

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

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PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

01.0 Call to Order

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Chair Ungarian called the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

032/27/01/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting agenda and adopt it with the following deletion and additions:

Delete Delegation B

06.1.1-K Green Municipal Fund

06.1.2-A CAO Report

06.3.2-A Township Road 860 Reclassification

06.6.2-A 2026 Northern Connections Expo

10.0-B Property Lease under ATIA section 19

10.0-C North Peace Housing Foundation (NPHF) under ATIA section 28

CARRIED

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

A. Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Council Meeting minutes

033/27/01/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.

CARRIED

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

A. Proposed Bylaw Amendment No. 25-61-504

034/27/01/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Yasinski to give **SECOND READING** to Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 25-61-504.

CARRIED

035/27/01/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Halabisky to give **THIRD AND FINAL READING** to Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 25-61-504.

CARRIED

B. Proposed Bylaw Amendment No. 25-61-505

036/27/01/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Schug to give **SECOND READING** to Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 25-61-505.

CARRIED

037/27/01/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor These to give **THIRD AND FINAL READING** to Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 25-61-505.

CARRIED

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative
A. 2026 RMA Convention and EOEP Courses

038/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Report and register Reeve Ungarian, Deputy Reeve Schug, Councillors These, Yasinski, Reese, Dechant and Halabisky for the 2026 RMA Spring Convention at the Edmonton Convention Centre March 16 to 18, 2026.**
CARRIED

B. Pink Shirt Day

039/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Pink Shirt Day Report and purchase t-shirts for staff and council with a budget of up to \$1000 coming from council grants.**
CARRIED

C. 2026 Alberta Community Crime Prevention Associations Conference

040/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Alberta Community Crime Prevention Associations Conference and register Deputy Reeve Schug to attend the event in Calgary on May 4 to 6, 2026.**
CARRIED

D. Northern Sunrise County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement

041/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Northern Sunrise Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement and extend the agreement for a maximum of a three-year period (2026-2028) and a minimum of one-year (2026).**
CARRIED

E. Mackenzie County Meeting

042/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Mackenzie County Meeting Report and request a meeting at the March RMA convention.**
CARRIED

F. Women in the North Conference

043/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Women in the North Conference Report and register Councillor Dechant to attend the event on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in Grimshaw and extend invitation to 3 staff members.**
CARRIED

G. Meeting Opportunity with Minister Dreeshen

044/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Meeting Opportunity and reply that the County of Northern Lights would like a meeting to discuss the following topics: bridge, STIP funding, Hwy 695/Hwy 35 junction light, passing lane at Notikewin and South Waterline.**
CARRIED

H. Alberta Care Spring Seminar 2026

045/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Care Spring Seminar 2026 and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

I. Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention – Request for Financial Support

046/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention Request for Financial Support and request the organization to come as a delegation to Council and table the financial request.**
CARRIED

J. Alberta Emergency Management Agency – Elected Official Training

047/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency Report and have Administration reach out to see where the County is on tabletop or live exercise status.**
CARRIED

K. Municipal Green Fund

048/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to acknowledge receipt of the Green Municipal Fund Report and have the County withdraw its application for the Green Fund grant.**
CARRIED

*Recessed the meeting at 9:39 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 9:51 a.m.*

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

049/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky 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 Report

050/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

*Recessed the meeting at 10:12 a.m.
Reconvened meeting at 10:20 a.m.*

04.0 Delegations

A. Cal Dakin, Managing Director & Peter Busat, Director of Finance, Mercer Peace River at 10:30 a.m. (in-camera under ATIA s.19)

051/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss Mercer, Peace River under ATIA section 19 at 10:20 a.m.**
CARRIED

In-person & virtual Guests, Dan Archer, Reporter; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, exited the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

052/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to have the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 11:28 a.m.**
CARRIED

*Reconvened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.
DPW, Charles Schwab online at 11:35 a.m.*

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
A. Surplus Items Report

053/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Surplus Items Report and declare the following items as surplus:**

- Electronic date/time stamper
- 3M 9100 overhead projector
- Garmin GPS unit #255
- Phones – quantity – 37
- Magnavox VHS player
- Various sive equipment
- 2 office chairs
- Jemco pop-up display – 3 panels
- 1-3 shelf book shelf
- 1 small grey table
- Boxes and bottles of green, yellow, orange and purple color for color runs
- 2 metro count traffic counters
- Pyle portable PA system
- 3-point hitch brush hog 7ft rear mount blade
- 65 gallon slip tank
- Air compressor
- Airport area lights
- Airport papi
- Councillor i-pads (7)

CARRIED

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
 - A. *Land Use Bylaw Enforcement Report*
- 054/27/01/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Land Use Bylaw Enforcement Report and prepare land use bylaw amendment which includes development permit fees and violation ticket fees.**
CARRIED

*Recessed the meeting at 11:59 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.
DPW, Charles Schwab on virtually at 1:03 p.m.*
- 06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works
 - 06.3.1 Public Works
 - A. *Animal Carcasses – Request for Decision*
 - 055/27/01/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Animal Carcasses Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED
 - 06.3.2 Roads
 - A. *Township Road 860 Reclassification Report*
 - 056/27/01/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Reclassification Report and reclassify the 4.95 km of Township Road 860 as Residential.**
CARRIED
 - 06.3.3 Airport
 - 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches
- 06.4 Utilities/Public Works
 - 06.4.1 Water
 - A. *Pail-fill Relocation - Weberville & Warrensville Truck-fills*
 - 057/27/01/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Pail-fill Relocation Report and direct administration to place this issue as a stop on the summer road tour and accept it for information.**
CARRIED
 - 06.4.2 Sewage
 - 06.4.3 Solid Waste
- 06.6 Environmental Development
 - 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
 - 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
 - A. *2026 Northern Connections Expo*
 - 058/27/01/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Northern Connections Expo Report and authorize the purchase of a booth at the Expo with funds coming from the economic development budget and bring back the schedule at a later Council meeting.**
CARRIED
 - 06.6.3 Agriculture Services
- 059/27/01/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to recommend to the County of Northern Lights Council to appoint the following individuals to the Intermunicipal Weed and Pest Appeal Board as members for the 2026 calendar year:**
MD of Greenview: Dave Gibbard, Mitch Caron, John Vinette, Douglas Vandemark, Lisa Dorsheid;
County of Northern Lights: Gary These, Kayln Schug, Brenda Yasinski, Brent Reese, Gloria Dechant, Terry Ungraian, Linda Halabisky;

Big Lakes County: George Blackhurst, Doug Meneice, Brianne Brault, Duane Nichols;
Northern Sunrise County: Simon Lavoie, Kristy Belzile, and Paul Keates.
CARRIED

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.6 Housing / Seniors

06.6.9 Tourism

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

08.0 Info Items

A. Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Info Package

060/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Info Package and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

10.0 In Camera Items

- A. Manning Regional Fire Department under ATIA section 19 & 28*
- B. Property Lease under ATIA section 19*
- C. North Peace Housing Foundation under ATIA section 28*

061/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to have the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss Manning Regional Fire Department under ATIA section 19 & 28, Property Lease under ATIA section 19 and North Peace Housing Foundation under ATIA section 28 at 1:39 p.m.**
CARRIED

In-person & virtual Guests, Dan Archer, Reporter; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, exited the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

062/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 4:10 p.m.**
CARRIED

Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, returned to the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

063/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to authorize administration to give the Town of Peace River one-year notice for termination of the Fire Service Agreement # 12-06-11-23A ending December 31, 2026, and initiate negotiations regarding a mutual aid services agreement.**
CARRIED

064/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to propose a property tax deferral agreement as discussed in the in-camera session.**
CARRIED

065/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to direct administration to contact the Executive Director of North Peace Housing Foundation and request that the previously submitted letter from the County of Northern Lights be presented to the Board of North Peace Housing Foundation.**
CARRIED

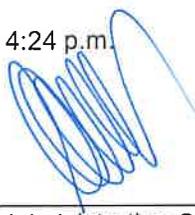
066/27/01/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to authorize the CAO to request the County Council to be a virtual delegation at a Northern Sunrise County Council Meeting to discuss the Manning Municipal Airport.**
CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council Meeting at 4:24 p.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling