

AGENDA
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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 24, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

04.0 Delegations

A. S/Sgt. Lacey Blair, Peace River RCMP and Corporal Ool, Manning Detachment Commander at 9:00 a.m.

B. Vivian Gayton, Library Manager, Grimshaw Municipal Library – New Plan of Service Update at 10:30 a.m.

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. Economic Development Training for Elected Officials

B. Lemonade Day Manning 2026 – Sponsorship

C. Canadian Nuclear Association Conference 2026

D. Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2026 Annual Conference

06.1.2 Administration

A. CAO Report

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies

06.1.7 Buildings/Properties

06.1.8 Personnel/Human Resources

06.2 Protective Services

06.2.1 Policing

06.2.3 Fire protection

- 06.2.4 Emergency Measures & Disaster Services
- 06.2.5 Ambulance/First Aid
- 06.2.6 By-law Enforcement
- 06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works
 - 06.3.1 Public Works
 - A. *Director of Public Works Report*
 - B. *Grader Purchase Report*
 - 06.3.2 Roads
 - 06.3.3 Airport
 - 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches
- 06.4 Utilities/Public Works
 - 06.4.1 Water
 - 06.4.2 Sewage
 - 06.4.3 Solid Waste
- 06.6 Environmental Development
 - 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
 - A. *Planning & Development Administrative Update*
 - 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
 - 06.6.3 Agriculture Services
 - A. *Decision requested for Hosting the 2028 Provincial ASB Conference*
 - 06.6.5 Natural Resources
 - 06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
 - 06.6.9 Tourism
- 07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**
 - A. *Councilor Ward Reports*
- 08.0 Info Items**
 - A. *Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Info Package*
- 09.0 Open Mic**
- Decisions on Delegations*
- 10.0 In Camera Items**
 - A. *North Peace House Foundation Update under ATIA s. 21 and 19.*
 - B. *Manning Annual Airport Funding Agreement with Northern Sunrise County under ATIA s.19 at 1:00 p.m. (virtual)*
- 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
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 24, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

086/24/02/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Agenda and adopt it as presented.**
CARRIED

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

A. Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

087/24/02/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.**
CARRIED

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

088/24/02/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Request from the Royal Canadian Legion in Grimshaw and provide a gift basket for the silent auction**

up to a \$150.00 for their Alberta NWT Command Legion Mixed Darts event on March 13 & 14, 2026.
CARRIED

B. Ordinance Meeting – Cancellation & Rescheduling

089/24/02/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Ordinance Meeting Report and set Monday, March 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next Ordinance Meeting.**
CARRIED

C. Interprovincial Committee of Municipalities

090/24/02/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Interprovincial Committee of Municipalities Report and adopt the Terms of Reference for the Committee and appoint Councilor These as an Alternate on the committee.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

091/24/02/26 **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 Report

092/24/02/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Report and accept it for information and to have Reeve Ungarian attend the Minor Hockey Award Night on April 13, 2026, at the Aurora Theatre at 6:00 p.m.**
CARRIED

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
A. Capital Item Purchases – Public Works

093/24/02/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Capital Item Report and proceed with the procurement process for the following capital items: Airport AWOS System, Grader Replacement, and the Flat-deck Super-Duty 1 Tonne.**
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

*Recessed the meeting at 9:44 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 9:54 a.m.*

06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works

06.3.1 Public Works

A. Director of Public Works Report

**094/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

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

**095/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Notikewin and Keg River Water Quality Monitoring Program Report and accept it for information and provide a copy to the Town of Manning for their information and table discussion until the County receives information of cost from NPARA.
CARRIED**

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

**096/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Surveys & Subdivision Applications Report and move forward with Option One (1) (Change Application Requirements) noted in the Report and bring back to Council, including public awareness/advertising plan.
CARRIED**

06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development

06.6.3 Agriculture Services

A. Farm Family Award

**097/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Farm Family Award Report and nominate Laurie Michalchuk Family as recipients of the Farm Family Award for 2026 and reach out to NPARA to have them recognized at the Farmers Appreciation Night on Friday, April 17, 2026, and purchase tickets (7) for council and the immediate Farm Family to attend the Appreciation Night.
CARRIED**

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.6 Housing / Seniors

06.6.9 Tourism

Linda Halabisky virtually exited the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

A. Councilor Reese's Ward Report

**098/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Reese's Ward Report and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

08.0 Info Items

A. Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Info Package

**099/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Info Package and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

*Recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.*

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*

**100/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss In Camera Information Sharing Procedures under ATIA s. 20; Manning Annual Airport Funding Agreement under ATIA s. 19, and Peace River Regional Airport under ATIA s. 19 at 11:15 am.
CARRIED**

*Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works, Dan Archer, reporter and Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, exited the meeting at 11:15 a.m.
Josh Hunter, Director of Finance, exited the meeting at 11:44 a.m.*

**101/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to have the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 11:55 am.
CARRIED**

**102/24/02/26 MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to join the Part 9 company as discussed in camera and to allocate the CAO, Reeve Ungarian and Councillor Yasinski to the Peace River Airport Committee.
CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 1:31 p.m.*

In attendance: Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant

Town of Manning entered the meeting to join the 10.0 In Camera D. session: Councillor John Broderick, Mayor Robert McLeod, Councillor Trevor Fredrickson, Councillor Keith Hutchison, and CAO April Doll

103/24/02/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Schug to have the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to have a discussion Summit PCG Consultant under ATIA s. 19 & 26 at 1:32 p.m.
CARRIED

104/24/02/26 **MOVE BY** Councillor Schug to have the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 3:10 p.m.
CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian

Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling

04.A

Draft Letter – Community Priorities Plan Leadership Invitation Letter

February 4, 2026

Dear Reeve Terry Ungarian,

As Alberta's provincial police service, the RCMP is continually working to modernize and strengthen the way we partner with communities to address local public safety needs. This letter is being shared to provide early awareness of an upcoming change to the community priority planning process and to support timely engagement with local leadership ahead of the next planning cycle.

Beginning in February 2026, Alberta RCMP detachments will be transitioning to a new Community Priorities Plan (CPP) for the 2026–2027 cycle. This updated approach replaces the previous Annual Performance Plan (APP) and is intended to serve as the primary framework for identifying and tracking policing priorities at the community level.

The CPP is intentionally community-led. It was developed to strengthen collaboration with municipal and Indigenous leadership and to ensure that the priorities of your police service are directly informed by the communities we serve. The CPP is designed to support meaningful dialogue, shared understanding, and clear, achievable priorities that reflect local realities.

This early communication is intended to allow community leaders sufficient time to begin considering local priorities and engaging with constituents before formal planning begins.

Community Priorities Plan Overview

Step One: Preparation and Consultation (February 2026)

Community leaders consult with their constituents in advance of meeting with the RCMP to gather ideas, concerns, and objectives related to community safety. This initial consultation is the first of two points of engagement and is an important step in ensuring that policing priorities are built with the community, not for the community.

Should community leaders wish to involve their Detachment Commander in these early community discussions, requests can be made directly to the detachment and support will be provided.

The purpose of this stage is to develop a clear understanding of community-specific concerns and objectives to inform upcoming discussions.

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Step Two: Engagement Meeting (March 2026)

An engagement meeting is held between community representatives and the Detachment Commander. This meeting provides an opportunity for community representatives to share feedback gathered during consultations and to discuss community perspectives openly.

All relevant concerns, ideas, and objectives are welcome for discussion at this stage. These conversations help build a shared understanding between the community and the detachment and support alignment as priorities begin to take shape.

Following this initial engagement meeting, the Detachment Commander will take the identified community priorities and meet with their leadership team to develop an operational plan outlining how the RCMP will work to deliver on those priorities.

Step Three: Finalizing Priorities

A subsequent meeting will be held between community representatives and the Detachment Commander where possible, during which the proposed plan will be presented to the community for review. This meeting will provide an opportunity for community leaders to offer feedback, seek clarification, and confirm alignment before priorities are finalized.

Following engagement and discussion, the Community Priorities Plan is finalized. The goal of this stage is to confirm a consolidated list of up to three community policing priorities that accurately reflects and encompasses the concerns and objectives raised through earlier engagement.

Once confirmed, the plan is endorsed by the Detachment Commander and community leadership. Progress will be monitored through regular reporting, with adjustments made as required to ensure priorities remain responsive and aligned over time.

Detachments Serving Multiple Communities

For detachments that serve multiple municipalities, this CPP process will be conducted with each community group. Engagement, consultation, and feedback will be gathered independently to ensure each community's unique needs and perspectives are understood. Overall, detachment priorities will then be developed based on the totality of feedback received across all participating communities.

Next Steps - Community Consultation and Engagement

As part of the CPP process, community leaders are encouraged to begin consulting with their constituents to gather input on local safety concerns, emerging issues, and opportunities for collaboration. Community leaders may choose the consultation methods that best suit their communities, such as surveys, town halls, meetings, or other engagement activities. Detachment Commanders may be invited to attend these conversations where appropriate, or consultations may be conducted independently, with feedback shared at a later stage.

This early engagement will help inform discussions with your Detachment Commander as CPP development progresses. Your partnership is essential to ensuring policing priorities reflect the unique needs of your community. Further information and guidance will be provided by your local detachment as the CPP process moves forward.

Thank you for your continued partnership and leadership in supporting community safety.

Sincerely,
S/Sgt Lacey Blair
Peace River
Detachment Commander



Grimshaw Municipal Library



Plan of Service 2025 – 2028

Approved by

Town of Grimshaw Library Board

May 20, 2025

OUR VISION

Connections for Community

MISSION STATEMENT

Functioning as a welcoming community hub
for connection, information, education, and entertainment

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Between July 2024 and March 2025, Grimshaw Municipal Library gathered information from patrons, partners, community members and visitors.

We gathered information through activities at our National Hot Dog Day celebration, the three-day Festival of Mini Trees, and the week-long fundraising garage sale. Patrons were also asked to complete a survey over a two-week period. Staff noted service requests from library users during this time, and reviewed what is already being offered by other providers in the region.

The Grimshaw Library Board and Staff then gathered to review the requirements of a Plan of Service document, and discern the goals and objectives that could be achieved with our resources. Some in attendance were 'seasoned planners,' while others had never been part of the development process, so it was an excellent mentoring opportunity, with valuable insights all around.

SERVICE RESPONSES

✓ **Know Your Community: Community Resources and Services**

Goal 1: Assist Residents with Accessing Information about Local Events and Services

Goal 2: Provide Information in Multiple Formats to Reach More User Groups

✓ **Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces**

Goal 1: Hosting and Participating in Community Events as Outreach

Goal 2: Increasing Access to Library Services with Extended Hours

✓ **Make Career Choices: Job and Career Development**

Goal 1: Create and Maintain a Space for Job Postings

Goal 2: Investigate Options for Providing Quiet Study and Training Space

GOALS, OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

✓ **Know Your Community: Community Resources and Services**

Goal 1: Assist Community with Accessing Information about Local Events and Services

Target Audience: All residents, especially newcomers to the area

Benefit: We will be responding to requests from library users who are seeking out more efficient ways to be informed

Objective: Building on our profile of being a source of reliable information

Activity 1: Enhance and promote existing community calendar resources, working with local organizations to ensure information is consistent and accurate

Goal 2: Provide Information in Multiple Formats to Reach More User Groups

Target Audience: People not accessing social media and website; Users of our shared facility

Benefit: Expanding the reach of our promotions into more user groups brings more people into contact with library and regional services

Objective: Ensure that a wider variety of options is available to people looking for information

Activity 1: Provide a printed version of the library events calendar with additional community information included where possible

Activity 2: Investigate the purchase and installation of a screen that can be read from the exterior of the building to capitalize on the traffic entering and exiting the multiplex next door

Timeframe: Fall 2025 – Spring 2027

✓ **Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces**

Goal 1: Hosting and Participating in Community Events

Target Audience: All residents and visitors

Benefit: We will strengthen existing partnerships with other organizations (and add new ones)

Objective: Increasing the profile of the library, and public awareness of our services

Activity 1: Host a minimum of two outdoor events at the North Branch location each summer promoting library services

Activity 2: Continue with the Festival of Mini Trees for 2025 and 2026, and work with one other organization each year to support their mandate, and expand our Festival

Activity 3: Work with new and existing partners to support larger scale events at alternate locations in the area

Goal 2: Extended Hours of Service

Target Audience: All residents

Benefit: Patrons will have increased opportunity to access library services outside of current daytime hours

Objective: Increasing library usage

Activity 1: Adjust staff schedule and publicize extended hours as a 'trial period'

Activity 2: Run with extended hours from October 2025 to April 2026, and maintain separate and accurate usage statistics for evening hours specifically

Activity 3: Review statistics with staff and board to determine if evening hours should continue and budget accordingly

✓ **Make Career Choices: Job and Career Development**

Goal 1: Create and Maintain a Space for Job Postings

Target Audience: Local Businesses, Adults and Teens

Benefit: Job postings and career training opportunities will be visible to anyone using our services, thereby increasing the reach and range of information

Objective: To provide employers a place to advertise, and to provide a centralized location for job postings

Activity 1: Install the job and career training board at the library for patrons and businesses who do not access listings on social media

Activity 2: Library staff will use their time and skills to ensure the board is current and postings are pertinent to local job-seekers and employers

Activity 3: We will continue to inform business owners of services offered by the library, through an active role in the local Chamber of Commerce, as well as other approaches.

Activity 4: Library staff will continue to provide appropriate assistance to patrons where required for public computer usage and printing assistance

Goal 2: Investigate Options for Providing Quiet Study and Training Space

Target Audience: Members of the public

Benefit: Patrons will have a quiet space to read, write exams, study and complete online training

Objective: To respond to community requests for a location that is separated from the distractions of programming and school activity

Activity 1: Meet with representatives of the Town of Grimshaw and the two school divisions that own this space to see what renovations or additions would be entertained

Activity 2: Investigate stand alone options that could be put in place without changing the structure of the building

Activity 3: Create a way for patrons to access existing, nearby meeting space, possibly through a shared booking system

MEASURING PROGRESS

These include (but are not restricted to):

- Counts of the number of participants in each program
- Engagement statistics generated from library website, and social media accounts
- Community participation from the business community for job postings
- Usage of evening hours during trial period



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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.1.1- *A*

Subject:	Economic Development Training for Elected Officials
Agenda Date:	Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Attachments:	Email, Brochure and Council's Strategic Plan Priority Area #4

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 1) Council acknowledge receipt of the Report; and
- 2) Authorize administration to make arrangements with Northern Sunrise County to host an in-person Economic Development Training session for Elected Officials in the Region for this spring with a maximum budget of \$ _____.

BACKGROUND

Please see Deputy Reeve Schug's email

Council's Strategic Plan

CONSIDERATION

Administration reached out to neighbouring municipal CAO's and received a reply back from Northern Sunrise County (NSC).
NSC are members of the Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) and can use their membership for the member pricing for a one-day, in-person workshop.

One-Day in-person workshop:
Maximum of 30 people
Member price: \$2950
Non-member price: \$3450
Plus, the trainers' travel expenses

Suggestion:
Book the Peace Valley Inn's Emerald Room (approx. \$350) and have a catered lunch. (approx. \$30 per person(30x30=\$900)).

Council could request a registration fee from participants to cover room rental and lunch.

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)

Teresa Tupper

From: Gerhard Stickling
Sent: February 27, 2026 9:53 AM
To: Teresa Tupper
Subject: FW: Economic Development Training for Elected Officials Request

Can we please add this to the agenda?



Gerhard Stickling

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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From: Kayln Schug <schugk@countyofnorthernlights.com>
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 at 11:46
To: Gerhard Stickling <cao@countyofnorthernlights.com>
Subject: Economic Development Training for Elected Officials Request

Good Morning Gerhard,

Last Wednesday (Jan 21st) I participated in a free Economic Development Webinar for Elected Officials over zoom. It was a very short one-hour teaser of what their full day course entails. I know our council struggles with the definition and what economic development is to us and how we can implement it into our policies, procedures, bylaws, and our strategic plan. This teaser webinar was incredibly insightful to me, and I would be extremely interested in attending the full session. I strongly believe it is more than something we should be looking at off the "side of a desk" and perhaps we just struggle because we need to better educate ourselves.

I was wondering if you could maybe reach out to some other CAOs in the area. See if we can get a solid group together and take this in person and share some costs that would benefit everyone. I think especially with Nuclear in the future, we are going to need to be ahead of the economic development curve and not behind it, and not all of us have a clear idea of what we should do, or how we can maximize the benefits to our municipalities in terms of Economic Development in general.

I was able to chat with the presenter as there weren't very many of us in the webinar and I would love to see our council take the course and get informed to make a better decision. When we chose to decline the offer of Lac Cardinal Regional group, I think it was for a lack of information and this would maybe help and clear the mud for some of us.

I don't think we need to add it to our agenda for tomorrow, but maybe the next council meeting after there has been some time to see what other CAOs say, and then council can make a decision then.

Need further clarification, just let me know.

Thanks,

Kayln

Here is a breakdown of the cost of the course as well as course delivery options: (<http://www.edaalberta.ca/>)

1. Online – Self-Directed Learning

Available 24/7 for individual participants

- **EDA Members:** \$295 per person
- **Non-Members:** \$195 per person

2. Hybrid – Online + Live Instructor Support

Self-directed learning supplemented with two live instructor-led sessions

- **EDA Members:** \$325 per person
- **Non-Members:** \$425 per person

3. Group Delivery (In-Person or Virtual)

One-day facilitated session for your council or group

- Delivered in your community *or* virtually from your council chambers
 - Pricing includes up to 30 participants
 - **EDA Members:** \$2,950*
 - **Non-Members:** \$3,450*
- *Plus applicable trainer travel expenses for in-person delivery

To book an in-person or hybrid course, or to discuss which option best fits your community’s needs, please contact:

Janice Grant

Director, Administration & Member Development

janice@edaalberta.ca or 1-866-671-8182 ext.104



Kayln Schug

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06.10.1-A

Your Journey Starts Here

Economic Development for Elected Officials Course

Addresses the unique needs of elected officials.

Provides practical applications and best practices.

Navigates economic challenges and aligns your mandate with current opportunities.

Flexible Format

- Self-directed online
- One-day in person workshop
- One-day in person virtual workshop

**Demonstrate commitment to economic
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Elected Officials can earn EDA's
**Community Economic
Development Certificate**

Follow this professional
development pathway:

01 Complete 5 Core EDA Courses

- Economic Development for Elected Officials
- Business Retention & Expansion
- Business Investment & Attraction
- Community Economic Resilience
- Professional Ethics

02 Complete 2 Optional EDA Courses

- Rural Economic Development
- Social Side of Economic Development
- Co-operatives & Economic Development
- Performance Measurement in Economic Development
- Mental Well-being for Community Leaders
- Community Investment Readiness

03 Earn Certification

- Complete 5 Core and 2 Optional Courses
- Contact EDA to process your Community Economic Development Certificate



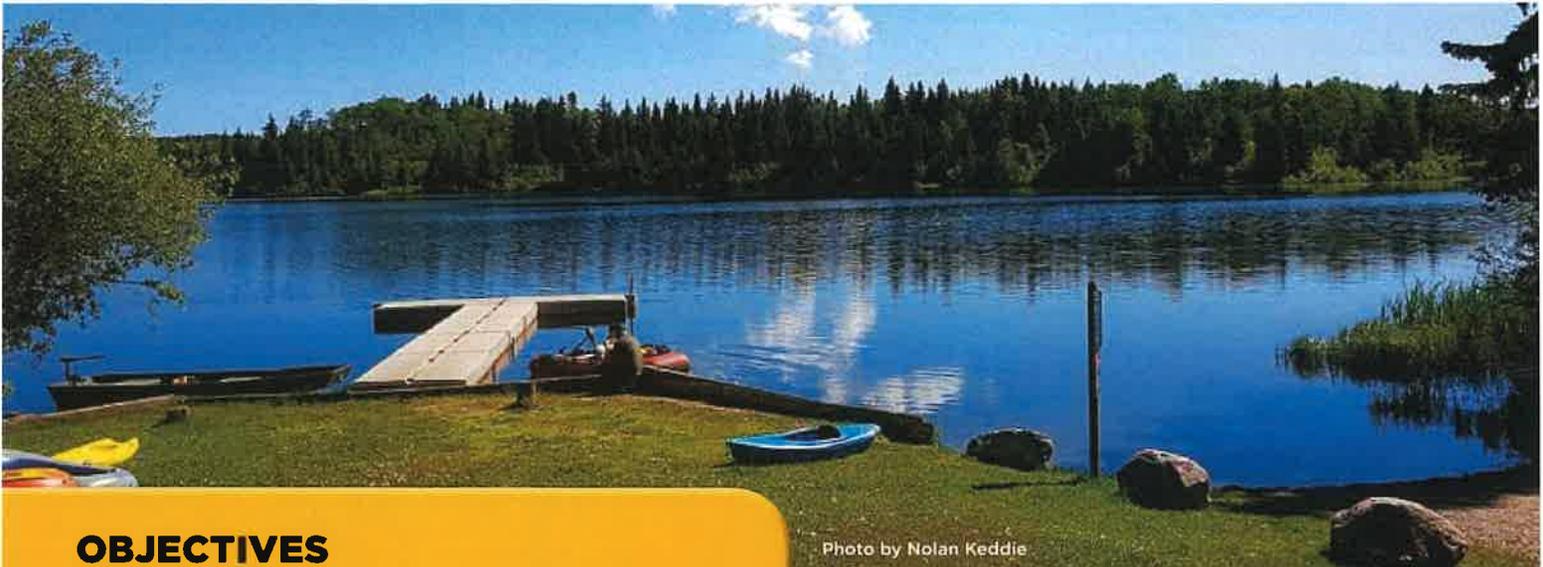


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OBJECTIVES

● BUSINESS ATTRACTION AND EXPANSION:

- o Implement business retention and expansion program (BREP) to help existing businesses grow and adapt to changing markets while attracting complementary industries.
- o Support private developers in identifying and establishing industrial parks to attract industry, boost assessment generation, and create local job opportunities.

● AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION:

- o Encourage innovation in the agricultural sector by supporting sustainable farming practices and value-added agricultural products.
- o Explore opportunities to attract renewable energy companies, such as biomass, making the county a leader in green energy.

● TOURISM:

- o Develop tourism opportunities that capitalize on the county's natural assets, including lakes, rivers, and outdoor recreational activities like hunting, fishing, and camping.



Priority Focus Area #4

SMART GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Goal Statement

We advocate for sustainable economic opportunities that support our existing businesses, attract new industries, and promote long-term prosperity.

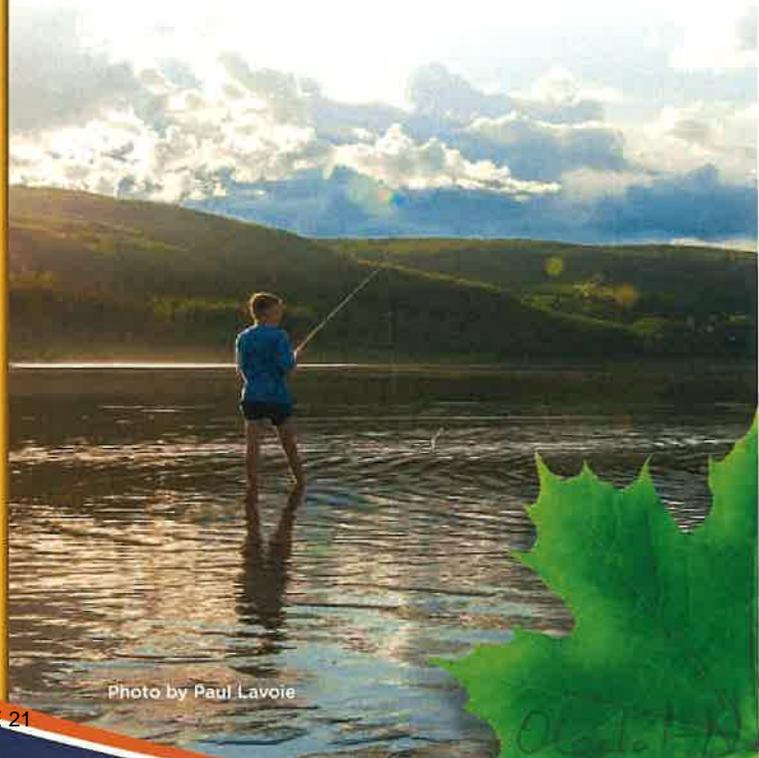


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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.1.1-B

Subject: Community Futures Peace Country – Sponsorship Request for Lemonade Day Manning 2026

Agenda Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Attachments: Letter & Poster

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 1) Council acknowledge receipt of the Report; and
2) Provide a \$500 sponsorship to Community Futures Peace Country's Entrepreneurship Program Lemonade Day 2026 in Manning and accept the invitation to have a county representative be a judge on event day.

CONSIDERATION

Community Futures Peace Country is broadening their youth entrepreneurship program into the Manning Area and are working with the Manning FCSS to bring Lemonade Day to Manning youth.

Administration explained to Community Futures that we the County already contributes annual funds to the Manning and District Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) so they put our logo on the promotional poster.

The program requires further funding to purchase workbooks, training, supplies and promotional items for the participants.

The sponsorship request of \$500 also includes an invitation for a representative from the County to serve as a judge on event day.

Note:

The funding request comes from Community Futures Peace Country to facilitate a youth entrepreneurship program. As they do not have an office in Manning, they are working with FCSS to reach the youth in the community.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

The \$500 sponsorship would come from Council grants.

Prepared By:

Accepted for Council
Consideration by:

[Handwritten signature of Teresa Tupper]

[Handwritten signature of Gerhard Stickling]

Teresa Tupper
Executive Assistant

[Handwritten initials]

Gerhard Stickling
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

February 25, 2025

Reeve & Council
County of Northern Lights
Box 10
Manning, Alberta
T0H 2M0

Subject: Sponsorship Request – Lemonade Day Manning 2026

Dear Reeve and Council,

Lemonade Day is coming to Manning on June 13, 2026, and we are seeking sponsorship to support this valuable youth entrepreneurship program.

Lemonade Day teaches youth how to start and run their own lemonade stands. This process includes training, creating a business plan and budget, obtaining a business license, signing a lease agreement, developing recipes, and designing and operating their stands on the big day.

A financial contribution of \$500 would help cover the costs of the training session, workbooks, supplies, and promotional items for participants. As a sponsor, the County's logo will be featured on event materials, and we would be delighted to welcome a representative from the County to serve as a judge on the event day.

Thank you for considering our request for sponsorship, and please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Burns
Communications Coordinator / Project Lead
Community Futures Peace Country

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Lemonade Day

in Manning- June 13, 2026

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- ✓ Learn business skills at Lemonade University
- ✓ Be creative
- ✓ Earn your own money
- ✓ Meet your community



Registration closes May 21st



The Town of Manning

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lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta

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From: Vanessa Burns <eventspc@albertacf.com>
Sent: February 25, 2026 2:21 PM
To: Teresa Tupper
Subject: Sponsorship Request - Lemonade Day 2026
Attachments: County of Northern Lights - Lemonade Day 2026.pdf; Lemonade Day 2026 Manning.png; Lemonade Day 2026 Manning.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Teresa,

Attached please see our sponsorship letter for Lemonade Day as per our phone discussion. Also, attached is a poster and a png version for consideration in an upcoming newsletter or social promotions. It was nice to chat on the phone and touch base - I hope you have a great rest of your week.

Thanks again,

Vanessa Burns

Communications Coordinator/Project Lead
Community Futures Peace Country



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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.1.1- *C*

Subject:	2026 Canadian Nuclear Association Conference
Agenda Date:	Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Attachments:	Preliminary Agenda

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 1) Council acknowledge receipt of the Report; and
- 2) Accept it for information; OR
- 3) Register _____ to attend the conference on April 28 to 30, 2026 at Rogers Centre, Ottawa.

CONSIDERATION

Please see preliminary agenda

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

Registration Fee: \$1365.00 (government rate) After March 31st, \$1575.00
 Flights: range from \$300 to \$900 plus applicable taxes and fees
 Hotel: estimated over \$250 per night

Prepared By:

T. Tupper

Teresa Tupper
Executive Assistant

Accepted for Council
Consideration by:

Gerhard Stickling
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)



(<https://conference.cna.ca>)



WHAT IS CNA2026?

Power and Purpose

As energy demand rises and climate challenges intensify, Canada's nuclear industry stands out for its ability to provide reliable, clean electricity while enhancing energy security and economic resilience. CNA2026: Power and Purpose highlights nuclear energy's crucial role in powering homes and businesses and in supplying life-saving medical isotopes for advanced diagnostics and cancer treatments. Nuclear also supports strong, resilient communities that create and sustain jobs and local economies for generations. Beyond technology, nuclear energy symbolizes a shared commitment to stability, prosperity, and environmental stewardship. This Conference unites leaders and innovators from across Canada to collaborate on sustainable energy solutions that benefit all communities.

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Preliminary Agenda

Please note that this is a preliminary agenda intended to provide attendees with an overview of the conference schedule from April 28 to 30. The CNA2026 team is finalizing the session topics, panels, and speakers. Once everything is confirmed, the final program will be published on the CNA2026 website. Stay tuned for updates!

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Jessica Clifford** at cliffordj@cna.ca.

	TIME	AGENDA
APRIL 28	09:00 to 12:00	Regulatory and Policy Seminar
	09:30 to 11:00	Communications Seminar
	09:00 to 20:30	Registration Open
	13:00 to 15:00	Indigenous Inclusion Seminar
	14:00 to 15:30	SPP2025: Talent Collider Session (Room 214)
	15:45 to 16:45	SPP2025: Panel: Starting your nuclear career (Room 213/215)
	15:00 to 20:30	Trade Show Open (Canada Hall 2)
	18:00 to 20:30	CNA Welcome Reception
APRIL 29	07:30 to 08:15	Breakfast (Canada Hall 1)
	07:30 to 19:30	Trade Show Open
	08:30 to 17:00	CNA2026 Programming (Canada, Boreal, and Season Stages)
	17:30 to 19:30	CNA Trade Show Reception and Prize Draw
APRIL 30	07:30 to 08:45	Breakfast and Keynote (Canada Hall 1)
	08:00 to 13:00	Trade Show Open
	08:30 to 12:30	CNA2026 Programming (Canada, Boreal, and Season Stages)
	12:30 to 13:30	End of Conference Lunch
	13:30 to 14:00	Exhibitor Booth Tear-down





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Report No.

Agenda Item No.

06.1.1- D

Subject:	Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2026 Annual Conference
Agenda Date:	Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Attachments:	Registration Information

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 1) Council acknowledge receipt of the Report; and
- 2) Register _____ to attend the conference from June 4 to 7, 2026 at the Edmonton Convention Centre.; OR
- 3) Accept it for information.

BACKGROUND

Council's Remuneration Policy states:

1. *Council may, by motion, send two Councillors to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual conference, or send as many as would like to attend to the event if hosted in the Province of Alberta.*

CONSIDERATION

The 2026 FCM Conference is at the Edmonton Convention Centre. It begins June 4 and concludes late on June 7.

Registration:	\$1195.00	After April 24:	\$1495.00
Mayor's Welcome Reception:	\$ 75.00		
Closing Gala:	\$ 150.00		
	\$1420.00		

FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

2 Councillor attendees are always built into the budget. Considering this conference is being held in Edmonton, the preliminary budget can be adjusted to accommodate extra attendees if required, as per policy.

Prepared By:

Teresa Tupper
Executive Assistant

**Accepted for Council
Consideration by:**

 Gerhard Stickling
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

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Program

FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show



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<u>Program</u>	+
Trade show	+
Registration	+
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Stay tuned for more details on our workshops - themes include: housing, infrastructure, AI, mis/dis-information, reconciliation, tourism, municipal finance, public safety, council-staff relationships, climate competitiveness, social media, telecommunications, immigration, global relationships and so much more!

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REGISTER NOW

Legend

(S/I) = Simultaneous interpretation

(R) = Rural Stream — workshops or plenaries that present topics with the rural, remote, or northern communities' perspective.

(N) = Northern Stream — workshops or plenaries that present topics with northern communities' perspective.

(I) = Indigenous Stream — workshops or plenaries that present topics with an Indigenous peoples' perspective.

(FR) = Francophone Stream — workshops or plenaries with Francophone speakers, or with topics presented with the Francophone communities' perspective.

Program and events subject to change without notice.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Wednesday, June 3				
5–8 p.m.	Registration			
Thursday, June 4				
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Registration			
8 a.m.–3 p.m.	Exhibitor registration and move-in			
8:15 a.m.–4 p.m.	Study tours Companion tours			
9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Workshops (S/I)			
12–1:30 p.m.	FCM Collective Luncheon (S/I) Why domestic food systems matter to our communities and Canada's future <i>Presented by Egg Farmers of Canada, Chicken Farmers of Canada, Turkey Farmers of Canada, Canadian Hatching Egg Producers and Dairy Farmers of Canada</i>			
1:30–3:30 p.m.	Workshops (S/I) (R) (N) (F) (I)			
5–7 p.m.	Trade Show opening reception			
5:30–7 p.m.	FCM Hub Sessions			
Friday, June 5				

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>Allons-y! Wellness Challenge Presented by YMCA Canada</i>		
7-8 a.m.	<i>Breakfast Presented by the City of Edmonton</i>		
7 a.m.-3 p.m.	Trade Show		
7 a.m.-7 p.m.	Registration		
8-9 a.m.	Opening ceremony (S/I) <i>Presented by CN</i>		
9-9:30 a.m.	Political keynote (S/I)		
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Study tours Companion tours		
9:30-10 a.m.	Coffee break <i>Presented by the City of Edmonton</i>		
10-11 a.m.	Opening plenary (S/I) <i>Presented by Co-operators & Addenda Capital</i>		
11-11:30 a.m.	Northern and Arctic Canada Plenary (S/I) (N)		
11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	FCM Hub Sessions		
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch <i>Presented by Lidstone & Company</i>		
1:30-3 p.m.	Workshops (S/I) (R) (N) (F) (I)		
1:30-3 p.m.	Municipal Den		
3-3:30 p.m.	Coffee break		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Workshops (S/I) (R) (N) (F) (I)		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Ask the Experts (S/I) <i>Presented by Intact</i>		
6-9 p.m.	Mayor's Welcome Reception <i>Presented by EPCOR</i>		
Saturday, June 6			
6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>Allons-y! Wellness Challenge Presented by YMCA Canada</i>		
7-8 a.m.	<i>Breakfast Presented by the City of Edmonton</i>		
7 a.m.-3 p.m.	Trade Show		
7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Registration		

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
8-8:30 a.m.	Political keynote (S/I)		
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Rural plenary (S/I) (R) (N) <i>Presented by Intact</i>		
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Study tours Companion tours		
9:30-10 a.m.	Political keynote (S/I)		
10-10:30 a.m.	Coffee break <i>Presented by the City of Edmonton</i>		
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Resolutions plenary (S/I)		
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch <i>Presented by Nuclear Waste Management Organization</i>		
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Workshops (S/I) (R) (N) (F) (I)		
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Ask the Experts (S/I) <i>Presented by Rogers Communications</i>		
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Coffee break and Trade Show Prize Draw		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Workshops (S/I)		
5-6:30 p.m.	Francophone Reception (F)		
5:30-7 p.m.	Women's Reception <i>Presented by Canadian Labour Congress</i>		
6-9 p.m.	Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Reception		
7-10 p.m.	Rural, Northern and Remote Reception (R) (N) <i>Presented by ATCO Energy</i>		
Sunday, June 7			
6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>Allons-y! Wellness Challenge</i> <i>Presented by YMCA Canada</i>		
7-8 a.m.	Breakfast <i>Presented by the City of Edmonton</i>		
7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Registration		
8-9:30 a.m.	Annual General Meeting and Table Officers' elections (S/I)		
8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.	Study tours Companion tours		
10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Coffee break <i>Presented by the City of Edmonton</i>		
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Selection of candidates for Board of Directors (S/I)		

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Territorial Meeting (S/I)		
12–12:30 p.m.	Regional Caucus Elections (S/I)		
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Lunch		
1:30–2 p.m.	Annual General Meeting and ratification of the Board Directors (S/I)		
2–3 p.m.	Closing plenary (S/I) <i>Presented by Destination Canada</i>		
6–11 p.m.	Host City Closing Gala and Awards Show <i>Presented by Intact Financial Corporation</i>		



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Subject:	Administrative Planning & Development Update
Agenda Date:	March 10, 2026
Attachments:	N/A

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that

1. Council accepts this report for information

BACKGROUND

The Planning & Development Clerk, Pearl Luken & Director of Finance, Josh Hunter will bring a monthly update to Council on the inquiries, applications, decisions, complaints and successes of Planning & Development. As Pearl took vacation in month of February many of these inquiries were received by Josh in her absence.

GENERAL UPDATES

In the Month of February, the following occurred:

Development Permits:

Inquiries received by CNL staff	Public Inquiries Received by ISL staff	Total Inquiries	Applications	Development Permits Approved & NODs issued
12	1	13	6	2

Subdivisions:

Inquiries received by CNL staff	Public Inquiries Received by ISL staff	Total Inquiries	Applications	NODs Issued	Subdivisions Endorsed
6	4	10	1	0	0

Please note Inquiries shown are by number of individuals who inquired not frequency of inquiries. The ISL inquiries are determined by the shared spreadsheet to track planning & development matters between ISL & CNL. While CNL Staff received the bulk of the inquiries, ISL reviews and provides recommendations on all applications received

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS

LUB Contravention changes and awareness campaign information – work in progress expected on March 24th meeting or April 14th meeting.

Survey requirement changes and awareness campaign information- work in progress expected on March 24 or April 14 meeting.

Prepared By:

Pearl Luken
Planning & Development Clerk

Accepted by:

Josh Hunter, CMA, CPA
Director of Finance



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Report No.
AF - 2026- 0173

Agenda Item No.
06.6.3 - A

Subject:	Decision requested for hosting the 2028 Provincial ASB Conference
Agenda Date:	March 10 th , 2026
Attachments:	2

Recommendation: Record a motion with your decision to send to the PR AAAF to begin planning the 2028 ASB Conference.

Personally, I am in favor of the central location in Edmonton, but I would request they investigate other venues within Edmonton with more hotel room capacity and parking at the venue where the conference is to be held to compare against the Delta extension.

Background: On a 5-yr rotation the Peace Region Fieldman plans the Provincial Conference for the ASBs'. In 2028, the Fieldman are requesting input as to whether the conference should be held regionally, most likely Grande Prairie, or continue with the theme to host the conference in a more centralized location such as Edmonton.

The contract with the Delta expires in 2027, but they have expressed interest in renewing the agreement for 2028 at similar costing. Another location can be chosen as well, that input could also be provided to the Region. They will also have 3 years of conference feedback to sort through before agreeing to a venue.

The PR AAAF has sent a letter requesting a recorded motion as to our decision. MD of Greenview has sent a letter of support for centralization. Also, keep in mind the ASBPC and the ASB congregation asked the AAAF to form a committee to investigate centralization, indicating it was preferred by the ASBs' to be centralized, this is my recollection, no recorded motion one way or the other could be found.

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

Blake Gaugler
Agricultural Fieldman

CAO accepted for agenda

06.6.3 - A



The Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen Peace Region

M.D. of Big Lakes

December 8, 2025

Birch Hills County

Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards

Clear Hills County

Re: 2028 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference

M.D. of Fairview
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Following our discussion at the Peace Region Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen meeting on November 14, 2025, each municipality was asked to consult with its Agricultural Service Board regarding the preferred location for the 2028 Provincial ASB Conference - either hosted locally within the Peace Region or held centrally in Alberta.

County of Grande
Prairie #1

Please provide your Board's decision by March 31st, 2026 so we can begin planning for the 2028 Provincial Conference.

M.D. of Greenview
#16

Mackenzie County

Northern Sunrise
County

Tracelle Hinze
Peace Regional Director of the AAAF Executive
Assistant Agricultural Fieldman
County of Grande Prairie

M.D. of Peace
#135

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Saddle Hills
County

M.D. of Smoky
River #130

M.D. of Spirit River
#133



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Municipal District of **GREENVIEW**

2/24/2026

To: Agricultural Service Boards of the Peace Region of Alberta

ATTN: 2028 Provincial ASB Conference

Every five years, the Peace Region Association of Agricultural Fieldman plan and host the Provincial Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Conference. This last occurred in 2023 and will reoccur in 2028. On January 28th, the Greenview Agricultural Service Board considered where the Board would prefer to have the 2028 Conference hosted. Currently, the Conference is under a 3-year long contract with Delta South Edmonton that expires after the 2027 Provincial Conference. While hosting in Grande Prairie has not resulted in high contract fees to hold a booking, the Board had other concerns that they would like to communicate.

Greenview's ASB is recommending the event be hosted in Edmonton. While the economic impact of such an event for the region was considered, the Board prioritized the following areas:

- 1) Attendance is reduced when the event is hosted in Grande Prairie. For a Provincial Conference, maximizing attendance should be prioritized.
- 2) When hosted in Grande Prairie, delegates are bussed to the Evergreen Centre from multiple hotels, decreasing opportunities for networking with other municipal delegates. These events are important and one of the most valuable opportunities is the opportunity to learn from other delegates.
- 3) Provincial Minister attendance was discussed, noting Ministers have very tight schedules. Hosting in Grande Prairie reduces the likelihood of the Conference featuring a "Bear Pit" as seen at other conferences such as the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-Ops. Agricultural Service Boards should be able to generate the same Provincial buy-in as other organizations, seeing as they are an advisor to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation.

As the hosting location of the Provincial Conference has previously been contested by Peace Region municipalities, the Board felt the matter warranted consideration and support of Greenview Council prior to being communicated to the Peace Region as a whole. This consideration occurred on February 24th, 2026, with Council supporting the Boards decision.

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Greenview ASB recognizes it is one vote of thirteen, but we hope all other Boards and Councils deliberate with equal prioritization while making their decision.

Respectfully,



Dave Gibbard,
Greenview ASB Chair

Cc: MD of Smoky River
MD of Fairview
MD of Peace
Birch Hills County
Saddle Hills County
Big Lakes County
Clear Hills County
Mackenzie County
MD of Spirit River
County of Northern Lights
Northern Sunrise County
County of Grande Prairie

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County of Northern Lights

February 2026 Ward Two Report

- February 1, 2026** **Pond Hockey Meeting in Grimshaw** **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- It was decided that the group would go ahead with the pond hockey tournament in a modified format for this year. Thanks to the Town of Grimshaw for allowing us ice time in both the multiplex facility and the use of the outdoor rink. We provided updates on our current action items and will have a final meeting on February 22nd.
- February 2, 2026** **Dixonville Fire Hall Meeting** **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**
- It was nice to see a few people attend. I appreciated the opportunity to chat with our Webberville crew to share the update on the termination with the Town of Peace River and the transition to a mutual aid agreement only. While there is a lot left to be worked out, I am hopeful and I think our crew is too.
- February 4, 2026** **Alberta Counsel Webinar** **12:00 pm – 1:00pm**
- It was a good “10,000 foot view” of what happens when “Ambition Outruns Capacity” in relation to economic development. While there is a lot to the conversation, it was informative. I encourage those who missed it to watch it here: <https://youtu.be/gXQ9q1mN7H8> - it does share good information and insight.
- February 4, 2026** **North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting - Peace River** **4:00 pm – 6:30 pm**
- Updates regarding the flood at Harvest Lodge and now the flooding is happening again at Garden Court. A very frustrating series of events. I have been sharing updates with council regularly regarding the current event, so I won't repeat them here.
- February 4, 2026** **Annual Peace River School Division Meeting – Grimshaw** **7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
- It was great to see a full house again, I always appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with PRSD to help support them the best we can. Lots of funding concerns and concerns relating to closure of rural small schools. Another notable concern was mental health funding, as chair of the Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force, I have reached out to PRSD to get together and chat about how we can help advocate or support them better. It was also great to hear that the Red Earth School is now out for tender and hopeful for completion in 2027. It was also upsetting to hear the formula implications for schools like GPS who are over capacity and looking at portables but only showing on the GoA books at 85% -- I hear the concerns first hand from the school at the parent council meetings – work needs to be done there for sure.
- February 9, 2026** **GRHARC and Grimshaw Hospital Site Manager** **10:00 am – 11:00 am**
- Chair Messner and I had a chance to meeting with the Grimshaw site manager and share some of our concerns and get confirmation that they will start participating in our meetings so we have better information to work on. It was a brief mostly introductory and information share meeting.
- February 9, 2026** **GRHARC and RHPAP Strategic Planning** **5:00 pm – 8:45 pm**
- I cannot stress the value of this session with RHPAP enough. It was so beneficial to our recruitment and retention committee. We had 15 participants including the new doctor in waiting for Grimshaw. Currently the Grimshaw clinic only has one doctor and therefor this planning session was timely as we work to focus and maximize our efforts in recruiting and keeping health care providers for the area.
- February 10, 2026** **Council Meeting & Town of Manning ICF** **9:00 am – 5:30 pm**
- Items discussed as per the agenda.

- February 12, 2026 RhPAP Webinar: Toolkit 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
- It is a very robust toolkit that they have created to help assist recruitment and retention committees. There is a lot of valuable information in the toolkit for both established committees and ones just starting out. I encourage you all who are on healthcare committees to check it out on their website!
- February 12, 2026 PREC Meeting in Peace River 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**
- It was great to see the newest members attend from the Town of Manning and Village of Nampa. We discussed the upcoming visit from Jake Pastore and we are all eagerly excited to tap into his knowledge and get his help as we undertake some important communication plans going forward. Looking forward to meeting with Jake and having some discussions as councils one on one with him too.
- February 13, 2026 RMA Zone Meeting - Guy 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
- Big shout out for a good turn out and to the hosting council of MD of Smokey River. It was disappointing to not have MLA presence but happy that Dan was able to attend virtually and take some questions as Municipal Affairs minister. I appreciate and am honored to get to serve as the District Four Chair for the next 2 years. Great updates from Alberta Transportation and Derek Young. It was nice to have RMA in attendance and share some updates on advocacy and priority happenings.
- February 17-19, 2026 Growing the North Conference – Grande Prairie**
- Feb 17th – Travelled to Grande Prairie
- Feb 18th – Great keynote speakers. Attended the breakout session focused on “Creating the Next Big Boom” that was really looking at AI and Data Centers. Lots of discussion on defining roles in an AI Economy, and exploring questions we should be asking ourselves as municipalities.
- Feb 19th – Another day of great keynote speakers. Attended the breakout session focused on “Meaningful Partnerships for Northern Growth” that was focused on the role that Friendship Centers and Indigenous Relations play in growing and economic development especially in our northern communities.
- February 22, 2026 Pond Hockey Meeting 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- We had our final meeting before the event things are coming together in the modified format. Terry will be attending the opening ceremony, and I will be there for the closing ceremony. 18 teams registered so far and all the details were finalized, looking forward to seeing the new format and how it is accepted.
- February 23, 2026 PREC Meeting with Jake Pastore 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
- Items discussed as per the agenda.
- February 24, 2026 Council Meeting & Jake Pastore w/ Town of Manning 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**
- Items discussed as per the agenda.
- February 25, 2026 Peace Regional RCMP Advisory Committee 5:00 pm – 7:20 pm**
- Key highlights include: RCMP visits are planned and they will be attending our council on March 10th, confirming attendance for the Provincial Crime Conference in Calgary that I am attending, the committee purchased a new lap top to help record and track the data from the speed reader board that we own as a committee. RCMP shared that there have been large spikes in mental health calls and MVC from the weather and time of year. Reminder to not leave your keys in the vehicle when letting it warm up. Rural Crime Watch meeting will be held in Manning on March 2nd at the Legion.
- February 26, 2026 Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force Committee 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**
- A verbal update will be shared in closed session at our next meeting.
- February 27, 2026 Alberta Counsel Webinar: 2026 Budget Summary 12:00 pm – 1:10 pm**
- A very robust presentation this round but the overview is always of value – Budget 2026 is an impactful one.

February 27, 2026

Alberta Municipalities: 2026 Budget Webinar

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Signed up for the webinar after reading the press releases they have been posting since the budget was presented. It was incredible insight and I hope RMA pushes back just as hard on the details surrounding downloads on local government. It was great to hear what the urban munis are facing in the budget. They are really focusing in on FCSS support and have developed a toolkit for their members.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

March 2nd – Rural Crime Watch Meeting – Manning Legion – 7:00 pm

March 4th – North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting @ 4:00 pm (Peace River)

March 8th – Pond Hockey Closing Ceremony – Grimshaw @ 4:45 pm

March 9th – Grimshaw Regional Healthcare and Attraction and Retention Committee @ 6:30 pm

March 11th – PRAMP Meeting @ 1:00 pm

March 16th – 18th – RMA Spring Convention

March 20 and 21st – Alberta Rural Crime Watch AGM and Symposium in Nisku

March 25th – North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting and Audit Presentation – 4:00 pm (Peace River)



Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug – Ward Two



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD # 3 February 2026

DATE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Feb. 2 Dixonville Fire Services Meeting, Dixonville 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Councillors and CAO Stickling met at the Dixonville Fire Hall with the hopes of recruiting fire fighters for the Dixonville Department. Unfortunately, there was only a few attending and no new recruits signed up.

Feb. 10 Council Meeting as per agenda, virtual 9:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Feb 13 RMA Zone Meeting, Guy 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

There were presentations by ATEC and Mercer Peace River. Phil Kolodychuk and John Przybylski gave an update on the Fairview College situation. MLA Dan Williams gave his update on MA and had time for a few questions. Regional Director of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Derek Young, gave an in-depth report on what's coming up in provincial projects. It was great to get a list of all the projects for northern Alberta. All five resolutions passed.

Feb. 17 PRAIC, virtual 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 am

OH&S Resources for Indigenous Communities rep Tracey Polly gave an informative presentation on services available. Wendy presented finances and updates on the Terms of Reference. The Friends of PRAIC will be meeting March 3rd to get that charitable society off the ground. This will be created to look after the fundraising for PRAIC. Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop is set for April 29th. The PR Pow Wow will be May 30 & 31st this year.

Feb 18 Mercer PAC, virtual 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

I hopped on this virtual meeting as I have never attended before. Mercer reps reported no changes to operations, same as last meeting. Zavisha sawmill is up and running, sooner than expected. GOA rep Al Bensen reported the amalgamation of environment into forestry department, and the sub regional planning process plans are to be completed (all plans) in the next 18 months. NAIT Centre for Applied Research, presented Partners in Boreal Education in classrooms.

Feb 23 LLRWMS, virtual 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Berwyn member Patrick O'Brien was approved to attend the Alberta Care Conference on behalf of the commission. Terry gave the YTD budget and financials. The members agreed to attend a Board of Directors Orientation Training by Brownlee. We agreed to continue with the water monitoring program this year.

Feb 24 Council Meeting as per agenda, Manning 8:00 pm – 4:30 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

March 3	Friends of PRAIC	9:00 am
March 6	PREDA	9:30 am
March 10	Council meeting	9:00 am
March 16-18	RMA Spring Convention	
March 23	Ordinance meeting	9:00 am
March 24	Council Meeting	9:00 am
March 26	LLRWMS	7:00 pm

Brenda Yasinski, County of Northern Lights, Ward 3 Councillor



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT WARD #4, FEBRUARY 2026

Feb 10: Regular council meeting.

Feb 23: FCSS Annual Meeting. Linda Schmidt was re-elected as chair. Robert Macleod remains rep for the town of Manning. The board welcomes new member Esther Johnsson who will serve along with Sarah Nauss, Sunni Walker, Vicky Smith, Vikki Presakarchuk and Yuko Davidson.

FCSS Regular Meeting: Megan has organized a Community Development Framework and Interagency Network for the Manning region. The goal is to coordinate with local organizations, agencies, municipalities and community partners to share ideas, collaborate and provide supports to community members and businesses. The first meeting is set for Wednesday March 25 at the Manning Fire Hall.

Feb 24: Regular Council Meeting.

Councilor Brent Reese



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #5 FEBRUARY 2026

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE		TIME
Feb. 2, 2026	<i>Attended Dixonville Fire Department Recruitment & Open House</i> Attended second recruitment open house at the Dixonville Fire Hall; 5 residents were in attendance, along with 7 current members of the Weberville Fire Department. There were no applications received to join the Fire Department. CAO Gerhard Stickling gave the sad news that the County would close the Dixonville Fire Hall. Coverage will continue as it has for a few years with Weberville & Town of Manning Fire Departments responding to fires in Dixonville and area.	4:30 pm-7:00 pm
Feb. 4, 2026	<i>Attended virtual PRSD Joint Municipalities Meeting</i> Peace River School Division (PRSD) recently hosted a joint engagement session with municipal partners to strengthen collaboration between the school division and local municipalities. The discussion focused on the importance of aligning education priorities with community needs and ensuring municipal voices are reflected in advocacy efforts and long-term planning. The session emphasized that student success is closely tied to community conditions, reinforcing the need for coordinated advocacy on issues such as rural sustainability, services, and funding pressures affecting education and communities alike. PRSD highlighted the value of maintaining strong municipal relationships to support shared priorities and future initiatives.	7:00 pm-8:51 pm
Feb. 10, 2026	<i>Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda</i>	9:00 pm-3:42 pm
Feb. 10, 2026	<i>Attended Manning Municipal Library Meeting</i> (minutes in Council information package)	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Feb. 11, 2026,	<i>Attended Manning & District Food Bank Meeting</i> Discussed social media- Brittany working on FB and Webpage Helen presented the financial statement Budget finalized at budget meeting and presented to board members Casino -will be up for working at the Great Northern Casino (dates Oct/Nov/Dec/ 2026 TBA)	4:30 pm-5:43 pm
Feb. 12, 2026	<i>Attended ASB Multi-Municipality Orientation Session</i> Presenters- Kerrienne Koehler-Munro and Khalil Ahmed, Crop Assurance Specialist -Introduction to the ASB Program: mandate, structure, legislative basis (Agricultural Service Board Act). She talked about the roles & responsibilities, what board members are expected to do, how boards interact with municipal councils and the Ministry, reporting and advisory duties. They touched on Policy & Program Overviews which included key provincial agriculture programs relevant to ASBs (e.g., pest management, soil conservation, animal health frameworks). Official orientation manuals and regional conferences typically cover these.	9:00 am-11:58 am
Feb. 13, 2026	<i>Attended RMA District 4 Meeting- Guy Community Centre</i> Presentations from: Orlando Rodrigues- Transportation & Economic Corridors (zoom) Cal Dakin- Managing Director Mercer, Peace River Phil Kolodychuk & John Przybylski- Fairview College Honorable Dan Williams Minister of Municipal Affairs (zoom) Derk Yong, Regional Director, Transportation & Economic Corridors 6 Resolutions were passed Congratulations to Councillor Kayln Shug, Ward 2 -Elected as Zone 4 Chairperson!	10:00 am -3:00 pm

Feb. 24, 2026 *Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda*

9:00 am-3:15 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC: START TIME

Mar. 10, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 am
Mar. 11, 2026	Manning & Area Food Bank AGM	4:30 pm
Mar. 16-18, 2026	RMA Conference in Edmonton	9:00 am
Mar. 23, 2026	CNL Ordinance Meeting	9:00 am
Mar. 24, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 pm
Mar. 24, 2026	Joint Council Meeting with Town of Manning	5:30 pm

G. Dechant



Gloria Dechant

COUNCILLOR

Ward 5: Breaking Point - North Star

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We acknowledge the Indigenous people and ancestors whose land we are on



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #6, February 2026

February 2nd: **CRAA executive meeting** **0930/1030**

Virtual meeting with executive and administration. Appoint 3 new members to the executive. We will meet with all members that will be attending Growing the North in Grande Prairie.

February 2nd: **Meeting at Dixonville firehall** **1700/2100**

Follow-up meeting that was postponed in December to see if there has been any interest from the area to become volunteer firefighters in order to keep the firehall open. Weberville firefighters attended along with fire chief but there was not enough resident involvement to likely keep the department active.

February 4th: **PRSD joint municipality meeting** **1730/2200**

Attend Peace River School Division annual meeting with regional municipalities. Updates from the board and superintendent on what's been happening throughout the division. Declining enrolment, increased absenteeism, bus driver shortage, provincial funding challenges.

February 5th: **Virtual meeting with JETI & PrairiesCan** **1000/1130**

Invitation from Regional Economic Development and Prairies Economic Development for a virtual chat. CAO from Birch Hills County was also invited. We each gave an update on the proposed nuclear projects in the NW. I only spoke as chair of PREC and what we have going on. Birch Hills is still actively working with a proponent interested in developing a SMR in their region.

February 7th: Davis Awards 1600/2200

Travel to Peace River to attend the Davis Awards (small business awards). Bring greetings and congratulations on behalf of council. Nicely organized event with great participation from the business community.

February 10th: Council meeting 0830/1630

Regular council meeting followed by ICF task force meeting with Town of Manning.

February 12th: ASB orientation 0600/1200

Travel to Rycroft for ASB orientation. Basically a review of the ASB Act and what municipalities responsibilities are. Very poor A/V so struggled to follow the presenters.

February 12th: PREC 1300/1730

PREC meeting at Peace River. New members from Town of Manning and Village of Nampa attended their first meeting. Jake Pastore will do some consulting work with PREC to help with communication plan and securing funding to assist the committee. PREC will have members attending the SMR Summit in Calgary in early March.

February 13th: RMA Zone meeting 07800/1700

Travel to Guy for RMA Zone meeting. Presentations from:

- Orlando Rodriquiz with ATEC
- Cal Dakin with Mercer Peace River Pulp
- MD of Fairview regarding closing of NWP Fairview Campus
- Minister of Municipal Affairs Dan Williams
- Derek Young regional director ATEC
- RMA District 4 director Karen Rosovold

Resolution session, all passed including CNL regarding electoral boundary changes. Kayln was given zone chair position by acclamation. Bob Willing will remain vice-chair. Next meeting will be in Big Lakes County.

February 17th: Growing the North 1200/2000

Travel to GP for Growing the North Conference. Check in to hotel then go to the conference center and take in the welcoming reception and local market.

February 18th: Growing the North 0730/1700

Usual lineup of great speakers and presenters; Leonard Brody (futurist), Chris Sankey, Len Morissette (Water Worlds Series), Mark Parsons (ATB economist), Doug Stephens (future of competitive advantage). Meeting that Kayln and I were to be part of with Minister Schowe was cancelled due to cancelled flights. Go for supper with MD of Peace, Mackenzie County and Clear Hills County.

February 19th: Growing the North 0730/2000

More good presenters, Mid-Day Squares (developed chocolate bars), James Leppan (northern corridor from Edmonton to NWT). Breakout session; Friendship Centers. Final keynote speaker was Mike Downie, brother of late Gord Downie of Tragically Hip. Great networking opportunities during the conference. Travel home.

February 23rd: PREC 1030/1700

Travel to Peace River and meet with communication consultant that traveled from Ontario to meet with PREC to outline what he foresees for the regional municipalities. He is very pleased that regional municipalities have formed a committee as this shows support to regulatory agencies. He has extensive experience working with a small municipality in NW Ontario.

February 23rd Manning Sports Center Assc 1830/2100

Review financials and approve. Some ongoing items; bleacher heaters are now working better but vent piping will need to be replaced, still some scoreboard issues but more likely users not familiar with it, elevator still out of commission and will be looked at on the weekend, grad class will use arena for ceremonies. Town did a breakdown of users, 148 County, 119 Town, 25 others.

February 24th

Regular council meeting

0830/1700

Regular council meeting. Invited Town of Manning council and CAO for a closed presentation.

February 26th

Meeting at NSC

0900/1430

CAO and I traveled to Northern Sunrise County office to meet with PREC consultant to have him give a debriefing on his visit to our region. He met with municipal councils, economic development departments, chamber of commences, community residents, MLA's office, visited proposed sites. He will be sending a report to PREC once it is compiled.

Terry Ungarian



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

March 2nd: CRAA executive

March 6th: Opening ceremonies for Pond Hockey

March 10th: Council meeting

March 16th-18th: RMA Spring conference

March 23rd: Ordinance meeting

March 24th: Council meeting followed by joint meeting with ToM

March 25th: Interprovincial meeting in Dawson Creek

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) 2026 Federal Census and Municipal Affairs Population List Email
- b) Council's March 2026 Schedule
- c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities E-Newsletter

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

30. TRANSPORTATION/DRAINAGE/PUBLIC WORKS

40. UTILITIES [WATER/SEWER/SOLID WASTE]

50. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE

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

- a) North Peace Applies Research Association E-Newsletter

70. RECREATION & CULTURE

- a) Thank you from Battle River Ag Society
- b) Manning Municipal Library Annual Report – 2025
- c) Grimshaw Municipal Library Annual Report – 2025
- d) Thank you from Peace Playland

80. EDUCATION & SCHOOL

- a) Northwestern Polytechnic – Northern Alberta Medical Program

90. PUBLIC UTILITIES [GAS/POWER/TELEPHONE]

***Item located on Council Table**

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Subject: FW: 2026 Federal Census and Municipal Affairs Population List (MAPL)

From: municipalservicesdivision@gov.ab.ca <municipalservicesdivision@gov.ab.ca>

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 10:58

To: Gerhard Stickling <cao@countyofnorthernlights.com>

Subject: 2026 Federal Census and Municipal Affairs Population List (MAPL)

Attention: All CAOs

The next federal census will take place in May 2026. Beginning May 4, 2026, Statistics Canada will distribute census letters and packages to households across Canada.

Supporting the federal census is essential, as accurate census data directly influences federal transfer payments and provides the foundation for policy development and planning across provincial and federal ministries. Municipalities are encouraged to assist Statistics Canada, where possible, with the census enumeration process.

As outlined in the [Municipal Census Manual](#), Municipal Affairs will not recognize any municipal census conducted during a federal census year. Accordingly, the population and shadow population counts from the 2025 Municipal Affairs Population List (MAPL) will be carried forward to the 2026 MAPL. Following the release of the 2026 federal census results in 2027, all shadow population counts will be reset to zero. The 2027 MAPL will reflect the 2026 federal census results, along with any municipal census and shadow population counts conducted in 2027 and approved by the Minister.

As in previous federal census years, municipalities may request a review of their 2026 federal census population count. Requests must outline the reasons for concern and include all supporting documentation. Submissions must be made to Statistics Canada by December 31, 2026. Statistics Canada will review all submissions and, where enumeration errors are identified, will issue revised population and dwelling counts.

If you have any questions on the federal census process, please contact Statistics Canada at statcan.census-recensement.statcan@statcan.gc.ca. For questions on Alberta's municipal census and MAPL, please contact Kim Moore, Municipal Information Advisor at (780) 422-8303, or email at ma.updates@gov.ab.ca.

Gary Sandberg
Assistant Deputy Minister

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Subject:

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March 4, 2026



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AC2026: Registration now open!

Registration is now open for FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show! Join us in Edmonton from June 4 to 7 for this year's event. Centered under the theme of *Building the future together*, AC2026 will highlight the power of unity and the role local governments play in shaping resilient, thriving communities.

Expect our most comprehensive program yet, with content tailored to municipalities of every size and reality. This year's lineup features dedicated workshops for rural and northern communities, alongside signature events that bring our network together.

As you register, make sure to reserve your spot on one of our interactive study tours and check out our many family-friendly companion tour options.

Book now and take advantage of Early Bird pricing!

» **REGISTER NOW**

NEWS

New Voices Initiative: Recipients announced

This year, the New Voices Initiative was created to bring fresh perspectives into Canada's largest gathering of municipal leaders by giving newly-elected officials the opportunity to receive a free registration to FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show. We invited first-mandate elected officials to apply, with special consideration for those from remote regions and equity-deserving groups.

The response was strong from our members across Canada, underscoring municipal leaders' interest in participating in our signature event. After a thorough review and random draw, 22 winners from FCM member municipalities across every province and territory were selected. We look forward to welcoming this diverse group in Edmonton and extend our sincere thanks to every applicant.

» **LEARN MORE**

Advocacy update: Responding to extreme weather

Last week, Salmon Arm Councillor and Vice Chair of FCM's Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development Committee Louise Wallace Richmond presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development on municipal priorities in protecting Canadians from extreme weather events. In her remarks, Councillor Wallace Richmond noted that the most cost-effective path forward on climate adaptation is to invest in resilient infrastructure now, rather than shouldering the cost of repairs down the line. She reiterated FCM's call for an immediate \$2 billion investment, followed by an additional \$1 billion annually for the next ten years, to protect our communities.

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New national polling shows Canadians wants public transit funding protected

A new Nanos survey for the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) has shown that 77% of polled Canadians expressed concern after learning of the federal

government's \$5 billion cut to the Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF), and 72% supported restoring the dedicated funding announced in 2024.

FCM has called for the reversal of this cut to the CPTF in a direct submission to the federal government. With every \$1 invested in public transit generating \$2.40 in economic activity, the federal government must recognize the need to sufficiently fund the CPTF as a standalone fund to get cities moving, new homes connected and the economy growing.

» [READ THE CUTA SURVEY RESULTS](#)

Co-building local climate action in Tunisia

In Tunisia, we saw how international municipal cooperation can translate into concrete local action, as part of the Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities (ICATM) project, funded by Global Affairs Canada. Through co-creation workshops, Tunisian municipalities, Canadian municipal partners and civil society representatives worked together on inclusive climate action grounded in community priorities and local realities.

In Dar Chaâbane El Fehri, Chouachi and Djerba Midoun, these exchanges helped advance the implementation of pilot municipal projects. These exchanges highlighted practical lessons on how sustained engagement, mutual learning and locally-led approaches can help inform efforts toward more resilient and sustainable communities.

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EVENTS

Women in leadership: Breaking barriers and building support

On March 11 at 12 p.m. ET, join FCM and the Canadian Labour Congress for a Collective webinar exploring how generosity, mentorship, and shared experience strengthen women's leadership in local government. We'll be joined by elected officials who have taken part in FCM's Partnerships for Municipal Innovation—Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) program to reflect on the realities of women's leadership in municipal governance.

» [REGISTER](#)

Advancing flood resilience with municipal insights

Join us on March 12 at 2 p.m. ET for the webinar *From Assessing Flood Risks to Taking Action*. This session will explore how municipalities can move from understanding flood risk to taking climate adaptation action. Through applied tools and real-world examples from the City of Kitchener, you'll learn how flood resilience can be integrated into municipal plans and projects.

This session is relevant for both urban and rural municipalities and is not coastal-specific.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Canada's big city mayors see opportunity in Carney meeting | Municipal World

FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair and London Mayor, Josh Morgan, told Municipal World in a one-on-one interview that the recent meeting between Prime Minister Mark Carney and BCMC members was productive and set a collaborative tone for federal-municipal relations. Morgan made clear that infrastructure is the foundation of every other national priority, and discussed other FCM priorities, such as housing and public safety.

» Finance minister unveiled Ottawa's 'follow the money' plan to tackle extortion | CityNews

Finance Minister François Philippe-Champagne announced a series of new federal initiatives he said will make it easier for police across the country to "follow the money" and dismantle criminal networks. The federal government said that Canada's Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada will allocate new resources to combat extortion.

» Edmonton Mayor Andrew Knack warns of 'significant infrastructure deficit' | Edmonton Journal

Edmonton city council learned that without a significant increase in infrastructure funding, assets could fall into disrepair and jeopardise essential services. Mayor Andrew Knack has said that the city's infrastructure renewal shortfall is approximately \$1.5 billion.

RESOURCES

Planning climate-resilient community facilities

Community facilities are essential gathering locations during climate disruptions. The Resilient Community Facilities Toolkit helps municipalities assess climate risks, work through key planning questions and identify adaptation options. It supports informed decision-making by clarifying vulnerabilities, priorities and next steps. It also helps councils prepare for future planning, budgeting and investment discussions with greater confidence.

» EXPLORE THE TOOLKIT

GMF's impact in small and rural communities

Since 2000, GMF has invested over \$346 million in rural, northern and remote

communities across Canada—funding innovative projects that reduce energy costs, strengthen local economies, increase affordable housing and more. Explore quick stories of lasting change in small communities and resources to help your work.

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We have the tools, resources and recommendations for municipalities to improve adult physical activity levels.

[Access Tools & Resources](#)



Municipalities can improve Canada's physical activity levels

The ParticipACTION Report Card on Physical Activity for Adults is the most comprehensive assessment of adult physical activity in Canada. Getting more Canadians moving can create a stronger, healthier nation, but doing so requires collective action. Municipalities can help drive the change. Want to help inform the next Report Card? Answer [this five-question survey](#) for the chance to win a \$50 [Everything Card](#) gift card!

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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Yesterday, #Budget2025 passed in the House of Commons. Our focus remains on delivering key infrastructure projects this construction season. Looking ahead to the Spring Economic Statement and next Budget, municipalities must receive federal infrastructure funding at the pace and scale necessary to achieve the federal government's objectives on trade diversification, economic growth, housing affordability and national defense.

Municipalities are essential delivery partners on these priorities, and we hope to see further progress on these critical files.

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Before the medals and the heart stopping showdowns, there's a community rink and early morning ice time in local arenas.

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Local governments and infrastructure are essential to Canada's security and sovereignty.

<https://t.co/mhSvPU1DxM>

Mayors Solomon Awa, Kirk Cameron and Ben Hendriksen understand what their communities need to thrive and they deliver the infrastructure and services that their residents need. Yet, northern municipalities are being called to respond to challenges that Canada's outdated municipal fiscal model can't fully support—from aging infrastructure and housing shortages to climate disasters and emerging foreign threats.

All orders of government must work together for a stronger North—and a stronger Canada.

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From: Amber <operations.assistant@npara.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2026 5:29 PM
To: Teresa Tupper
Subject: Register early for our upcoming AGM and FAN



Variety Trial Survey

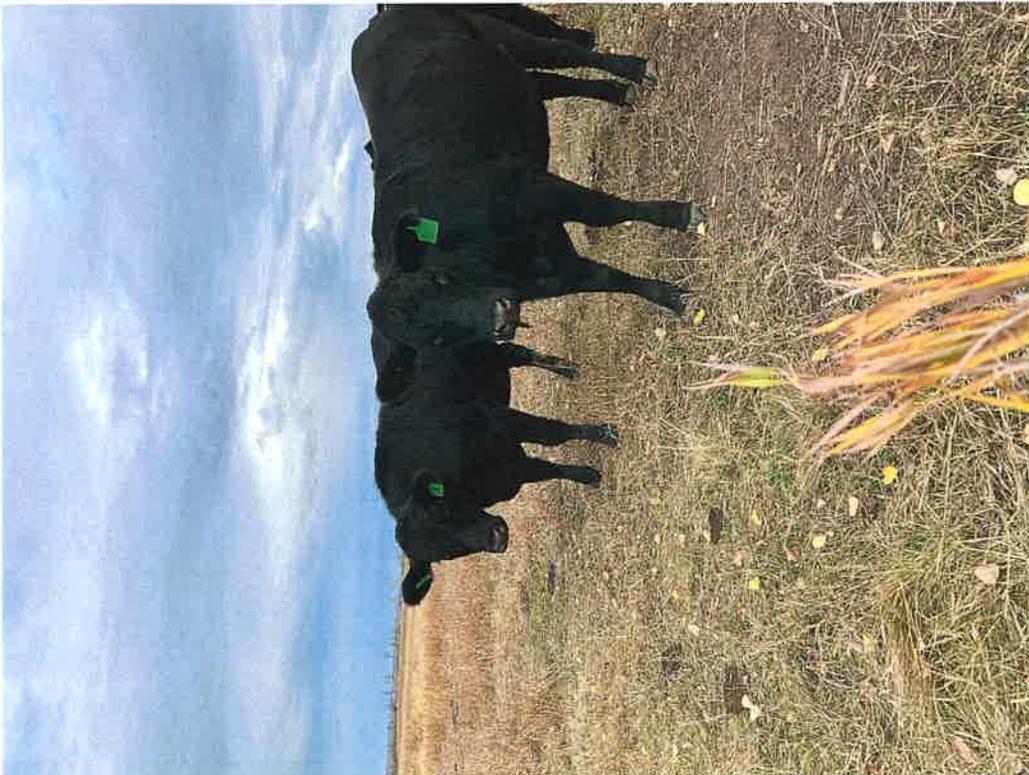
Help us choose what variety trials you would like to see at the NPARA Research Farm
in 2026!



Survey Here

Cattle Club Poll

NPARA is looking to host future cattle clubs. Please complete the survey in the links below and let us know dates and times that would be convenient for you to attend the clubs.



Survey Here

ARECA AGM

ARECA is inviting you to attend their Annual General Meeting on Zoom, March 4th at 9:30am, see links below to register/for more detail.



The slide features a green and dark green background. On the left, there is a photograph of a horse in a field. The ARECA logo is in the top right corner. The title 'Agenda' is centered in white. A vertical line with three green square markers (1, 2, 3) lists the agenda items. At the bottom, there are small ARECA and EMALDARECA logos and a right-pointing arrow icon.

Agenda

- 1 Welcome**
9:30 - 9:35 Opening Remarks
- Wolter van der Kamp, ARECA Board Chair
- 2 Member Association Success Presentations**
9:35 - 10:35 Presentations
10:35 - 11:00 Questions and Answer Period
- 3 Annual General Meeting**
11:00 - 11:30 Meeting
11:30 Adjourn

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Producer Funding 101 Webinar Series

PRODUCER FUNDING 101 WEBINAR SERIES

Producer Funding 101 is a webinar series created to inform producers about upcoming agriculture funding opportunities and provide relevant overview information. The series covers key programs such as OFCAF through RDAR and CFGA, Water Programs, and regional funding programs available in your area.

FEBRUARY
12
12:00PM

SESSION 1: CFGA OFCAF

This session is focused on the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association's (CFGA) On-Farm Climate Action Funding application overview and expectations. Applications opened February 1st.

FEBRUARY
19
12:00PM

SESSION 2: RDAR FUNDING

This session is focused on Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) funding: an overview of the administered OFCAF program and Producer Research and Evaluation Project (PREP), as well as ARGO application tips and other RDAR programs.

FEBRUARY
26
12:00PM

SESSION 3: WATER PROGRAMS

This session will cover Water Programs with a focus on available funding opportunities that support agricultural producers.

MARCH
5
12:00PM

SESSION 4: REGIONAL FUNDING OVERVIEW

This webinar covers an overview of Alberta-wide programs before moving into breakout rooms to address regionally applicable funding opportunities followed by a Q&A.



Designed to support planning and preparedness, these sessions provide a clear overview of available funding and what producers need to know about the application process.



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MARCH 05
12:00PM



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Job Postings

NPARA is looking for motivated students to join our team this summer! We're currently hiring for Summer Extension Intern and Summer Research Technician positions, offering hands-on experience, and professional development. If you're eager to build your skills, gain real-world experience, and make an impact, we encourage you to apply and be part of our dynamic team this summer.

Summer Intern: Extension & Communications

Summer Research Technician



WE'RE HIRING!

SUMMER INTERN: EXTENSION & COMMUNICATIONS

We're on the lookout for passionate and driven individuals to join our 2026 team. Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to gain hands-on experience in event planning, social media management, and agricultural outreach? This position is for you. If you're enthusiastic about agriculture, creative, and love engaging with the community, we'd love to hear from you!

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SUMMER RESEARCH TECHNICIAN

We're on the lookout for passionate and driven individuals to join our 2026 research team. The Interns will assist in seeding, maintenance, data collection, sampling, harvest and reporting on all soil health projects, data preparation, extension events and more!

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Farm Mechanic

NPARA is currently looking to hire a casual/ on call Farm Mechanic. This flexible position is ideal for an experienced mechanic who can assist with maintaining and repairing farm equipment as needed. This role offers an opportunity to contribute to community-focused agriculture while working on a variety of mechanical projects in a dynamic farm environment.



WE'RE HIRING!

FARM MECHANIC

North Peace Applied Research Association is seeking a casual/on call mechanic to assist with farm equipment operation and maintenance at our research farm in North Star, AB.

We are seeking a knowledgeable and experienced individual to advise on farm equipment and vehicle operations. Including but not limited to maintaining, and operating small plot seeders, sprayers, mowers, tractor trucks, buildings and combines.

Join us at NPARA!

NPARA

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More Information:  <https://npara.ca/careers/>

Apply Here

Annual General Meeting

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Save the date to join NPARA and Shaun Haney for our Annual General Meeting at the Legion Hall on March 26th for an informative day with a research presentation, catered lunch and business meeting to follow.



NPARA
NORTH PEACE APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SHAUN HANEY

THURSDAY 
March 26th, 2026

START AT 
10:00AM - 2:00PM

LEGION HALL 
4th Street SW, Manning

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OR VISIT WWW.NPARA.CA/EVENTS

GUEST SPEAKER AFTER BUSINESS MEETING

Join North Peace Applied Research Association for our Annual General Meeting

- *Research Presentation*
- *Business Meeting*
- *Catered Lunch*
- *Guest Presentation*

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Farmer Appreciation Night

Is it too soon to start counting down the days? We can not wait for our Annual Farmer Appreciation Night at the Battle River Ag Hall. We will be welcoming live entertainment and auction with Danny Hopper on April 17th!

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Appreciation Night

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Join us for an evening celebrating the people who make our agricultural community thrive. Enjoy a delicious supper catered by Neighbours, live entertainment from Alberta's own Danny Hooper, an exciting live auction, and plenty of time to visit and connect with friends and neighbours. All are welcome — come share good food, laughter, and community spirit.

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Grassland Learning & Knowledge Hub

Project Update

You are cordially invited to join us virtually on March 12 for the next Grassland Learning & Knowledge Hub (GLKH) Project Update, an opportunity to connect, learn and advance our shared commitment to the long-term stewardship of Canada's grasslands.

The GLKH is a national, multi-partner initiative led by the University of Alberta in collaboration with the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Restore Asses Defend (RAD) Network. Together, we are working to strengthen the foundational knowledge, relationships and capacity needed to support the understanding and implementation of natural climate solutions across the Canadian Prairies. Our work spans economics, human dimensions, policy, Indigenous governance and knowledge transfer – ensuring that insights are readily available, accessible and meaningful for those who live on and care for these lands.

This project update will provide:

- Highlights from current research and engagement activities, including policy analysis, economic assessments and human dimensions work examining the drivers of grassland loss and opportunities for conservation.
 - Updates on the Community of Practice, which brings together grassland experts, organizations and rights holders to build relationships and codevelop solutions.
- Progress on Indigenous engagement and knowledge pathways, including work grounded in participatory approaches and two eyed seeing methodologies.
 - Upcoming learning and knowledge transfer opportunities, including events, reports and tools designed to support sector-wide understanding and action.

As with all our initiatives, this session is designed to be collaborative, inclusive and action oriented where we look to create space for dialogue across sectors, jurisdictions and knowledge systems. Your insights and lived experience are essential to shaping solutions that honour biodiversity, support producers and strengthen the resilience of our grassland landscapes.

Event Details

Date: March 12, 2025

Time: 11:00 – 1:00 pm Mountain Time

Location: Online

[Register Here](#)

Invasive Species Webinar Series

Alberta EFP is hosting an Invasive Species Webinar Series, with speakers all experts in Alberta, on

Squeal on Pigs, March 17 2-3pm

Rats on Rats, March 24 10-11am

Alberta Invasive Species Council, March 31 10-11am

INVASIVE SPECIES WEBINAR SERIES



Join the Environmental Farm Plan program for an invasive species focused webinar series! Check out our great line up of speakers, all experts in Alberta!



March 17 2-3pm: Hannah Mackenzie, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Animal Health and Assurance Branch
Presentation on the Squeal On Pigs campaign and wild boar situation in the province.

March 24 10-11am: Karen Wickerson, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Rat and Pest Program Specialist
Presentation on Rat on Rats program and some new tools and resources.



March 31 10-11am: The Alberta Invasive Species Council
Presentation about their work and program updates!



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Plot2Farm Alberta Grains

Funding Info Here

Alberta Agri Systems Living Lab Adoption Rates Survey

Help shape tomorrows policies today!

This survey is part of the Alberta AgriSystems Living Lab (AALL), led by Alberta Beef Producers and supported by organizations in the beef and cropping sector. The AALL is monitoring adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs) that producers use.

Survey Here

Producer Research and Evaluation Project

RDAR Funding is available for on-farm research that helps producers evaluate the feasibility and impact of new production practices, technologies, or products under real farm conditions.

Funding Info Here

OFCAF Funding Opportunities

Applications open April 10th.

Funding Info Here

Rotational Grazing Program

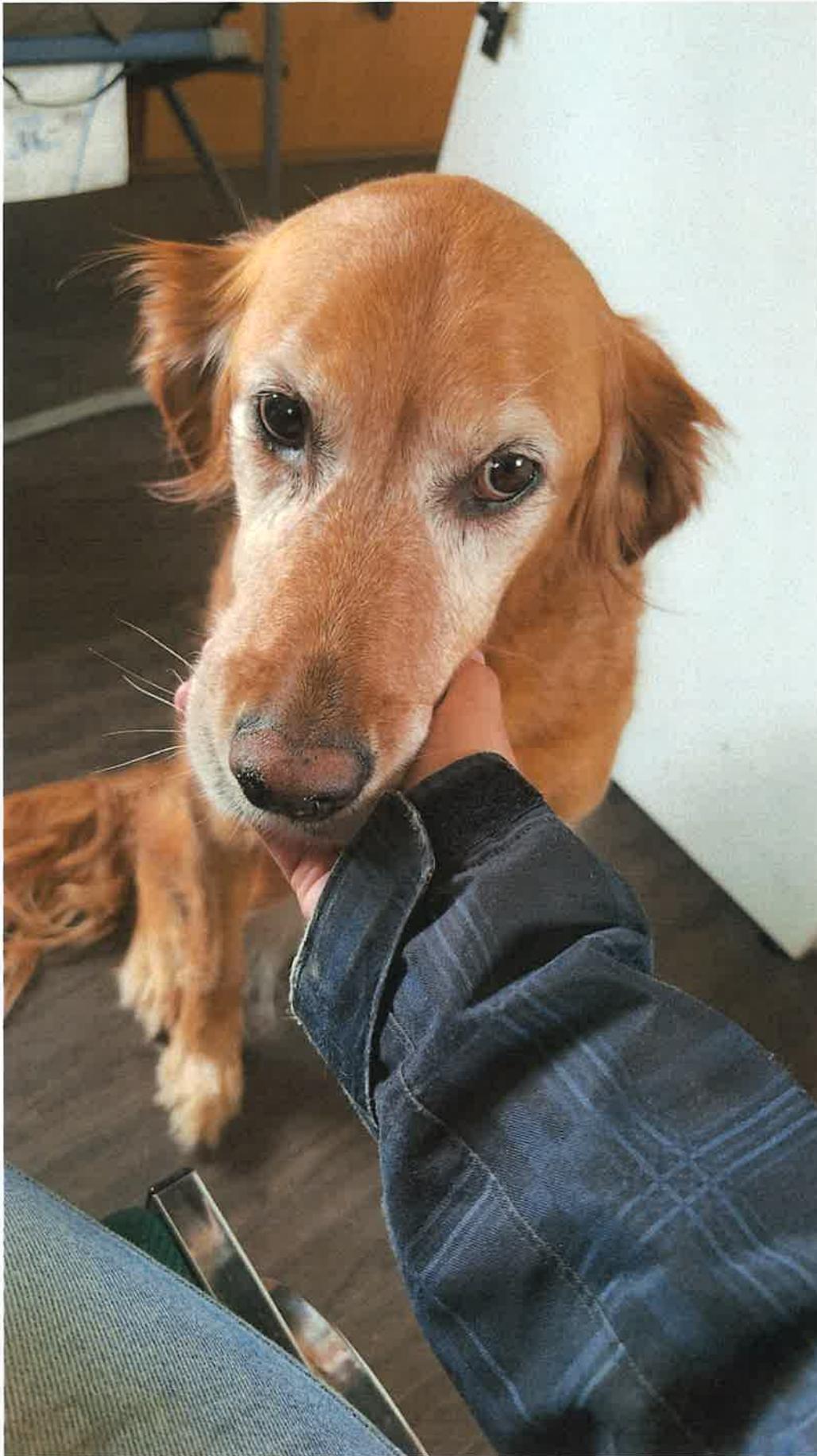
The CFGA is helping to distribute funds for the OFCAF in the Rotational Grazing stream in Alberta, BC, Quebec and Saskatchewan

Funding Info Here

The Third National Survey of Farmer and Rancher Mental Health

The University of Guelph, in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing, has officially launched the third National Survey of Farmer and Rancher Mental Health in Canada.

This survey invites farmers and ranchers from all commodities and regions across Canada to share their experiences related to stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, resilience and coping.





Battle River Ag Society is with **Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies**.

Published by Lisa Yasinski · December 18, 2025

The Battle River Agricultural Society would like to thank the **County of Northern Lights** (Community Capital Assistance Program Grant) and **YourAlberta (Government of Alberta)** (Agricultural Society Infrastructure Revitalization Project Grant) for their generous financial contributions to our pavilion roof capital project! Thanks to their contributions we were able to add a new roof onto our existing flat roof of our pavilion building! This will greatly extend the life of our facility by stopping all of the leaks and ensure it is usable for many years to come!

We would also like to thank Clint at Silvertip Oilfield Services for donating his picker to lift the roof in place! We are so grateful for local businesses supporting our organization and projects!



PREC denied funds for Northern Action Alliance

Dan Archer

Karen Gardecki, a resident of County of Northern Lights, asked for \$4,000 from the municipality to cover expenses for activist Pat McNamara's visit in an email sent on July 24, 2025. Details of the email were discussed in Council on August 26.

Councillor KayIn Schug provided a motion acknowledging Northern Action Alliance's appeal for funding. Reeve Terry Ungarian and Deputy Reeve Brenda Yasinski were directed to take Northern Action Alliance's request to the September Peace Regional Energy Committee (PREC) meeting and ask to have expenses paid to McNamara equalling Dr. R. Neil Alexander's.

Dr. Alexander spoke about nuclear power at six town hall meetings in the Peace Region in June.

The town halls were framed as Alexander speaking for nuclear energy versus McNamara and Jule Asterisk, who voiced their concerns about the implementation of the

Peace River Nuclear Power Project in northwestern Alberta. McNamara and Asterisk were representing Northern Action Alliance.

Alexander didn't actually defend nuclear power at the meetings, but as he explained, "I spoke about nuclear power. If the truth leads people to support nuclear power, so be it, but I did not lead them in that direction."

Furthermore, although Alexander is the Communications Director for the Canadian Nuclear Society, he stated he didn't formally represent the organization at the town halls in June.

Alexander received compensation from PREC for speaking at the town hall meetings. Asterisk, from the Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee, obtained compensation from IAAC (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) and hoped to recover travelling expenses from either the County or PREC.

However, McNamara didn't receive any payments for

speaking at the town halls in Warrentsville on June 23 and in Manning on June 26.

In a letter sent to Gardecki and Northern Action Alliance on September 16 and signed by Vice-Chair Robert Willing, PREC advised that the request for funding for McNamara was rejected at their September 11 meeting.

Deputy Mayor Stacy Messner for Town of Grimshaw made a motion at the PREC meeting to deny the request of \$4,000 for "travel/meeting costs and office expenditures for Pat McNamara."

PREC instructed Northern Action Alliance to speak with IAAC about collecting a reimbursement for McNamara's town hall appearances.

"When we initially arranged these town hall meetings, you mentioned that the Peace Regional Energy Committee had money for speakers," said Councillor Brent Reese, as he addressed Reeve Terry Ungarian at the County of Northern Lights Council meeting on

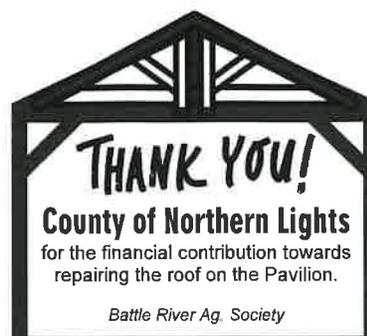
September 23. "That was the funding model – that it would come from the Peace Regional Energy Committee. Am I correct in this so far?"

"We decided to have these town halls, which other municipalities did," Ungarian agreed. PREC, according to Ungarian, decided the speakers at the town halls should exist outside of regional councils. Moreover, PREC would assist in funding the events.

"Karen's request was to the County. She came here for funding. Her request was not to the Peace Regional Energy Committee," Reese said. However, as Reese noted, the County decided to redirect Gardecki's compensation request for McNamara to PREC.

Reese suggested that Alexander's compensation should equal McNamara's. "It's kind of confusing, because we're organizing something, but another organization is funding it."

Reese also noted that PREC was acting like "its own separate governing body" without oversight.



Thank You

The Graw family would like to thank Dr. Canon and the nursing staff for the good care shown to Margaret Graw during her brief illness in the hospital. We would like to thank the staff and nurses at the Del Aire Lodge and Aurora Place for the good care Margaret received while living there. To Father Cornelius, the St. James Choir and for the Catholic ladies we express our gratitude for the service, music and the luncheon. With appreciation we acknowledge the behind the scenes donation by the Twin Rivers Colony. Thank you to the six pallbearers who helped during this time.

The Graw family would like to recognize the team at the Chapel of Memories for their professionalism in our time of need. A special shout out goes to our neighbours Dolores Becher, along with Grant and Jennifer Collins. You went beyond the call of duty in assisting our family so thank you very much. To the community: for sending sympathy cards and for expressing condolences and kindnesses we thank you all very much.

Henry, Randy, Quinn and Meadow Graw

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Manning Municipal Library

Annual Report 2025



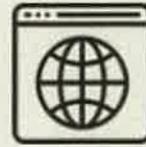
The library had 2,469 open hours in 2025!



751 people have a card at our library



6,466 people walked through our doors last year



In addition to 3,900 website visits



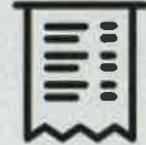
The library added 702 new items last year



Bringing the total collection to 11,944



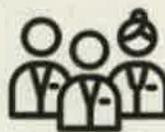
There were 456 downloads of e-Content



Contributing to a total of 13,179 checkouts!



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system 4,067 times



Our service is delivered by 7 dedicated staff



And some amazing volunteers



The library has 6 public computers



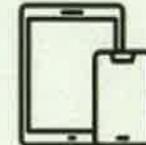
And brought in 6,240 items upon patron request



We answered 750 reference questions



And our meeting spaces were booked 14 times



4 mobile devices available for loan



We offered 46 in-person programs



549 people attended in total!



And our Wi-Fi had 2,882 connections!

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Grimshaw Municipal Library

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The library had **2,379** open hours in 2025!



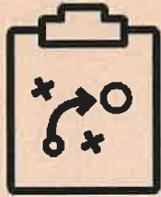
The library added **1,566** new items last year



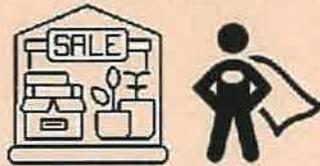
Bringing the total collection to **29,906**



Contributing to a total of **26,891** checkouts!



Completed the **2025-2028** Plan of Service



And added **2** new annual fundraisers – garage sale and Mile Zero Fan Summit



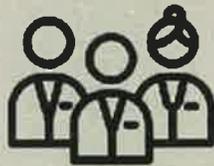
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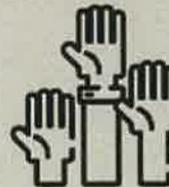
22,600 people walked through our doors last year



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **6,390** times



Our service is delivered by **8** full & part-time staff



And **32** amazing volunteers



The library has **3** public computers



And brought in **4,969** items upon patron request



We answered **18,460** reference questions



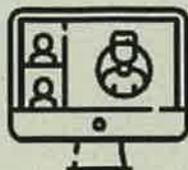
And worked with **30** local groups to provide services to our communities.



And our Wi-Fi had **2,000** connections!



We offered **180** in-person programs



12 virtual programs



And **74** outreach programs



11,427 people attended in total!



In addition to **3,500** website visits

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Peace Playland

A huge thank you to County of Northern Lights for their generous sponsorship of Peace Playland! Because of their support, we were able to purchase a brand new rug for the baby area, shelves and bins to better organize all our toys, a front door gate to help keep our little ones safe, some exciting new toys, much-needed office supplies, and much more! If you've noticed these wonderful improvements around Playland, we have the County of Northern Lights to thank. We truly appreciate their commitment to supporting our community and helping us continue to improve Peace Playland for all the families who walk through our doors!



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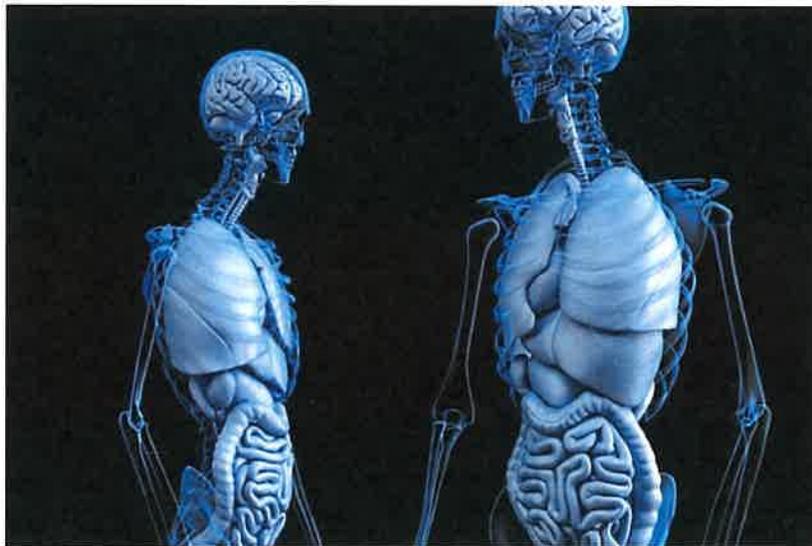
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NAMP News

Updates from the Northern Alberta Medical Program

University of Alberta - Division of Anatomy: Advancing Education and Innovation



Anatomy is a foundational science for medicine and dentistry, essential to safe and effective clinical practice. The University of Alberta's Division of Anatomy plays a central role in delivering comprehensive anatomical education to

students across the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, including medical, dental, allied health, undergraduate and postgraduate learners. The division also provides applied and clinical anatomy instruction to residents and fellows in a range of medical and surgical specialties.

Beyond the Faculty, the division supports programs in rehabilitation medicine, pharmacy, biomedical engineering, speech pathology, dental hygiene, fine arts, and more—extending its expertise to community colleges and health-related organizations.

With established strengths in gross anatomy, neuroanatomy, clinical and surgical anatomy, embryology and histology, the division is recognized for both teaching excellence and innovation. Instruction is delivered through interactive lectures, dissection laboratories, case-based learning, tutorials and seminars. The division also administers the Anatomical Gifts Program, ensuring donated bodies are treated with the highest level of dignity and respect in support of medical education.

In addition to its strong teaching mandate, the division contributes to impactful scientific and educational research, including work in diagnostic imaging, fetal alcohol syndrome, evolutionary anatomy and the development of interactive multimedia and e-learning tools that enhance anatomy education.

Making a Lasting Contribution: University of Alberta Anatomical Gifts Program



Individuals who choose to bequeath their bodies for anatomical study make a profound and lasting contribution to the advancement of medical science. Through the University of Alberta's Anatomical Gifts Program, donations directly support the education of medical, dental and allied health professional students.

Anatomical gifts are essential to teaching human anatomy, helping students understand the complex relationships within the body that underpin the diagnosis, progression and treatment of disease. This hands-on learning experience is foundational to preparing compassionate, skilled healthcare professionals.

Within the medical community, anatomical donations are regarded as extraordinary and generous gifts. Donors and their families can be assured that each contribution is treated with the utmost dignity and respect and is deeply appreciated by both students and faculty.

To learn more about the Anatomical Gifts Program, please contact Jason Papirny, Program Manager, at jpapirny@ualberta.ca, or complete the anatomical gifts donor registration form.

[Anatomical Gifts Donor Registration Form](#)

Meet the Team - Anatomy



Anatomy continues to inspire me, as it forms the foundation of medicine. I am proud to be part of the Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP) as the primary Gross Anatomy Laboratory Technician, where I oversee daily lab operations, support medical student learning and manage cadaver preparation and specimen development through the Anatomical Gifts Program.

Outside of work, I enjoy snowboarding, golfing, camping and fishing, cheering on the Edmonton Oilers, watching Formula 1 and exploring wildlife and aviation photography.

Victor Han, Gross Anatomy Laboratory Technician



I am a new Assistant Professor in the Division of Anatomy and am excited to join the team at NAMP leading anatomy education. This is my dream job!

My research program and outreach work contribute to the goals of the Northern Alberta Medical Program focusing on optimizing anatomy education for medical trainees through evidence-based pedagogy, educational technology and approaches that promote equitable learning experiences across distributed sites. I have a strong commitment to supporting rural and underserved healthcare and to outreach initiatives that inform and inspire students to pursue careers in healthcare.

When I am not in the lab or lecture hall, I am coaching youth wrestling, running with my dog Ruby or knitting.

Liisa Wainman, Assistant Professor

The Northern Alberta Medical Program is also supported by team members from the [Wâpanachakos Indigenous Health Program \(WIHP\)](#), [Office of Advocacy and Wellbeing \(OAW\)](#) and [The Office of Rural & Regional Health \(ORRH\)](#).

Connecting for Northern Growth: NAMP at Growing the North



The Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP) was pleased to participate in the Growing the North Conference, held February 17–19, 2026 in Grande Prairie. As Northern Alberta's largest economic development conference, the event brings together municipal leaders, industry partners, entrepreneurs and

community organizations to explore opportunities that support regional growth and innovation.

Throughout the conference, NAMP representatives engaged in presentations, discussions and networking opportunities that highlighted the strong connection between medical education, workforce development and sustainable community growth. Participation in events like Growing the North strengthens partnerships with regional stakeholders while promoting opportunities for medical training and healthcare advancement across Northern Alberta.

Guided by the themes of Explore, Connect, Collaborate, Innovate and Achieve, the conference reinforced a shared commitment to building resilient northern communities. NAMP's attendance reflects its ongoing dedication to community engagement and collaboration in support of improved medical education and healthcare access throughout the region.

Faculty Development Event



Northern Alberta Medical Program Faculty Development Day

Join us in bringing together local and regional physician and non-physician teachers to enhance the delivery of small group and community learning experiences.

Saturday, March 28, 2026
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Auditorium
Hybrid Delivery: Virtual and In-Person Options Available

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00-8:50	Registration & Light Breakfast	
8:50-9:00	Welcome	Dr. Richard Martin & Dr. Marc Shaw
9:00-9:45	Feedback: Presentation	Dr. Lillian Au
9:45-10:30	Feedback: Hands on session	Dr. Lillian Au
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45-12:00	Assessments: Presentation	Dr. Vijay Daniels
12:00-1:00 12:20-12:40	Lunch Break + Lunch talk	Current preceptors
1:00-3:00	Communication and Inclusive Language: Presentations and Hands on session	Dr. Lillian Au & Dr. Avery Wynick
3:00-3:15	Coffee Break	
3:15-4:00	Using Cally/Online Videos: Presentation	Dr. Joanne Rodger
4:00-4:45	Academic Integrity: Presentation	Dr. Lisa Purdy
4:45-5:00	Wrap-Up	



Register: Scan the QR code or use this [LINK](#)
Registration Deadline: March 13, 2026
Questions? nampssr@ualberta.ca



NAMP Northern Alberta
Medical Program

The Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP) is pleased to host its Faculty Development Day on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Grande Prairie Regional Hospital, with both in-person and virtual attendance options available.

This full-day professional development event will bring together local and regional physician and non-physician educators to enhance small-group and community-based teaching. Sessions will explore essential topics such as delivering effective feedback, assessment in clinical education and practical teaching strategies relevant to all undergraduate MD program preceptors.

Breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks will be provided.

Registration is now open. Deadline to register is **March 13, 2026**.

Questions? namptssr@ualberta.ca

[Register Here](#)

Rural Students Explore Healthcare Pathways at Let's Go Rural with RhPAP



Students from Sexsmith and Beaverlodge explored hands-on healthcare careers at the *Let's Go Rural!* event hosted by the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) at Northwestern Polytechnic.

Through interactive skills stations, students gained firsthand experience and learned about a variety of healthcare pathways available in rural communities.

Faculty and medical students from the Northern Alberta Medical Program were thrilled to support RhPAP in facilitating the event, helping inspire the next generation of rural healthcare professionals.

[Event Photo's for Let's Go Rural - Healthcare Pathways](#)



Are you conducting research and interested in hosting a student for shadowing? Clinics or physicians involved in research who would like to offer student shadowing opportunities are welcome to email us at namptssr@ualberta.ca to discuss possibilities.



Inspire the next generation of physicians by teaching in the University of Alberta's MD Program, an innovative medical school dedicated to training diverse, competent and compassionate physician leaders to serve the health needs of all Albertans. Share your expertise, shape future healthcare leaders, and make a lasting impact where it's needed most!

[Teach in the MD Program](#)

NAMP Opportunities

The Northern Alberta Medical Program has a number of exciting opportunities for faculty, administrative support staff and preceptors!

Leadership Positions

Administrative Positions

Teaching Opportunities

Community Partners Corner

Nominations are now open for the Northwestern Alberta Foundation's **7 Over 70 Awards of Distinction**, celebrating seven outstanding individuals aged 70+ who have made a lasting impact across Northwestern Alberta. Know a senior whose story deserves recognition? Submit a nomination by March 15, 2026.



The Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation is seeking a full-time **Director of Finance** to join its dedicated, community-focused team. This is an opportunity to contribute to meaningful work that supports and enhances healthcare in our region while working in a culture grounded in respect, inclusion, and collaboration.



Questions?

We would love to hear from you!

Contact the NAMP team at:
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Northern Alberta Medical Program

The Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP), a medical education partnership between the University of Alberta and Northwestern Polytechnic, respectfully acknowledges that we are primarily situated on Treaty 8 territory, traditional lands of diverse First Nations and home of Métis peoples. We respect the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems and cultures of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations.

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