**

Should Council wish to alter the subdivision application timeline, and require the survey with the application there are several methods the above listed deliverables could be obtained.

RFP: Request for Proposal

- Can be awarded to multiple proponents provided it is clearly stated in the RFP, reflected in the evaluation criteria and supported in the award clause.
- Allows any survey company to provide a proposal
- Standardized through requirements but also formatting as limited surveyors will mean consistent styles.

RFQ: Request for Quote

- Allows the company from which the quote is requested to provide their information
- Standardized through requirements but also formatting as limited surveyors will mean consistent styles.

Changing our requirements:

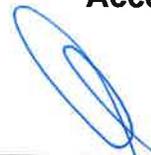
- Allows for any surveyor to meet the requirement.
- Is standardize in that our requirements would provide guidelines for the details needed but minor variances between surveyor's is possible.

**Prepared By:**



Pearl Luken  
**Planning & Development Clerk**

**Accepted by:**



Gerhard Stickling  
**Chief Administrative Officer**



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AF - 2025- 0172

**Agenda Item No.**

06.6.3-A

**Subject:** Farm Family Award

**Agenda Date:** February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Attachments:**

**Recommendation:** Nominate Laurie and Dave Michalchuk as recipients of the Farm Family Award for 2026, reach out to NPARA to have them recognized at the Farmer's Appreciation Night on April 17<sup>th</sup>. If Explore Edmonton has an event, we will also submit them for recognition.

**Background:** I reached out to Explore Edmonton, they are still hopeful for 2026. They confirmed the Northern Alberta Farm Family Award will be undertaken by the Alberta Ag Associations Society.

I think we should go ahead with our own selection and work with NPARA to present the recipient at their Farmer's Appreciation Night on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The new policy awards \$1,000.00 to recipient to cover cost attending the event or the County will purchase a gift of approximately \$1,000.00 in value to recognize the family. Gifts ideas could be, but not limited to an engraved watch, personalized fire pit, a plaque or a gate sign.

See below the old running list. We should also think of some 2030 names and beyond.

Farm Family Award		
Family	Year	Ward
Kover Farms	2018	6
Jason Kuester	2020	3
Garrit Monster	2022	2
Laurie Michalchuk	2026	7
Michael Scott	2028	2
	2030	1
	2032	4
	2034	5

**Communication:** Inform the ASB via the Agricultural Fieldman.  
**Report Writer:** Blake Gaugler

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Blake Gaugler  
Agricultural Fieldman

  
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Jan 13: regular Council Meeting, joint Meeting.

Jan 21,22: Nuclear Panel Peace River.

Attended both sessions public and municipal. There seems to be a mixed message from the province on whether public money will be going into this project. The panel was adamant that private investors would supply the funding and the province would not take the path of Ontario and new Brunswick. These provinces have public utilities which are indebted billions of dollars due to nuclear power investment.

I asked minister Williams for clarification on this because the term backstop keeps coming up. He indicated that there was some appetite from his government for backstopping the project.

This would mean the public would assume the financial risk. Getting clarity on this issue is proving to be elusive as there continues to be conflicting messages.

Jan 27: Regular Council Meeting.

Jan 30: Asset Mapping FCSS.

Lots of discussion around how different organizations in Manning can improve communication. FCSS, MCALL, Food Bank, volunteer groups, Community Services etc. There was some discussion on hiring a coordinator/economic development officer but it didn't get much traction as the source of funding for this was unclear.

The best course of action seems to be to hold quarterly meetings of the different groups so that services are better coordinated to avoid duplication and confusion over how and what information is disseminated regarding services.

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## INFO ITEMS

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

### 08.0 New Business

Info Items: [for information]" Please note that these may not be discussed item by item. If there is an item which you wish to see or discuss further, contact the County's Executive Assistant for a copy. It is possible that this whole section may be accepted as presented in one motion."

### 10. GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- a) Alberta Council – February 13, 2026 – At a Glance
- b) Email: Proposed Amendments to the Species at Risk Act – Invitation to comment

### 20. PROTECTIVE SERVICES [POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY]

- a) STARS – Ally Impact Report
- b) RCMP, Peace River Detachment – Letter, Quarterly Community Policing Report for Q3

### 30. TRANSPORTATION/DRAINAGE/PUBLIC WORKS

### 40. UTILITIES [WATER/SEWER/SOLID WASTE]

### 50. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE

- a) RhPAP – February 2026

### 60. ENV. DEV. [PLANNING/AG. SER. /ECON DEV. /HOUSING]

- a) Community Futures Peace Country – January/February 2026 Newsletter
- b) December 4, 2025 Peace Regional Energy Committee (PREC) Meeting Minutes
- c) Growing the North Advertisement and Acknowledgement of Funding

### 70. RECREATION & CULTURE

- a) Dixonville Happenings – February 2026
- b) Thank you from Women in the North Conference Organizers

### 80. EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

### 90. PUBLIC UTILITIES [GAS/POWER/TELEPHONE]

- a) News Article: The Canadian Press – OPG signs deal with Port Hope, Ontario to build new large nuclear reactor

\*Item located on Council Table

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## At a Glance - February 13, 2026

### Province Expands In-Class Supports for K-6 Students

The Government of Alberta is investing \$143 million to support students by creating 476 new complexity teams in Kindergarten to Grade 6 classrooms. This decision follows an analysis of data from 89,000 classrooms, which revealed that classroom complexity and diverse student needs are on the rise. Each complexity team will include one teacher and two educational assistants to provide in-class support for academic, behavioural and emotional needs.

Minister of Education and Childcare, Demetrios Nicolaides, stated: "Establishing complexity teams will help teachers manage increasingly diverse classrooms and most importantly, make sure that more students are able to receive individual attention. By focusing on grades K-6, we can make sure student needs are addressed early, before they become larger issues."

### Funding to Cut Emissions, Boost Energy Production

The province is investing \$28 million through the industry-funded TIER program to support six innovative energy technology projects that aim to boost energy production while reducing environmental impacts. These initiatives, backed in part by Emissions Reduction Alberta's Industrial Transformation Challenge, are designed to help industry cut costs, lower emissions, and enhance global competitiveness.

"We're increasing energy production and protecting the environment at the same

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time. The world wants our energy, and these technologies can help us deliver while lowering emissions and keeping our industries competitive for decades to come. We're investing in made-in-Alberta projects because nobody innovates faster and better than Albertans," stated Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, Grant Hunter.

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## Hospital Support Staff Ratify Collective Agreement

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, which represents over 27,000 hospital support workers, has announced that its members have ratified a new collective agreement with the province. The deal provides a 12 per cent wage increase retroactive to April 2024, and an additional 2 per cent service-based increase for employees with more than 20 years of experience.

In a statement, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, Nate Horner, commented: "I appreciate the exceptional effort it has taken AHS and AUPE to secure the new deal for the 31,000 members who work in a variety of positions in health care settings throughout the province." He added: "Alberta's government thanks each of these workers for their hard work and dedication to our health care system."

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## Alberta Athletes Ready for Milano-Cortina 2026

The Government of Alberta is celebrating 45 Alberta-based athletes competing at the Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, highlighting their dedication and excellence in sport. Through programs like Podium Alberta, the province supports high-performance athletes by offsetting training and competition costs, providing \$750,000 annually and assisting 240 athletes in 2025. "Alberta is home to some of Canada's most committed and high-achieving athletes, and we are thrilled to see them take their talents and commitment to the 2026 Winter Games. Their hard work, resilience and passion inspire us all. On behalf of Albertans, I wish them success in Italy," commented Minister of Tourism and Sport, Andrew Boitchenko.

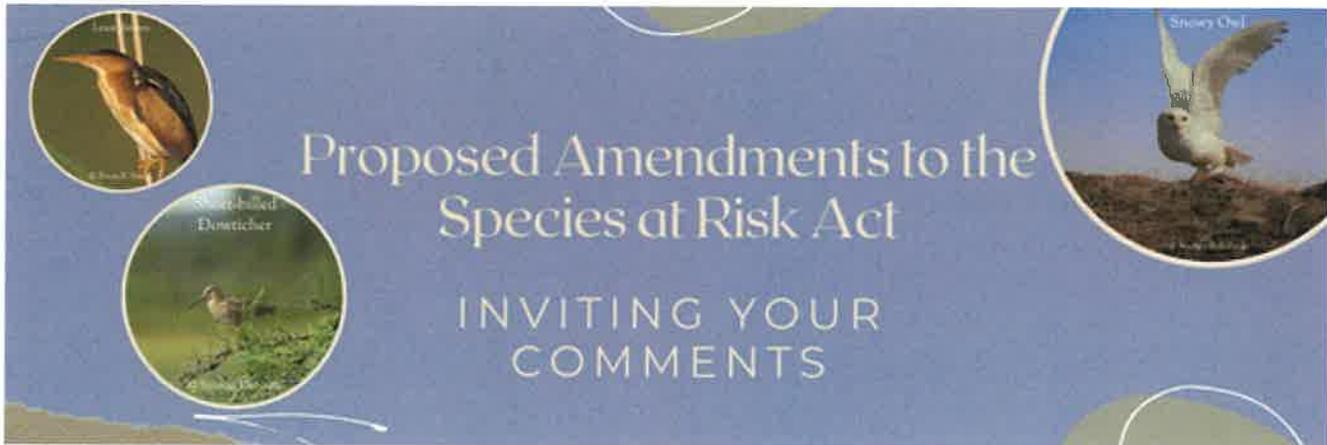


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**Subject:** FW: FOR COMMENT: Proposed SARA Amendments: Macropis Cuckoo Bee (due May 14, 2026) & Least Bittern, Short-billed Dowitcher, Snowy Owl (due Oct 14, 2026)

**Subject:** FOR COMMENT: Proposed SARA Amendments: Macropis Cuckoo Bee (due May 14, 2026) & Least Bittern, Short-billed Dowitcher, Snowy Owl (due Oct 14, 2026)



Good afternoon,

**We invite you to:**

- Review the proposed Amendments to the List of Wildlife Species at Risk: Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) to add Short-billed Dowitcher and Snowy Owl as Threatened, to downlist Least Bittern from Threatened to Special Concern, and to remove Macropis Cuckoo Bee (Endangered to Data Deficient)
- **Provide comments, if desired**, on the possible impacts of these changes to your unique rights, interests, and circumstances **by May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026** (for Macropis Cuckoo Bee), or **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026** (for Least Bittern, Short-billed Dowitcher, and Snowy Owl) to [SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca](mailto:SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca)

**Full Details**

Environment and Climate Change Canada has launched the consultations on the proposed amendments to Schedule 1 of the SARA for the Least Bittern, Short-billed Dowitcher, Snowy Owl, and Macropis Cuckoo Bee (Table 1.) The complete set of statements and the consultation path for each species are available [here](#).

**Table 1. Prairie species assessed by COSEWIC and eligible for addition to, or reclassification in Schedule 1.**

Taxon	COSEWIC Status	Species	Range	Consultation Path
<b>Addition to Schedule 1</b>				
Birds	Threatened	<b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b> <i>hendersoni/griseus</i>	NT, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PE, NL, NU	<b>Extended = comments due October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>
Birds	Threatened	<b>Snowy Owl</b>	YT, NT, NU, BC, AB, SK, MB, ON,	<b>Extended = comments due October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>

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			QC, NB, NS, PE, NL	
<b>Reclassification: Downlist</b>				
Birds	From Threatened to Special Concern	<b>Least Bittern</b>	SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PE	<b>Extended = comments due October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>
<b>Reclassification: Removal</b>				
Arthropods	From Endangered to Data Deficient	<b>Macropis Cuckoo Bee</b>	AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS	<b>Normal = comments due May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>

**We are interested in your comments on the possible impacts of these potential listings and/or reclassifications on your unique rights, interests, and circumstances.** Your comments will help us gain a better understanding of the benefits and costs, and will inform the Minister's recommendation on whether to:

- List or reclassify the species under the SARA
- Not list or not reclassify the species under the SARA or
- Refer the species back to COSEWIC for further consideration

More information on the species, listing, and consultation processes are available on the SARA Public Registry [here](#) and in the attached documents.

**Please submit comments to the SARA Registry here: [SARAREgistry@ec.gc.ca](mailto:SARAREgistry@ec.gc.ca)**

**or by mail to:**

Species at Risk Public Registry Office  
Environment and Climate Change Canada  
351 St. Joseph Boulevard – 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Gatineau, QC K1A 0H3

Thank you for your interest in species at risk!

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

**Kaytlyn Burrows**

Species at Risk Consultation and Engagement Team  
Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region / Environment and Climate Change Canada  
Email: [SARA.PNR@ec.gc.ca](mailto:SARA.PNR@ec.gc.ca)

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*On behalf of*

**Janet Scott**

Head, Species at Risk Recovery Unit  
Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region / Environment and Climate Change Canada

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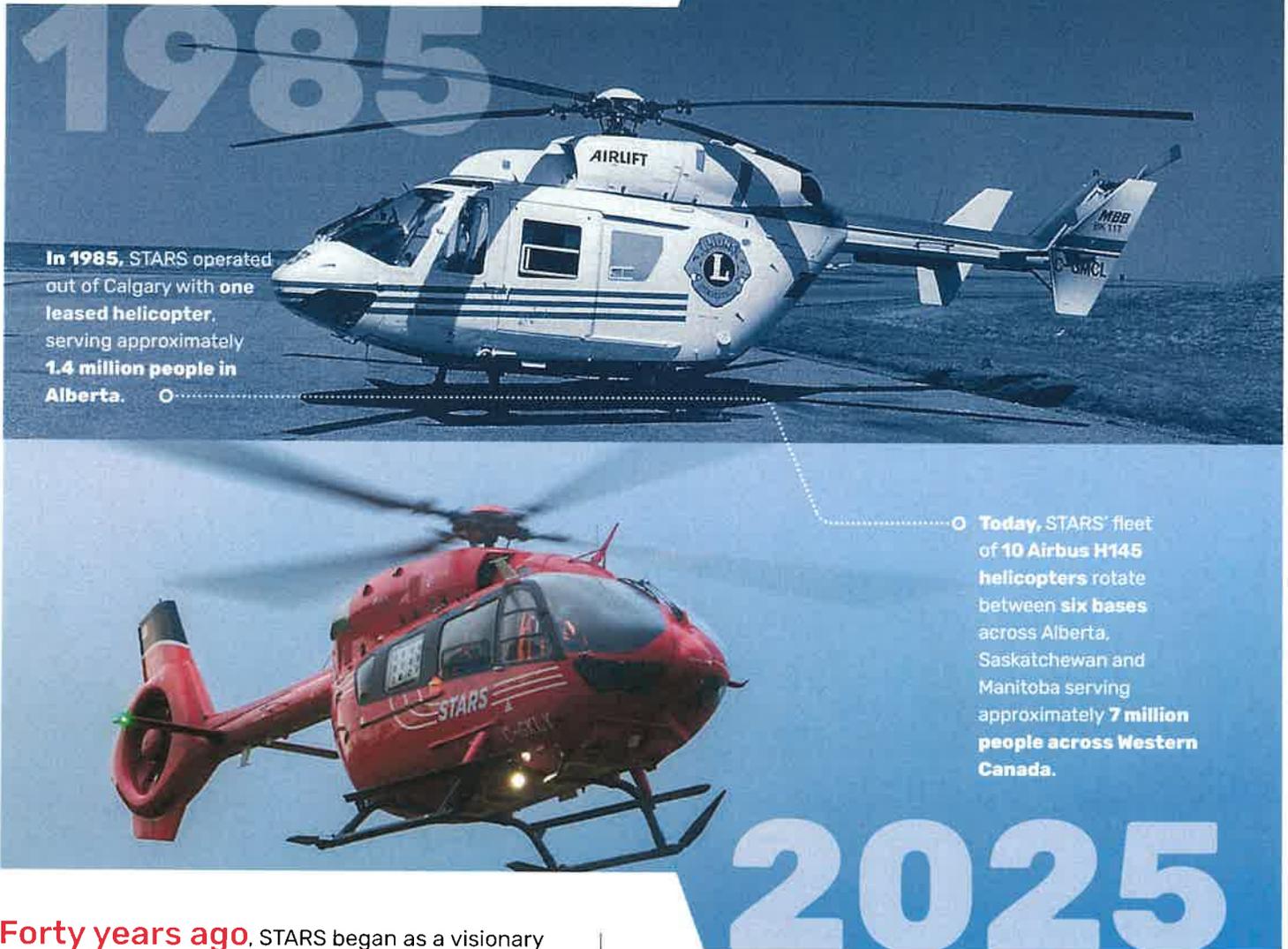


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## 40 Years: Then and Now



In 1985, STARS operated out of Calgary with one leased helicopter, serving approximately 1.4 million people in Alberta.

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**Forty years ago.** STARS began as a visionary solution to a critical challenge. People living in rural and remote areas faced long delays in accessing emergency health care when they needed it most. STARS has grown into a trusted lifeline, bringing timely, expert life-saving care, all because of allies like you.

Donors have been the backbone of our organization from the very beginning. Your contribution has not only

saved lives but also instilled hope. Your generosity has given families and loved ones a second chance to make memories and grow together.

With you by our side, we have thrived with passion, perseverance and the belief that the next patient is never too far. **THANK YOU!**



**It's the power of collaboration and community."**

Dr. Greg Powell, STARS FOUNDER

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In 2025 and recently in 2026, the County of Northern Lights generously donated \$20,000 each year to support STARS flight operations from the Grande Prairie base that serves the northern region of Alberta - **Thank you!** We are sincerely grateful for your commitment to our fight for life.

In the past year alone, STARS flew 3,694 missions throughout Western Canada, with 1,540 in Alberta alone. Each of these missions has been impacted by the support fueled by the County of Northern Lights.

STARS is a lifeline for patients in rural, remote, and indigenous communities across Western Canada, with support from our allies. It's never too far by air or ground.

Because of your decision to be a STARS ally, we can surpass obstacles and extend beyond boundaries to reach patients like Theo - making an immediate response possible for people every day.

STARS was built by the community, for the community, and thanks to allies like you, our doctors, nurses, and paramedics can get to patients no matter where they are.

We are wherever we need to be, using any transportation and tools necessary to reach our patients and deliver the care that can save their lives.

Our partnership with the County of Northern Lights is of great pride to STARS, and we are proud to serve your residents. We are excited to show you the direct impact your gift makes in our communities.

**You make critical care anywhere, possible.**

**Thank you.**



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# County of Northern Lights

THE PEOPLE

WITHIN COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS STARS 5-YEAR MISSION REPORT	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
NEAR GRIMSHAW *		1	1			2
NEAR HOTCHKISS		1				1
NEAR KEG RIVER		1			1	2
NEAR LAC CARDINAL *		1		1		2
NEAR MANNING SCENE & SAR *	1	1	1	1		4
<b>MANNING HOSPITAL CRITICAL IFTs *</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>



\* Scene location coded to nearest community - actual mission location identifies within County of Northern Lights boundaries

In 2025 (statistics are up to and including December 31, 2025), because of your support, STARS was able to carry out 3 critical inter-facility missions from the Manning hospital and 1 scene mission near Keg River; within the County of Northern Lights, including search & rescue calls within the 5-year mission report shown. Thank you for helping to support the residents of the County of Northern Lights in the communities where they live, work and play.

## More than transport

STARS is much more than a means of transportation. The main service we provide has always been, and continues to be, critical care whether by air, ground, or satellite link. From transport physicians on call 24/7, to nurses and paramedics who are ready to be dispatched, to the first responders and rural health care providers, who our ELC work with daily, it's always about the patient.

STARS was built by the community, for the community, and thanks to allies like you, we can continue to reach the communities within Western Canada and the patients within who need our help for generations to come.

# THANK YOU!

# ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR ALL, RURAL

## UNITED IN PARTNERSHIP

**Building a robust health & safety network.**

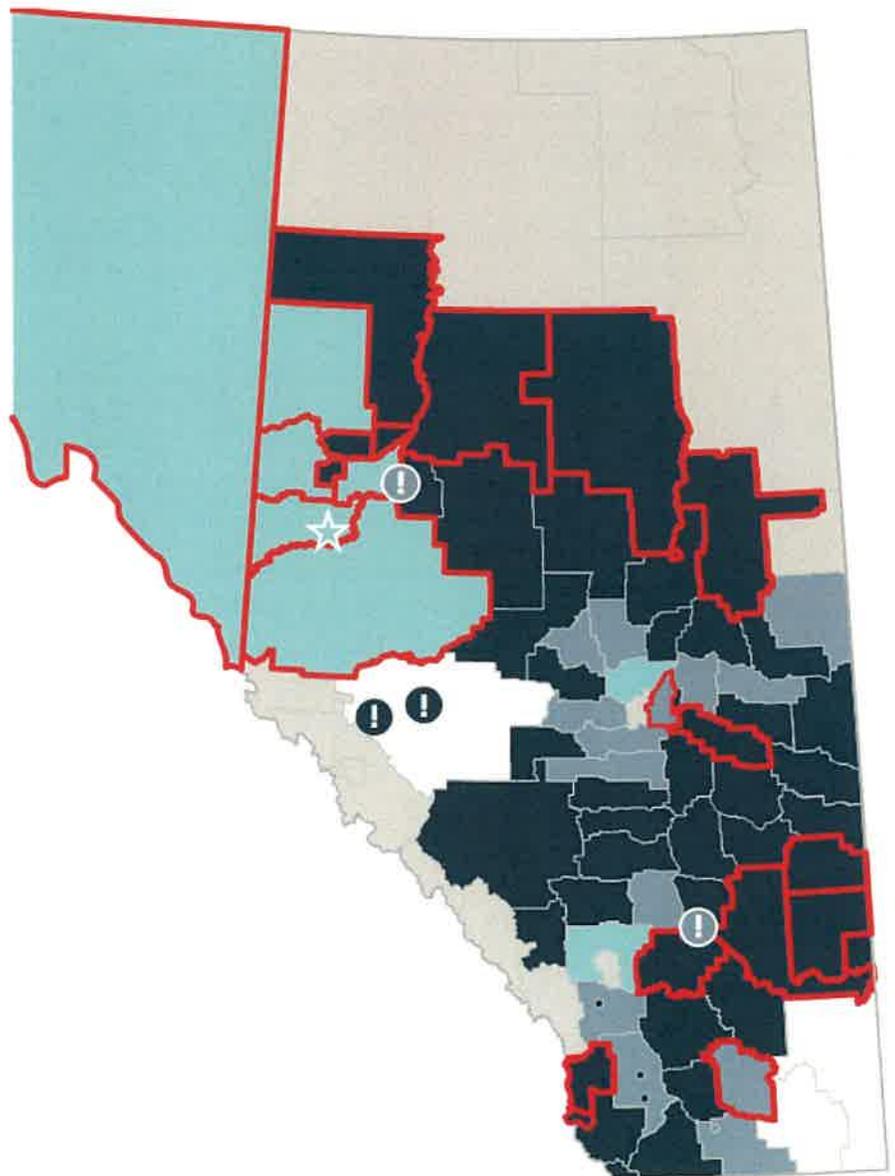
- 95% AB Municipalities in partnership
- Includes Peace River Regional District, B.C.
- 75% Regional Leaders

### REGIONAL LEADERS

Building partnerships within.  
Based on minimum \$2 per capita

### (9) PROVINCIAL LEADERS

- Fixed rate of support
- Standing motion
- Included in protective services budget



# 40 Years of Hope

Theo Konidas (centre) with his parents and siblings.



**"I think about it all the time, that he's had a second chance."**

Lee Konidas, THEO'S DAD

## Your support funds equipment that can help patients like Theo:

FIBREOPTIC BRONCHOSCOPE for intubation of difficult airways \$5,000 each + \$450/use.

IV WARMERS \$3,000 each + \$50/use.

LUCAS AUTOMATED CPR MACHINE \$21,395 each

WINTER PATIENT STRETCHER PACK \$2,300 each

CREW WINTER JACKETS \$1,000 each

# Theo's Story

**On a sunny**, yet cold New Year's Day, teenager Theo Konidas was enjoying snowmobiling with his siblings. A patch of ice resulted in a crash that nearly took his life. With his face turning blue, Theo's parents fought desperately to keep him alive by performing CPR until local emergency crews arrived. In a race against time, and Theo's chance of survival at less than 10 per cent, STARS responded.

The air medical crew intubated him and worked tirelessly to retain his blood pressure and airway during his 18-minute flight to the hospital. Amazingly, Theo made a full recovery. His parents shared their gratitude describing STARS as essential, life-saving and life-changing.

"I think about it all the time," said Theo's dad, Lee Konidas. "That he's had a second chance."

**Your support gave Theo this second chance at life.**

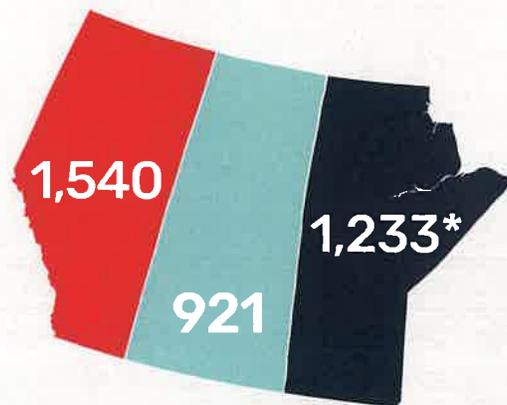


Scan the code to see Theo's full story.

## YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR

### MISSIONS:

TOTAL: **3,694** YEARLY



AVERAGE DAILY: **10**



*\*Includes fixed-wing and helicopter missions*

### INCIDENT TYPES:

- CARDIAC: 21.09%**
- ENVIRONMENTAL: 0.22%**
- NEUROLOGICAL: 11.19%**
- OBSTETRICAL: 1.71%**
- PULMONARY: 12.09%**
- VEHICLE INCIDENT: 18.62%**
- OTHER MEDICAL: 17.23%**
- OTHER TRAUMA: 17.04%**

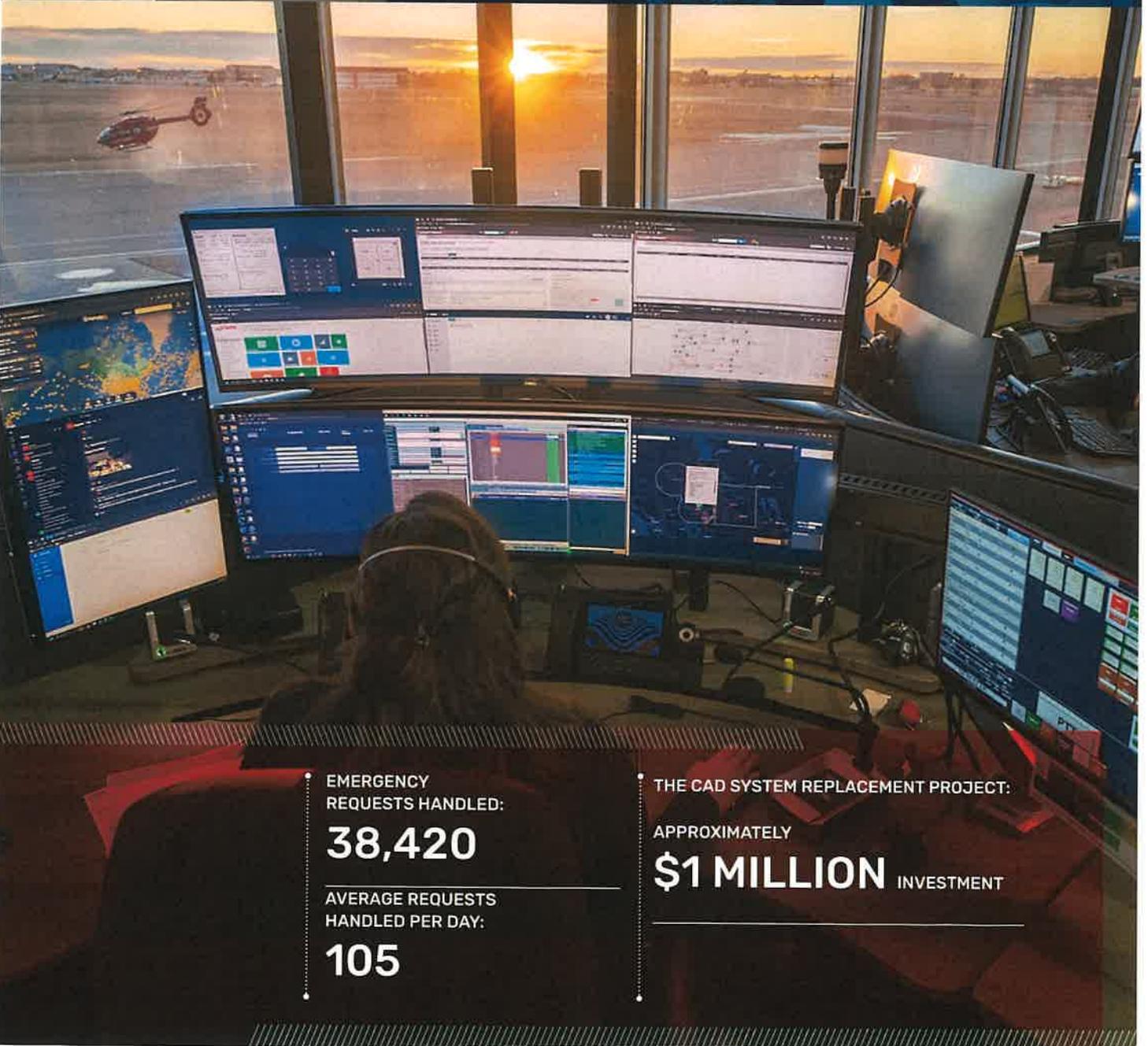


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# 40 Years of Innovation



The STARS ELC has undergone transformative changes and upgrades over its three decades of operation.



EMERGENCY REQUESTS HANDLED:

**38,420**

AVERAGE REQUESTS HANDLED PER DAY:

**105**

THE CAD SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

APPROXIMATELY

**\$1 MILLION** INVESTMENT

# Beyond the Helicopter

**Support from our allies** has made it possible for STARS to stand at the forefront of critical care by allowing us to invest in new technologies, equipment and advanced specialized training for our crew.

The STARS Emergency Link Centre (ELC) opened in 1996 and has been part of some of the largest innovative transformations the organization has seen to date. Today, the ELC dispatches STARS helicopters for all missions in Alberta and Saskatchewan.\*

Technology advancements have helped us better partner with health authorities, mitigate human error, implement virtual care options in certain provinces, and win global awards.

With your help, the ELC has gone from paper mapping and handwriting records to using custom-built geographic information system (GIS) maps to more precisely pinpoint mission locations and computer-aided dispatch (CAD) software that securely and accurately tracks mission information. Importantly, these advancements help accurately pinpoint the location of our patients.

\*STARS helicopters in Manitoba are dispatched by Manitoba's Medical Transportation Coordination Centre, per our provincial agreement.



**They found us in the middle of nowhere and now somebody's going to be able to help us and hopefully save our child."**

**Korin Konidas, THEO'S MOM**

## IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES

STARS takes part in pre-hospital care research because of the support we receive from our generous community:



### STARS VIRTUAL CARE & TRANSPORT DECISIONS

A multi-province study that investigates how STARS Virtual Care influences patient care and transport.



### MASSIVE HEMORRHAGE PROTOCOL IN AIR MEDICAL TRANSPORT

This study evaluates patient outcomes before and after implementing a pre-hospital massive hemorrhage protocol to improve emergency blood transfusion strategies.



### URBAN VS. RURAL TRANSPORTS – A 36-YEAR REVIEW

A newly published study reviewed over three decades of STARS data. It revealed that over 10 per cent of transported patients resided in urban areas. This research reinforces the impact of STARS in both urban and rural communities.



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# 40 Years of Community

500+

STARS TEAM MEMBERS

6,000

COLLECTIVE CREW TRAINING HOURS IN THE YEAR

529

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

760

COMMUNITIES CARED FOR LAST YEAR



Every call, every mission, we just want to make a difference for our patients. Knowing that Theo is thriving is the reason why we do what we do.”

Marla Tabler, THEO'S FLIGHT NURSE

Air medical crew members, like Theo's **FLIGHT NURSE MARLA TABLER**, complete many hours of training every year through The Susan Ramsay Advanced Skills Institute to keep up and enhance their skills. Training simulation topics like airway management, ventilation techniques and pediatric care prepare our crews for when real emergencies happen.

# Your Support Makes a Difference

**STARS** has relied on community support since day one. As we've grown, so has our funding model. Today, STARS operates 24/7, 365 days per year thanks to dedicated individual donations, community fundraising, corporate support and government funding.

We're built by the community, for the community. Your impact goes beyond donations – it's the support from first responders, hospitals, medical staff, Very Important Patients and volunteers who fuel STARS' missions. Thank you for making 40 years of hope and life-saving care possible.

## HOW WE'RE FUNDED



**\$12.2M**  
APPROXIMATE ANNUAL  
COST PER BASE\*

**36,571**  
ANNUAL DONORS

## FUNDING SOURCES



\*based on STARS most recent audited financials

## BEST-IN-CLASS TEAM

In the beginning, STARS relied on a volunteer crew to get to the next patient. Today, you have allowed us to invest in a world-class team of flight nurses, paramedics, pilots and transport physicians.



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## The Next 40 Years



### A message from Dr. John Froh, President and CEO, STARS

**For 40 amazing years**, STARS has provided critical care and hope to people in need. Every day, we strive to be more innovative, efficient and forward-thinking to provide the best possible care for our patients – all of which is only possible with the support of allies like you.

Your generosity has enabled us to fly more than **63,000 missions** over the last four decades, saving countless

lives and giving families and friends more time with the ones they love. You have allowed us to invest in the best team members, equipment and training. You help us save lives.

As we look to the next 40 years and beyond, medicine and prehospital response will inevitably evolve. Thanks to allies like you, we will continue to innovate, grow and, most importantly, provide critical care, anywhere.

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Kelly Waldron  
(centre) with  
her husband,  
Tyler, and their  
daughters.



**If STARS wasn't here, I definitely wouldn't be here. I wouldn't have done anything at all with my life. My parents wouldn't have watched their daughter grow up. They wouldn't have been grandparents."**

Kelly Waldron, STARS' FIRST VERY IMPORTANT PATIENT



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# COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

REGIONAL LEADER



## BENEFITS

- STARS provides physical response and virtual consultation
- Together, we enhance rural healthcare
- Your residents have access to STARS 24/7 across Western Canada
- 40 Years serving Albertans
- No cost to the patient.

## THANK YOU



**A LIFE IS SAVED EVERY DAY. YOUR PARTNERSHIP MAKES IT POSSIBLE.**



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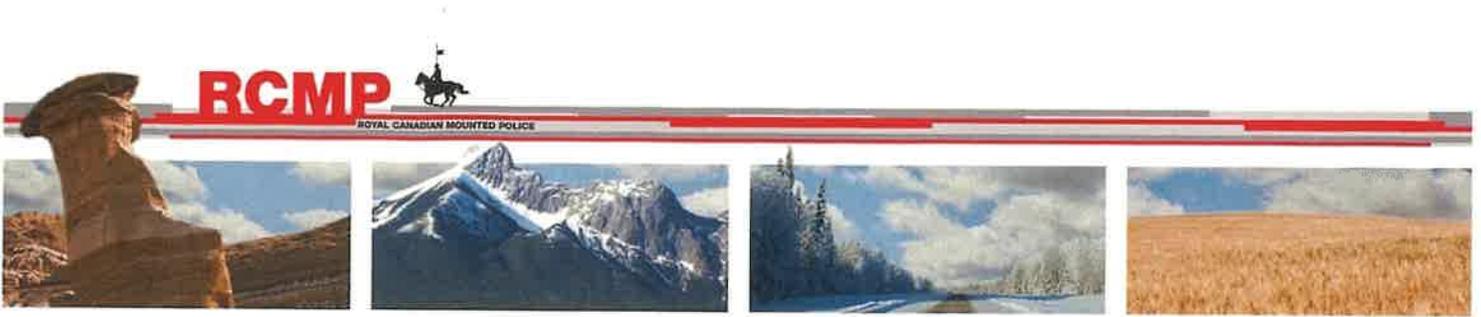


# Stay In Touch

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February 10, 2026

Dear Mayor, Reeve, CAO and Councillors,

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for Q3. It outlines staffing, financial information, and crime trends for the Peace River Detachment and supports our commitment to transparency and ongoing collaboration with our community partners.

Through both provincial and municipal policing contracts, the RCMP serves roughly 40% of Albertans across 95% of the province, including your community. That is why it is so important that our work is centered on people — the frontline members serving your community, the support teams behind the scenes, and the Albertans who rely on us every day.

The Government of Alberta's Police Funding Model (PFM) has strengthened our ability to meet those needs. With your contributions, we have added 279 police officers, 136 directly to detachments, along with 242 civilian staff, including 77 supporting detachment operations. These investments have also enabled the development of a Real-Time Operations Centre to support frontline officers, the expansion of our drone program, enhanced investigative capacity, and the addition of a third specialized Emergency Response Team.

These resources, along with the dedication of our employees and the support of your community, have helped bring Alberta's crime rates to their lowest point in five years — and we are committed to building on this progress together.

I welcome continued conversations about your community's policing priorities and any ideas that can help us strengthen our service. Working collaboratively is essential to maintaining this forward progress, and I encourage you to reach out at any time with questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

S/Sgt Lacey Blair  
Detachment Commander  
Peace River

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Commanding Officer  
Alberta



Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Commandant  
de l'Alberta

February 4, 2026

Good day,

As we begin a new year, I would like to take the opportunity to share an update on the work the Alberta RCMP is doing to support safe, resilient communities across the province.

Like you, and the communities you serve, crime remains a primary concern for the Alberta RCMP. We recognize the significant impacts crime has on residents, businesses, and overall community well-being. Policing in Alberta presents unique and real challenges, including vast geographic areas, long response distances, and a relatively small number of repeat offenders who cause a disproportionate amount of harm. Addressing these challenges requires responses that are intelligence-led, fiscally responsible, and built on strong partnerships.

We remain focused on addressing crime through continual reassessment of operational approaches, responsible deployment of resources, and close collaboration with municipal and community partners. We also recognize the significant cost of policing for communities and remain committed to ensuring available resources are deployed strategically and efficiently to deliver effective policing services to Albertans.

As part of this commitment, we are investing in modernization initiatives, including the development of the Real-Time Operations Centre, the expansion of the Emergency Response Team, increased investigative capacity and resources focused on working in partnership with communities and government on prevention initiatives and address the root causes of crime.

I want to highlight for you some of the initiatives we have underway, some of the results we've realized and some of the opportunities we remain focused on.

Despite fiscal pressures, we continue to focus resources where they will have the greatest impact. One of our key strategies is concentrating on the relatively small number of offenders responsible for the greatest harm across the province through tracking and prioritizing the Top 100 offenders. Using data compiled from RCMP and municipal police services across Alberta our Strategic Research and Analysis Unit, has assessed nearly 100,000 unique offenders and ranked them to identify those causing the most significant harm. This intelligence directly informs the work of Crime Reduction Units located across the province that can be deployed where and when emerging crime trends demand to target those offenders causing the most harm. These units work in close coordination with local detachments and partner agencies, including municipal police services and Alberta Sheriffs.

We have countless examples of successful operations targeting property crime offenders across Alberta where significant seizures of stolen property including vehicles, ATV's heavy construction equipment, and copper wire, have been recovered and offenders have been arrested to face prosecution. This includes well coordinated investigations involving teams of investigators located strategically throughout the four districts working in concert and utilizing sophisticated investigative techniques and tools including the leveraging of cutting-edge surveillance assets from our federal RCMP partners.

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We know that addiction to illicit drugs is a huge driver of the types of crime that victimize Albertans. To that end, we have also utilized enhanced investigative resources to compliment local detachments in combatting the drug trade in communities across the province. We have made significant seizures of fentanyl, methamphetamines, cocaine and illegal firearms in numerous investigations across the province. These successes impact the availability of these harmful drugs through disruption of supply and act as a deterrent by holding accountable those who are profiting from the distribution of substances that deprive Albertans of their safety and security.

We are embracing technology to make policing more effective, efficient, and safer for both the public and police. The policing landscape is changing; yesterday's solutions won't solve today's challenges. As such, modern policing requires that frontline officers be supported by layers of expertise, coordination, and technology. The Real-Time Operations Centre does exactly that and is a critical component of police modernization. Operating twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Real-Time Operations Centre provides operational support to every Alberta RCMP officer in the province. It enhances officer and public safety, coordinates specialized resources, and ensures informed decision-making during complex and evolving incidents. For our officers, the Real-Time Operations Centre ensures they are never working alone, regardless of location. For Alberta communities, this means every officer on their street is supported by a robust network of specialized units ready to respond at any moment. Ratepayers aren't funding just one uniformed member, but a comprehensive system of expertise and technology working behind that officer to keep their community safe.

Advanced investigative resources and practices represent another essential component of modernized policing as do resources such as the Emergency Response Teams. Emergency Response Teams are teams of highly skilled and trained individuals, bringing together experienced members, specialized tactics, advanced technology, and trained negotiators as a complete operational package, essentially bringing the right resource to the most volatile and dangerous calls. Their role is to safely resolve high-risk incidents involving armed or barricaded individuals, hostage situations and high-risk arrests. By deploying the appropriate expertise, equipment, and techniques, Emergency Response Teams have consistently led to safer outcomes for community members, suspects, and police officers. Demand for these specialized responses has increased significantly, with a sixty-one per cent increase in calls requiring Emergency Response Team involvement over the past four years. In response we have increased our capacity in this area enhancing overall public safety throughout the province. These specialized units place the Alberta RCMP on the leading edge of modern policing in Canada and directly support community safety. Combined with the dedication of our employees and the partnership of the communities we serve, these efforts have helped reduce crime rates in Alberta to the lowest in five years.

We recognize that police visibility and staffing levels remain key concerns for our clients and stakeholders. We continue to focus on recruiting Albertans to serve Albertans, strengthening experienced police officer recruitment. Since April 1, 2024, we have seen 5,450 applications in Alberta and 22 Experienced Police Officers have joined the Alberta RCMP since April 1, 2025. While these recruiting numbers are encouraging, we recognize the ongoing urgency to fill vacancies which is why we continually look inward at our hiring processes to remove barriers, find efficiencies and ensure the most qualified applicants are finding their way to service in communities across Alberta as quickly as possible.

Like all police services, we experience short-term human resource pressures at frontline detachments and have developed several strategies that enable a flexible response to these pressures. We have established a Relief Team based out of Leduc and Cochrane that is comprised of 30 members who

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support detachments throughout the province. Since the start of 2026, the Relief Team has deployed 34 times to various detachments in the province. In addition, we currently have 33 Reservists who are retired police officers available as and when required to deploy where the greatest needs are. This provides another option of flexible deployment of highly experienced resources.

We are continually assessing our service delivery models to ensure our resources are deployed in the most effective and efficient way. This includes assessing resource levels at detachments, monitoring our response times, reviewing and adapting our policies and piloting initiatives to improve member visibility in communities. Just recently, we approved a pilot project that leverages technology to reduce the administrative burden placed on our front-line members, so that they can spend more time engaged in proactive patrolling and community engagement.

We continually engage in consultation with our community partners and stakeholders to identify whether changes to service delivery are needed. We assess and discuss impacts with our stakeholders and prioritize flexibility to ensure we are responsive to community priorities and needs.

Municipal leadership plays a critical role in advocating for safer communities. Your collective voice—grounded in firsthand knowledge of how crime affects residents, businesses, and community well-being—is essential in advancing meaningful change related to bail practices and court capacity.

I would like to highlight some of the broader challenges we encounter in this space.

First, let me share an example of a single prolific offender whose repeated releases resulted in significant harm across multiple communities:

- In February 2025, he committed a firearm-related robbery and stole a vehicle containing a one-year-old child, receiving a 90-day sentence.
- In June 2025, he was sentenced to 21 days time served after being located in a stolen vehicle.
- In July 2025, he was arrested again in a stolen vehicle, charged with 11 offences, and released on bail with conditions.
- In September 2025, he pled guilty to theft under \$5,000 and served 30 days.
- In November 2025, he rammed an unmarked police vehicle with a stolen vehicle and was taken into custody.
- He now faces 11 charges, including failure to comply and assaulting a police officer with a weapon, and remains in custody.

This individual committed offences across Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland County, Lac Ste. Anne County, and Sturgeon County. His apprehension was the result of coordinated efforts between the Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit, a Community Response Team, and Parkland Detachment resources.

Examples such as this are not isolated. They demonstrate how a single prolific offender, repeatedly released back into the community, can cause significant harm to multiple municipalities in a short period of time. These cases underscore rural Albertans' concerns around repeat offending, bail, and court capacity.

We work closely with Crown Prosecutors to address repeat offending by ensuring priority offenders are supported by comprehensive bail packages that clearly outline criminal history, risk to public safety, and the broader community impacts of continued release. We also actively support the use of Community

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Impact Statements, which allow communities and municipal leaders to articulate the cumulative harm crime causes beyond individual victims.

We remain compassionate toward individuals experiencing mental health challenges, addictions, and social vulnerability, and we continue to support partnerships that improve access to treatment and recovery services. This requires that adequate treatment be available and accessible. At the same time, there *are* individuals whose repeated, violent, or high-risk behaviour necessitates incarceration. Some people simply need to go to jail in order to protect the public and prevent further victimization.

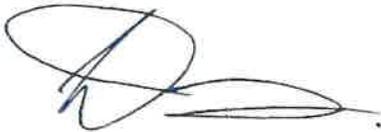
Court capacity remains a significant challenge across the province, especially in rural Alberta. Limited court time, shortages of judges and clerks, and resulting delays undermine the effectiveness of the justice system. We will continue to advocate for improvements through multiple forums, consistently raising the impacts these pressures have on victims, communities, and frontline policing.

When policing data, operational experience, and municipal advocacy align, they provide a powerful foundation for justice system reform. Effective crime reduction cannot be achieved by policing alone. Long-term success depends on strong partnerships with municipalities, community organizations, government, and social service providers. We value our relationship with you and those you represent and recognize the essential role you play in shaping community safety priorities.

Modernization, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration will continue to guide our efforts. We are committed to leveraging technology, applying best practices, and deploying the right resources in the right places to support shared public safety goals.

Effective policing depends on strong partnerships, and I want to assure you that we remain committed to working closely with elected officials, municipal administrators, and community leaders to ensure policing services align with local priorities and needs. That is why I encourage you to reach out to your local Detachment Commander to discuss your policing services and explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration in support of your community priorities.

Sincerely,



Trevor Daroux  
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## Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

### Detachment Information

**Detachment Name**

Peace Regional

**Detachment Commander**

S/Sgt. Lacey BLAIR

**Report Date**

February 10, 2026

**Fiscal Year**

2025-26

**Quarter**

Q3 (October - December)

### Community Priorities

**Priority #1: Organized Crime - Drug Trafficking****Updates and Comments:**

Peace Regional GIS has not laid any new drug trafficking based charges in this quarter. GIS currently has several investigation into trafficking on going in the region which are anticipated to continue to develop in charges in the coming quarter. Peace Regional GIS has been working towards increasing the pool of information and has been actively working to increase intelligence on the drug trade in the region through the use of confidential human sources.

**Priority #2: Property - Break and Enter****Updates and Comments:**

Peace Regional Detachment responded to 42 break and enter files this quarter. Residential - 20, Business - 18, Seasonal - 2 and Other - 2. In those 64 files RCMP responded to charges were laid on 8 files with 5 of those being unfound and 1 with a victim who did not wish to proceed with charges. There are currently 9 files still open for further investigation. Peace River detachment members responded to break and enters and noted that several of the business or residential owners did not have cameras or other evidence to further progress the investigation. The majority of the break and enters reported were in the warmer months, September and October. With the weather conditions in Nov and Dec this showed a decrease in reported files. A number of assist to identify media releases were distributed out to the public for additional information on these reported occurrences.





## Priority #3: Police / Community Relations - Police Visibility & Community/Youth Engagement

### Updates and Comments:

Detachment has participated in a number of community events this quarter. Town CLO has engaged with schools to help build on that growing relationship and provide the kids with positive police interactions. In December the Peace Region had 2 guest speakers attend the local high schools to speak with the high school students to build positive mentorships. Guest speakers had 1 from the CFL and another TSN analyst. This was a very positive event for the region. Detachment engaged with local schools in break / lunch programs along with attending Christmas Concerts and festivals.

## Priority #4: Traffic - Impaired driving

### Updates and Comments:

Peace Regional detachment member responded to 11 reports of an impaired driver in the region. Proactive files resulted in 3 Provincial Sanctions, Immediate roadside suspensions. Peace Regional detachment members participated in National Impaired Enforcement day which had local detachment member partner with Traffic services and conduct check stops throughout the region. Detachment members have focused on vehicle stops to keep roads within the region safe.





## Community Consultations

### Consultation #1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
October 8, 2025	Meeting with Elected Officials
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Annual Planning, Regular Reporting, Information Sharing	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Detachment Commander and Ops NCO attended Town of Grimshaw council meeting. Reported on crime statistics, detachment staffing, along with any concerns council had asked.	

### Consultation #2

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
October 21, 2025	Town Hall
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Crime Reduction Initiatives, Education Session, Regular Reporting, Information Sharing.	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Detachment Commander attended Rural Crime Watch meeting quarterly report.	

### Consultation #3

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
November 1, 2025	Meeting with Elected Officials
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Youth, Annual Planning, Diversity and Equity	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Meeting for guest speakers coming to Peace River and Grimshaw to talk to schools.	





## Consultation #4

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
November 5, 2025	Community Connection
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Education Session, Youth, Annual Planning.	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Foodbank donation drive at the Co-Op for the Churches in Grimshaw.	

## Consultation #5

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
November 6, 2025	Community Connection
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Education Session, Crime Reduction Initiatives, Regular Reporting, Information Sharing.	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Coffee with a Cop in Nampa.	

## Consultation #6

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
December 3, 2025	Community Connection
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Education Session, Youth, Regular Reporting, Information Sharing.	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Guest speakers for the Grimshaw schools. Tamika nurse and Brendan Monson spoke to youths about sports and career planning.	





## Consultation #7

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
December 5, 2025	Community Connection
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Youth, Regular Reporting, Information Sharing, Annual Planning	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Christmas parade in Grimshaw.	





## Provincial Service Composition

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Soft Vacancies	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	13	11	2	1
Detachment Support	5	3	0	2

**Notes:**

1. Data extracted on December 31, 2025 and is subject to change.
2. Soft Vacancies are positions that are filled but vacant due to maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc. and are still included in the overall FTE count.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

**Comments:**

Provincial: Police Officers: Of the 12 established positions, ten officers are currently working, two are on special leave (one Medical, one Other). One of those positions has been backfilled. There is one hard vacancy at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the five established positions, two resources are currently working. There are two hard vacancies.

Municipal: Police Officers: Of the 13 established positions, 11 officers are currently working. There is one officer on special leave (Graduated Return to Work). There are two positions with two officers assigned to them as one officer is transferring out of the Peace River Detachment. There are no hard vacancies at this time.

CTA: Police Officers: Of the 5 established positions, 3 are currently working. There is one on admin duties and 1 hard vacancy at this time.



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## Peace Regional Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) October - December: 2021 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January 13, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	1	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.1
Robbery		1	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Sexual Assaults		9	11	0	3	5	-44%	67%	-1.6
Other Sexual Offences		1	2	1	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
Assault		72	57	53	52	45	-38%	-13%	-5.9
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		5	2	3	1	3	-40%	200%	-0.5
Extortion		1	0	2	0	2	100%	N/A	0.2
Criminal Harassment		8	8	6	5	8	0%	60%	-0.3
Uttering Threats		11	19	14	11	21	91%	91%	1.2
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>-7.3</b>
Break & Enter		36	30	39	25	19	-47%	-24%	-3.9
Theft of Motor Vehicle		25	17	16	20	20	-20%	0%	-0.7
Theft Over \$5,000		8	5	11	6	8	0%	33%	0.1
Theft Under \$5,000		26	23	40	21	31	19%	48%	0.8
Possn Stn Goods		5	9	5	11	12	140%	9%	1.6
Fraud		11	13	7	15	18	64%	20%	1.6
Arson		4	3	0	1	4	0%	300%	-0.2
Mischief - Damage To Property		32	26	24	15	33	3%	120%	-0.9
Mischief - Other		28	38	45	23	49	75%	113%	2.7
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>175</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Offensive Weapons		8	19	5	4	8	0%	100%	-1.5
Disturbing the peace		8	2	11	9	7	-13%	-22%	0.5
Fail to Comply & Breaches		32	26	23	7	32	0%	357%	-1.9
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>150%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>123%</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>339</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>-6.6</b>

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## Peace Regional Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) October - December: 2021 - 2025

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January 13, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2021 - 2025	% Change 2024 - 2025	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Drug Enforcement - Possession		7	5	4	1	1	-86%	0%	-1.6
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		2	5	2	5	0	-100%	-100%	-0.4
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
<b>Total Drugs</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-90%</b>	<b>-83%</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		1	5	2	3	6	500%	100%	0.8
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Liquor Act		4	3	2	2	4	0%	100%	-0.1
Cannabis Act		1	0	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Mental Health Act		20	26	33	23	16	-20%	-30%	-1.1
Other Provincial Stats		40	21	20	38	27	-33%	-29%	-0.9
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	2	7	N/A	250%	1.6
Municipal By-laws		2	1	1	1	5	150%	400%	0.6
<b>Total Municipal</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>500%</b>	<b>300%</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Fatals		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Injury MVC		16	16	14	15	26	63%	73%	1.9
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		107	93	109	57	70	-35%	23%	-11.0
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		5	16	14	7	21	320%	200%	2.3
<b>TOTAL MVC</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>-7.0</b>
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		13	3	3	5	2	-85%	-60%	-2.0
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
<b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>		<b>463</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Other Traffic		0	0	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-46%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>-2.8</b>
<b>Common Police Activities</b>									
False Alarms		5	10	19	7	15	200%	114%	1.7
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		34	23	33	63	30	-12%	-52%	3.2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		57	36	47	69	53	-7%	-23%	2.5
Persons Reported Missing		4	8	5	1	7	75%	600%	-0.1
Search Warrants		2	2	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.6
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		53	61	49	33	48	-9%	45%	-3.8
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		5	5	0	0	2	-60%	N/A	-1.1

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**From:** RhPAP <info@rhpap.ca>  
**Sent:** February 11, 2026 9:02 AM  
**To:** Teresa Tupper  
**Subject:** Connected to Rural: Veteran physician divides time between home practice and rural locums



February 11, 2026

# Connected to Rural



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Brooks, AB

## IMPACT



## Veteran physician divides time between home practice and rural locums

Dr. Vamini Selvanandan has seen it all while covering for physicians across the province and beyond during her nearly quarter century career.

[To Read the Full Story, Click Here](#)

## Recognize rural healthcare heroes today with Rhapsody Awards

Two health professionals with nearly six decades of experience between them say shining a light on rural healthcare heroes has lasting positive impacts.

[To Read the Full Story, Click Here](#)





## Let's Go Rural! Post-secondary event in Olds

Healthcare professionals from Olds welcomed University of Alberta and Red Deer Polytechnic students for an immersive weekend (January 30 to February 1, 2026) showcasing the impact, opportunities, and community spirit of rural healthcare.

[To View More Photos From the Weekend, Click Here](#)



## What is an Attraction and Retention Committee?

RhPAP supports 62 Healthcare Attraction and Retention Committees in rural Alberta. In turn, those committees support 171 rural communities.

In this video, you'll discover who is typically on a committee, and what role these groups play in the attraction, integration and retention of healthcare providers in their community

[To Watch the Video, Click Here](#)

# INITIATIVES

## Celebrate outstanding impact: Rhapsody Award nominations closing soon

Do you know someone who exemplifies excellence in rural health? Nominate them for the Rhapsody Award before the February 27 deadline and help us recognize their outstanding impact.

[Learn More](#)

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## Apply now to host a 2026-27 Let's Go Rural! Event in your community!

RhPAP is currently accepting expressions of interest to host Let's Go Rural! High School and Post-Secondary events in rural communities. Complete the form by March 15, 2026 to be considered.

[Learn More](#)

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## RhPAP is seeking rural physician volunteers for its GEMS Scientific Planning Committee

RhPAP is looking for rural physician volunteers for its General Emergency Medicine Skills (GEMS) Course Scientific Planning Committee. Volunteers are expected to attend two virtual meetings per year plus review of the online modules. Interested in volunteering? Email [GEMS@rhpap.ca](mailto:GEMS@rhpap.ca) for more information.

[Learn More](#)

**EVENTS**

## Let's Go Rural! High School Event

FEBRUARY 11, 2026 | TABER, AB

This high school skills event, organized by RhPAP in collaboration with local community members and local health professionals, encourages students to consider careers in rural healthcare.

[Click Here To Learn More](#)

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## Knowledge Now presents: An introduction to RhPAP's new Attraction, Integration and Retention Toolkit

FEBRUARY 12, 2026 | VIRTUAL EVENT (ZOOM)

Join RhPAP for an introduction to RhPAP's Attraction, Integration and Retention Toolkit developed to support rural communities.

[Click Here To Learn More](#)

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## How Do I Get There? Dental Assistant

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 | VIRTUAL EVENT (ZOOM)

Know a high school student curious about what it's like to be a Dental Assistant? Join us for this free, interactive Zoom session designed especially for rural Alberta high school students, along with the educators and parents who support them.

[Click Here To Learn More](#)



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January/February 2026

Community Futures Peace Country



# Lemonade Day is Coming to THREE CFPC Communities this Summer

**Lemonade Day**

Is coming to Peace River, Fairview & Manning on June 13th

Free program open to kids kindergarten and up

Registration Opens March 1st online at

Learn how to start and operate your own business A lemonade stand!

lemonadedaynorthernalberta.com

We're excited to share that Lemonade Day 2026 will take place in three Community Futures Peace Country communities on June 13: Peace River, Fairview and, new this year, Manning. Lemonade Day is a province-wide initiative that gives youth the opportunity to learn valuable entrepreneurial skills by planning and operating their own lemonade stands. Participants create business plans, obtain business licences, secure stand locations, develop recipes and design their booths. A special thank you to Pauline at the Fairview Chamber and Megan at the Manning FCSS for spearheading the event in their communities. We are very grateful for their enthusiasm and look forward to working with them to bring this exciting initiative to local youth.

Registration opens March 1, 2026 at [lemonadedaynorthernalberta.com](http://lemonadedaynorthernalberta.com).

## Peace River & District Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

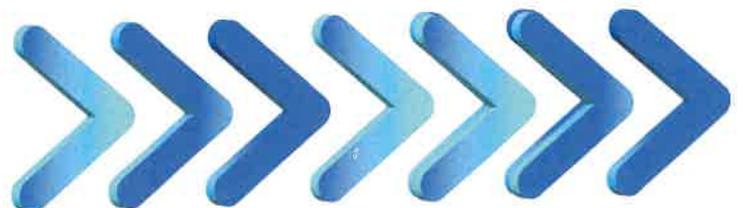


CFPC staff attended the Peace River & District Chamber of Commerce Davis Business Awards on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Lemonology, who were awarded the Young Entrepreneur Award sponsored by Community Futures Peace Country. Photo by Lori Day Photography - Left to right: Layne Gardner, Rilyn & Tayler Cottrell

## Warm Welcome Back to George Leger, Board Director



Join us in welcoming George Leger back to the CFPC Board. George is serving his second term on the Board of Directors, representing sub region 1, Grimshaw and area. Thank you to George for your ongoing service to the region in this role.



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# Lunch and Learn Session Updates

## March 18 - Business Structures with Paul Messner & Robert Hoy

We held a Lunch & Learn in mid-January, Write-Offs Made Simple, bringing together business owners both in person and online for an informative start to the new year. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. A special thank you to Crystal Alfred from First String Bookkeeping Co. for sharing her expertise and delivering clear, practical insights that left participants feeling more confident and prepared. Our next Lunch and Learn will be held on March 18, 2026, with Paul Messner and Robert Hoy focusing on various types of business structures. Register via email to [adminpc@albertacf.com](mailto:adminpc@albertacf.com) by March 16.



# WOMEN IN THE NORTH 2026

## REFUEL: Balance, Boundaries & Better Teams



**2026**  
WOMEN IN THE NORTH CONFERENCE  
**Workshop Sessions**

- Fuel Your Body, Focus Your Mind**  
Heidi Dubé  
Elemental Fitness
- Boundaries, Burnout and Balance**  
Charis Nepinak  
Choosing Change Counselling
- When Things Go Sideways**  
Stacey Messner  
Leader in Human Resources
- From Chaos to Clarity**  
Dani Wearden  
Rural Heart Media

Learn more and get tickets at [womeninthenorth.ca](http://womeninthenorth.ca)

Planning is underway for the 18th year of the Women in the North Conference, which returns in 2026 as one regional event bringing women from across northern Alberta together in Grimshaw on April 22, 2026. This year's theme, REFUEL: Balance, Boundaries and Better Teams, focuses on connection, learning, and practical takeaways participants can bring back to their workplaces, personal lives and communities. The conference will feature four interactive workshops: Fuel Your Body, Focus Your Mind; Boundaries, Burnout and Balance; When Things Go Sideways; and From Chaos to Clarity. Sessions are designed to support team building, workplace wellness, communication skills, and navigating

challenges with confidence. Registration includes a catered meal, door prizes, and gift bags. A 20% discount is available for teams of three or more, making this an ideal opportunity for organizations to attend together and invest in shared learning. In addition to the conference, a pre-conference Ladies' Night Out is being planned for the evening of April 21, along with a local shopping experience on April 21 and 22 exclusively for conference participants planned by the Grimshaw & District Chamber of Commerce. These activities offer a relaxed and social way to extend time together outside the conference while connecting with local businesses and fellow attendees.

[womeninthenorth.ca](http://womeninthenorth.ca)

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# Business Bites Networking Event Update

Community Futures Peace Country will be hosting Business Bites on March 26 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at The Krooked House in Grimshaw. Business Bites is a casual noon-hour networking event designed to bring small business owners and service providers together from across the Peace Region. The goal is to create space for connection, increase awareness of local services, and strengthen relationships within the regional business community. The event will feature a "Business Show and Tell," where participants are encouraged to briefly share something about their business or organization. This interactive format helps build visibility, spark referrals, and foster collaboration among local professionals. A complimentary tapas-style lunch will be provided. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to [adminpc@albertacf.com](mailto:adminpc@albertacf.com) by noon on March 23. Events like Business Bites play an important role in supporting local economic development by encouraging collaboration and helping businesses stay connected across communities.

## Board Director Carolyn Kolebaba Appointed to CFNA Board of Directors

Carolyn Kolebaba of Community Futures Peace Country has been appointed as Vice Chair of the Community Futures Network of Alberta (CFNA) Board of Directors. The CFNA Board brings together volunteer directors and Community Futures managers from across the province to provide governance, regional insight, and strategic oversight in support of rural economic development. In her role as Vice Chair, Carolyn will serve on the Board Executive, helping guide provincial priorities and support Community Futures offices and the communities they serve across Alberta. Community Futures Peace Country extends its congratulations to Carolyn on her appointment and looks forward to her continued leadership at the provincial level.

COMMUNITY FUTURES PEACE COUNTRY  
**P R E S E N T S**  
**BUSINESS BITES**

Join us for a casual networking event bringing **small business owners & service providers** together from across the Peace Region.

 **BUSINESS SHOW AND TELL**  
Come ready to share something about your business or organization

Free tapas-style lunch.  
Everyone is welcome. RSVP to [adminpc@albertacf.com](mailto:adminpc@albertacf.com) by noon March 23rd.

**26 MARCH**  
12:00 - 1:00 PM  
AT THE KROOKED HOUSE  
IN GRIMSHAW

 Community Futures Peace Country

**DID YOU KNOW** 

**We offer developmental lending up to \$150,000?**

## CLIENT FEATURE

# Healing Wild Hearts Studio

Healing Wild Hearts Studio is a family-built space owned and operated by Candace Paradis and based in the Weberville area. Born and raised in the Peace Country, Candace began her spiritual journey after the passing of her father in 2016. That journey eventually led her to open Healing Wild Hearts Studio in September 2025. Candace is married and a proud mother of two children, a grandson, and two dogs.

### **Tell us about your business and what makes it unique.**

Healing Wild Hearts Studio is a heart-led healing space supporting emotional, mental, and energetic well-being for adults and children, with a focus on kids with ADHD, anxiety, and big emotions. Inspired by my journey as a mom, I co-lead Little Wild Hearts Retreats with my son Roczen, creating safe spaces where children don't need to mask or be fixed — they're supported as they are. Through gentle tools like Reiki, grounding, and mindfulness, I help families nurture strong, worthy wild hearts.

### **What made you want to start your business?**

Healing Wild Hearts Studio was born from my journey with Roczen. Supporting him through anxiety, ADHD, and grief showed me how sensitive and resilient children are — and how much support they and their parents need. I wanted to create a safe, nurturing space where families can reconnect, recharge, and heal together.

### **What is the most rewarding part of being a business owner?**

The most rewarding part is seeing the impact ripple outward — watching children and parents feel supported, seen, and nurtured. Knowing the space I've created is helping families grow reminds me why I started.

### **What advice would you give someone wanting to start a business?**

Follow what lights you up, even when it feels scary. Build something aligned with your values and experiences. Be willing to learn as you go, ask for help, and stay rooted in your purpose.

### **Do you have anything new or upcoming to share?**

Beginning this spring, we will be offering monthly retreats for children in a safe, supportive, and heart-centered space. Together we'll build a welcoming community where sensitive hearts are honored and emotions are supported as kids explore mindfulness, Reiki, creativity, and time in nature while feeling calm, confident, and connected.

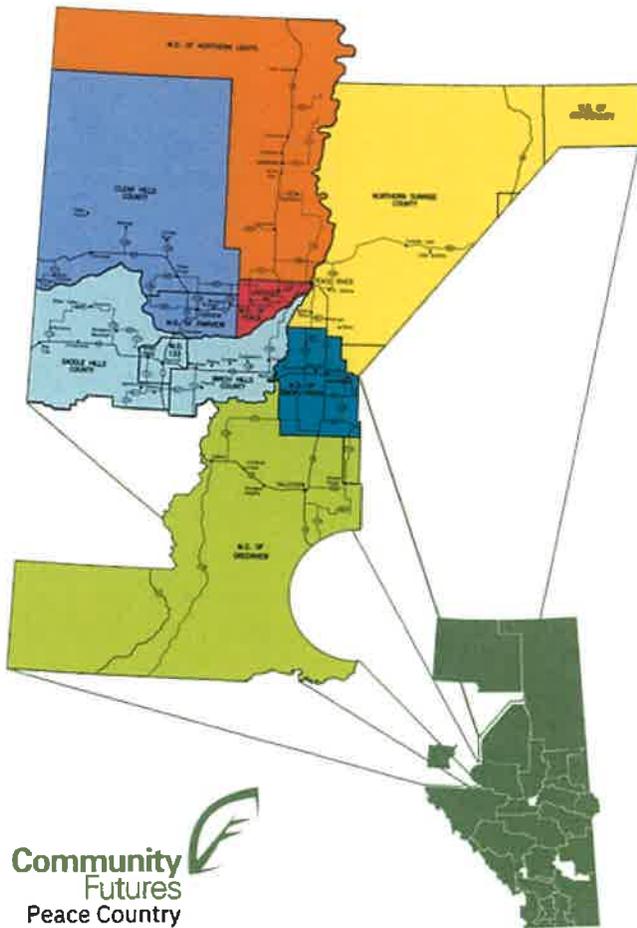


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# About Community Futures

Community Futures Peace Country is a community driven, non-profit organization staffed by business professionals and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors. We provide a wide range of small business services, developmental lending (up to \$150,000) and business management tools for people wanting to start, expand, franchise or sell a business. We also run a number of specialized business programs, organize exciting business events, and actively work with community and business leaders to foster rural economic growth.

## OUR REGION



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Catherine DeZutter, Board Chair  
Carolyn Kolebaba, 1st Vice-Chair  
Cheryl Anderson, 2nd Vice-Chair  
Sarah Turcotte, Director  
Alden Johnson, Director  
George Leger, Director

We help entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout the Peace region, including:

Bay Tree, Bear Canyon, Berwyn, Blueberry Mountain, Bluesky, Bonanza, Brownvale, Cadotte Lake, Calais, Carcajou, Cherry Point, Chinook Valley, Cleardale, Crooked Creek, Deadwood, DeBolt, Dixonville, Donnelly, Dunvegan, Eaglesham, Eureka River, Fairview, Falher, Girouxville, Gordondale, Grimshaw, Guy, Hines Creek, Hotchkiss, Jean Cote, Kathleen, Little Buffalo, Manning, Marie-Reine, McLennan, Nampa, North Star, Notikewin, Peace River, Reno, Rycroft, Silver Valley, Spirit River, St. Isidore, Tangent, Twin Lakes, Valleyview, Wanham, Watino, Whitelaw, Woking and Worsley

**POPULATION: 50,000**  
**50 COMMUNITIES**  
**26 MUNICIPALITIES**  
**4 FIRST NATIONS**  
**122,000 SQUARE KMS**



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PEACE REGIONAL  
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MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2025, AT 1:00 PM  
TOWN OF GRIMSHAW COUNCIL CHAMBERS

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222667603?pwd=4ppHa6luAEmC5GJjsxJKvEi4XsHRhb.1>

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PRESENT:

Terry Ungarian	Reeve, County of Northern Lights
Kayln Schug	Deputy Reeve, County of Northern Lights
Gerhard Sticking	CAO, County of Northern Lights
Teresa Tupper	Executive Assistant, County of Northern Lights
Stacey Messner	Mayor, Town of Grimshaw
Olive Toews	CAO, Town of Grimshaw
Bob Willing	Reeve, MD of Peace
Sandra Eastman	Deputy Reeve, MD of Peace
Brian Allen	CAO, MD of Peace
Claude Rodrigue	Reeve, Northern Sunrise County
Jason Javos	Deputy Reeve, Northern Sunrise County
Cindy Millar	CAO, Northern Sunrise County
Shelly Shannon	Mayor, Town of Peace River
Jeff Forsythe	Councilor, Town of Peace River (virtual)
Barb Miller	CAO, Town of Peace River

GUESTS:

REGRETS:

Colleen Sklapsky Deputy Mayor, Town of Grimshaw

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair, Terry Ungarian called the Thursday, December 4th, 2025, Peace Regional Energy Committee Meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. Introduction of new and returning members** (*members list attached*)

- Nicole Nelles (*Regional and Northern Economic Development Branch*)

Conversation was held around inviting Nicole to sit in on the meetings.

**3. Adoption of Agenda** (*by consensus*)

By consensus, the Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, PREC Meeting agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- 6. d) Proposed meeting with the Alberta Nuclear Advisory Panel
- 6. e) Decision to make a submission from PREC to the RFI (Ministry of Affordability and Utilities)
- 6. f) Jake Pastore – Organizational Structure/ Strategy
- 6. g) Jake Pastore – Terms of Reference
- 6. h) Organizational Meeting (Chair/Vice-Chair)

#### 4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

a) *Thursday, September 11, 2025, PREC Meeting Minutes*

By consensus, the Thursday, September 11, 2025, PREC Meeting Minutes were adopted as presented.

#### 5. Updates from Old Business

a) **ACTION STEP:** *The CAO's to draft and bring RFD's to their Councils regarding PREC's Terms of Reference and gather councils input focusing on meeting frequency, committee objectives, appointment of Chair & Vice-Chair, memberships, & quorum and bring back to the December PREC meeting. Also, verify/clarify points on what PREC as a group does and Individual council municipalities do.*

**OUTCOME:** *(List of comments attached for discussion)*

- Sandra Eastman spoke to the suggestions from the MD of Peace
- Jason Javos spoke to the suggestions from Northern Sunrise County
- Stacey Messner spoke to the suggestions from the Town of Grimshaw
- Shelley Shannon spoke to the suggestions from the Town of Peace River
- Terry Ungarian, spoke to the suggestion from the County of Northern Lights
- Jake's draft of the TOR – way above what the committee needs at this point, may need to review the suggestions later in the process

Consensus on Terms of Reference:

Open membership up to Nampa, Berwyn & Manning and eventually Chamber of Commerce(s)

**ACTION STEP: Admin support to write up TOR as indicated by committee and write invitation letters to Village of Nampa, Village of Berwyn and Town of Manning.**

*Recessed at 3:05 pm*

*Reconvened at 3:18 pm*

b) **Action Step:** *PREC Members to meet with Jake Pastore, Outreach and Communications Lead for the Town of Ignace on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.*

**OUTCOME:** *Chair and Vice-Chair brought forward an agreement with Jake Pastore for the first deliverable priority. (agreement attached)*

Cindy Millar walked the committee through the agreement.

Jake would like to visit the 'community' to have a better understanding of our situation, etc.

- *Dedicated webpage*

- *Conduct groundwork*
- *Requests for funding*
- *\$100 per hour*
- *Political climate and population is very different here and Stacey made comment to have him come sooner than later to assess the 'community'.*

**Moved by Stacey Messner, Mayor of the Town of Grimshaw, to invite Jake Pastore from Summit PCG, to conduct a community assessment and stakeholder mapping and outreach report for PREC.**

6. New Business

- a) SMR Canada Nuclear Summit – March 3 & 4, 2026

**Moved by Jason to approve 2 registrations for the SMR Canada Nuclear Summit from the PREC budget and to send the SMR Conference information back to individual councils.**

- b) Memorandum of Understanding (*for review & discussion*)

The MOU could be used for future documents between municipalities.

- c) CANHC Biweekly Nuclear Issues Brief (*in future these will be forwarded via email*)

Accepted as Information.

- d) Proposed meeting with the Alberta Energy Advisory Panel

The Chair stated that the Panel is visiting PREC and approximately 7 other areas in the province. Information on date and time will be sent out as soon as the Chair receives it.

**MOVED BY Stacey Messner, Mayor, Town of Grimshaw, send a letter to request a meeting with the Alberta Energy Advisory Panel.**

- e) Discussion to make a submission from PREC to the RFI

It is suggested that each municipality submit comments.

- f) Jake Pastore – Organizational Structure/ Strategy

Covered Earlier in Meeting under 5.b)

- g) Jake Pastore – Terms of Reference

Covered Earlier in Meeting under 5.a)

- h) Organizational Meeting (Chair/Vice Chair)

Chair and Vice Chair appointed after individual municipal organizational meetings as per the Terms of Reference.

Jason Javos nominated Terry Ungarian for Chair

Claude Rodrigue seconds the nomination and Stacey Messner thirds it.

Terry accepted nomination and was appointed as Chair.

Terry Ungarian nominated Bob Willing for Vice Chair and Claude Rodrigue seconds.

Bob accepted nomination and was appointed Vice Chair.

7. Financial Update (*attached*)

**Bob Willing, accepted the financial statement as provided.**

8. Round Table

Stacey Messner: Alberta Municipalities had NWMO in attendance. The urban areas seem to be very slow on the uptake of nuclear. Stacey submitted a question at the Tuesday session that nuclear representatives come to the spring AM, mayors caucus.

Shelley Shannon: reiterated the above

Kayln Schug: municipalities at RMA had a nuclear session and many, many municipalities voiced that they wanted a project in their area.

Brian Allen: enjoyed RMA, the nuclear session.

Jason Javos: encouraged everyone to be positive and unbiased in our dialogue & Communications with people.

Cindy Millar- NWMO were at both RMA and AM Conventions. NWMO have a strong engagement process.

Sandra Eastman: did not attend Alberta's Nuclear session on Tuesday. If someone has the recording, please pass it along.

Bob Willing: Energy Alberta will be speaking at NAEL in January.

Terry Ungarian: Scott from Energy Alberta did a radio session on CHED yesterday. Sending results of plebiscite to government agencies and the province. Capital Power reached out to the County. Discussed their engagement process and our engagement and plebiscite results.

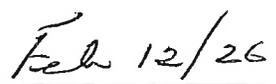
9. Next Steps

a) *Host for next Meeting, Town of Peace River, Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1pm.*

10. Adjournment

Chair adjourned the Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, PREC Meeting at 4:25 p.m.

  
Chair, Terry Ungarian

  
Date Signed



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# DIXONVILLE HAPPENINGS

## FEBRUARY 2026

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### Dates to Remember

**Feb 12** DIY Night Light

**Feb 14** Pancake Breakfast at Store

**Feb 13/14** Curling Bonspiel

**Feb 14** Trivia Night

**Feb 17** 4-H General Meeting

**Feb 20** Family Picnic GPS

**Feb 21** DRA—Q&A

**Feb 26** Library AGM

**Feb. 28** 4-H Communications

**Mar 5** LIFE Meeting

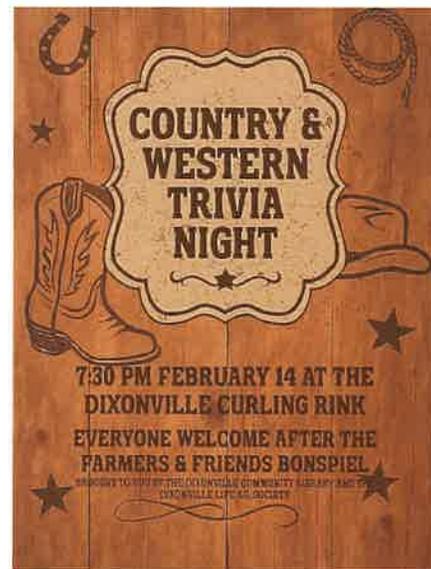
**Mar 14** Glass Ornament WS

Thursday—Seniors Day @ Store

### Dixonville LIFE Club

Next General Meeting will be March 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Dixonville Curling Rink. Everyone is welcome!

Membership is \$1.00 and everyone is welcome to attend meetings.



### Dixonville Transfer Station

Hours: Tuesdays 9-12

Saturday 10-4

### New to the Dixonville area??

Contact Joy at 780-906-1200 to receive a package from our Welcome Wagon!

**Deadline for submissions** is the 10th of each month. To **submit items** for future editions please email

## Dixonville 4-H Multiclub



Hello everybody,

A busy week of learning for the club. We had a halter making learning day on Feb. 2nd. Our Equine, Beef, and Sheep leaders walked us through making halters for our projects.

On Feb. 7th was our Inter-Club Learning Day where four workshop leaders came to teach us their knowledge in judging and public speaking.

Upcoming dates are February 17, General Meeting and February 28, is our Communications Day. The community is welcome to come and support our members while they share their hard work and learning.

On social media, Question of the Week comes out on either Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Feel free to message the club on both Instagram and Facebook, email our club or drop a comment on the post.

We look forward to doing more this year with our community!!

Adele Greenwald

Club Reporter and President

### Riddle Me This? Answers on Page 3

1. What is most useful when it is broken?
2. I am easy to lift but hard to throw. What am I?
3. How do you spell COW in thirteen letters?

## Supper at the Curling Rink!!!

Every Tuesday  
5:00-7:00

Adults \$15.00

10 & Under \$7.50

5 & Under Free

Includes meal, coffee or juice, and dessert

Limited quantities will be available on a first come basis. Also available burgers and hot dogs.

Come for supper before your game, have supper and watch a game, or just come have supper!

Take-Out Available

### CURLING RINK SUPPERS 2026

January 6	Ham
January 13	Stew
January 20	Taco Bar
January 27	<b>NO SUPPER</b>
February 3	Hamburger/Steak
February 10	Pork Chops
February 17	Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes
February 24	<b>NO SUPPER</b>
March 3	Assorted Soups
March 10	Garlic Sausage/Parogies
March 17	Beef Dip
March 24	Lasagna
March 31	Fried Chicken

### Crimshaw Community Suppers

Every Friday night from 6-7 PM

Location: River Junction Church 8012 St Ave (Brown Building beside RJs)

COST: FREE!!!!

**ALL WELCOME**

(Wheelchair accessible)

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## DIXONVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### Hours:

Tuesdays 3:30 –6:30

Thursdays 3:30-6:30

Saturdays 10:00—4:00



### Events:

Seed Library at the library. Take what you need or exchange seeds.

Feb. 12 DIY Night Light 4:30 pm

**DIXONVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
AGM MEETING

Discover the heart of our community your library! Join us and help make a difference. New board members needed. All are welcome!

**FEBRUARY 26 AT 6:00 PM**  
At Dixonville Community Library

## GLASS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP



March 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm

Glass ornaments workshop facilitated by Berwyn 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue Workshop  
\$30.00

Pre-Register for the workshop by February 27 by calling the library at 780-971-2593 or message our FaceBook page.

## Golden Age Inn Club

Shuffleboard now available!!

Wednesday Coffee from 10:00 –2:00. Crafts, cards, shuffleboard! This is open to EVERYONE!! Come for the whole session or just pop in for coffee and a visit! Bring your own lunch.

The club is working a casino in Grande Prairie on April 21 & 22. If you are able to help out please contact Susan at 790-926-1018.

## Riddle Answers:

1. An egg
2. A feather
3. See O Double You

Grimshaw Public School  
**Families Matter**  
February 17-20, 2026

**Family Picnic**  
Friday Feb 20

11:50-12:50  
(Drop-in Style)

Bring a lunch and a picnic blanket or maybe purchase from Heather's Catering (watch for order forms coming home with your child).

DIXONVILLE GENERAL STORE ALBERTA  
a little bit of everything

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
SATURDAY, FEB 14TH  
8AM - 12PM

**\$4**

ADD BACON OR BREAKFAST SAUSAGES FOR \$4

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HA!

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## Update on the Dixonville Fire Department

Council held a public meeting in Dixonville on February 2, following the postponement of the December 15 meeting due to inclement weather. The purpose of these public meetings was to determine whether there is sufficient community interest to continue operating the Dixonville Fire Department. The first was held November 3rd.

While there were thoughtful questions raised regarding training requirements and the level of commitment involved, no new firefighter applications have been received to date. Council will be discussing the future of both the fire department and the fire hall building at an upcoming council meeting.

## County Fire Services Update

More broadly, Council has determined that this is the appropriate time to establish a County-operated Fire Department. With the current Fire Services Agreements with the Town of Manning and the Town of Peace River set to expire at the end of 2025, Council has decided not to renew these agreements and instead move forward with creating a unified County Fire Service.

Under this new model, there will be one Fire Department serving the entire County, with the Manning station providing coverage in the north and Weberville in the south. Council is confident that this structure will position the County to effectively manage fire protection and emergency response operations.

The transition process will take place over the coming year, with full implementation targeted for the end of 2026. Council looks forward to beginning this new chapter in fire services for the County.

Brenda Yasinski, Councillor, Ward 3.



## Dixonville General Store

**780-618-9145**

### NEW HOURS!!

Monday to Thursday: 9—6

Friday: 9—7

Saturday: 9—6

Sunday: 12—4

### NEW!!

Senior's Day is changed to Thursdays!  
55 and over enjoy 15% off kitchen menu!

- Café with weekday lunch specials
- ♦ Liquor Sales - give us requests for stock
- ♦ Pizza (now available XL 15")
- ♦ Propane
- ♦ Large Water Jugs
- ♦ Ice
- ♦ Locally sourced beef

### COMING SOON!!

Various local home based artisans and businesses have their wares on consignment. Selection is growing every day!

Coffee is always on!

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## Dixonville Curling Club

Curling is started! League games are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00. Come on out to cheer on the curlers! Tuesday night suppers have also started....please see the schedule in this newsletter. The Farmers and Friends Bonspiel is being held February 13 and 14. Concession will be open—thanks to the Dixonville 4-H MultiClub for working the concession for the weekend! Trivia Night to follow Saturday evening—thanks to the Dixonville Library for organizing!

Congratulations to Matthew Buker who was the lucky winner of the first 50/50 draw! We are drawing names each Tuesday on the second 50/50!

### A bit of history.....

Excerpts from Ten Dollars and a Dream

Baseball—by Ken Thompson

When we first settled in the Dixonville area, we would get together, pick up a team and go over west to play the boys at Beaton Creek. At that time, Beaton Creek was the only district to boast a baseball diamond. We had some great times.

I recall one day, we were playing the west boys and Deacon Evans was the umpire. We had a very meagre supply of equipment which did not have two masks, one for the catcher and one for the umpire. As a result, Deacon umpired from behind the pitcher. I was catching for Dixonville and the opposing runner on first decided to steal second. I wound up and threw to second, while Deacon wanting to get a close view, ran straight in line of the ball to second base. He got hit in the back of the head and the ball bounced straight up about twelve feet in the air. Deacon shook his head a few times and seemed no worse for the ordeal. The game continued, and Deacon became our number one umpire for all the future years.

Then there was the Kerndale team that had played eleven games without a loss. The boys from over west and from Dixonville area decided to pick out their best players and go to play Kerndale and we won the game. Aubrey Adams, who was teaching school at Hasell, pitched for us and did a very good job of it. He had good control, curves and speed. I really enjoyed catching for Aubrey. We also had Walt Holden, Ivor Holden, Austen Holden, Orman Boyle, my brother Keith and I have forgotten just who else played on the team that day, but they did a good job.



## DIXONVILLE RURAL ACADEMY

### Cultivating Community: DRA Monthly Snapshot

The Dixonville Charter School Society has been busy laying strong groundwork for Dixonville Rural Academy. This month, we began work with our assigned Field Supervisor, explored transportation options for rural families, and met with Alberta Infrastructure, who confirmed the process is on schedule. We also connected with the Dixonville Playschool Society to build a collaborative relationship that supports local families from early learning onward. Hiring is now underway as we prepare to post the superintendent position across several platforms. And finally, after hearing from families eager for more information, we'll be hosting a Community Q&A on **February 21**, at the community hall where residents can meet the board, ask questions, and learn more about the journey ahead



Our Dixonville Girl Guides were busy last month diving into engaging activities focused on communication and mindfulness.

The group explored just how important communication is to effective leadership. We discovered that good communication involves far more than simply speaking. It requires a message to be sent, received, and clearly understood. Through interactive activities, the girls practiced their listening skills by taking turns as Storytellers, Active Listeners, and Busy Listeners. The result? Some truly hilarious, wonderfully unhinged stories that didn't always make sense but had everyone laughing until our sides hurt.

We also spent time exploring how emotions can show up in our bodies and how paying attention to physical sensations can help us release tension. Using a winter-themed body scan, the Guides learned to slow down, tune in to how their bodies were feeling, and practice calming techniques to help their bodies relax and reset. We wrapped up the activity by experimenting with movement and flexibility, seeing just how our bodies can bend and stretch.

To finish the month on a creative note, we grabbed some yarn and made cozy little creatures while learning a fun finger-knitting technique. Some girls chose to use a knitting loom, while others mastered finger knitting and brought their creations to life. It was a wonderful mix of creativity, focus, and cozy fun!



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# OPG signs deal with Port Hope, Ont., to build new large nuclear reactor

The Canadian Press  
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Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines of Ontario speaks at a press conference in Toronto on Thursday, April 17, 2025. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Arlyn McAdorey

TORONTO — Ontario Power Generation has signed a deal with a municipality east of Toronto to build a new, large nuclear reactor.

Energy Minister Stephen Lecce says the proposed nuclear project in Port Hope, Ont., would create 1,700 jobs locally and more than 10,000 jobs across the province.

The OPG submitted its initial project description on Jan. 12 to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for approval.

Lecce says the agreement with Port Hope is a critical step in the creation of the world's largest nuclear station that would power up to 10 million homes.

Port Hope Mayor Olena Hankivsky says the agreement will help achieve long-term economic growth in the region.

The province has been betting big on nuclear, recently completing a refurbishment at nearby Darlington that cost \$12.8 billion, as well as building four small modular reactors at the same site and exploring a new, large-scale plant at Bruce Power in Tiverton, Ont.

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