

**MINUTES  
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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**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

**REGRETS:**

Linda Halabisky	Ward Seven	Keg River/Carcajou
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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gerhard Stickling – Chief Administrative Officer  
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, March 10, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**02.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

**105/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Council Agenda and adopt it with the following deletion:06.3.1B and additions:**  
**06.1.1-E. RMA 2026 Convention Resolutions**  
**06.1.1-F. RMA 2026 Mayor's/Reeve's Liaison Committee Agenda**  
**06.6.3-B. Farm Family Award**  
**06.1.1-G. Councillor Leave of Absence**  
**Info Package: 08.10-d) Government Releases Wildfire Mitigation Strategy**  
**Info Package: 08.50-a) Peace Region Mental Health Task Force Meeting minutes and Terms of Reference**  
**Info Package: 08.70-e) Grimshaw Municipal Library February 2026 Report**  
**Info Package: 08.90- a) News Release: Strengthening interprovincial electrical ties**  
**CARRIED**

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

*A. Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes*

**106/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

**04.0 Delegations**

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

Council made introductions  
Manning Detachment – fully staffed  
Peace River Detachment – not fully staffed

*Delegation A exited the meeting at 9:32 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*

**107/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Economic Development Training for Elected Officials Report and authorize administration to**

work with and plan arrangements with Northern Sunrise County to host an in-person Economic Development training session for Elected Officials in the Region and charge a registration fee.  
**CARRIED**

*B. Lemonade Day Manning 2026 – Sponsorship*

108/10/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Lemonade Day Manning 2026 Sponsorship request and provide a \$500 sponsorship to Community Futures Peace Country for their Entrepreneurship Program Lemonade Day 2026 in Manning and accept the invitation to have Councilor Dechant as the representative to be a judge on event day.**  
**CARRIED**

*C. Canadian Nuclear Association Conference 2026*

109/10/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Canadian Nuclear Association Conference and fan out an email to Peace Regional Energy Committee and table the report to March 24<sup>th</sup> , 2026, Council meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

*D. Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2026 Annual Conference*

110/10/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2026 Annual Conference and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m.  
Reconvened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.*

*E. RMA 2026 Convention Resolutions*

111/10/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the RMA 2026 Convention Resolutions and accept them for information.**  
**CARRIED**

*F. RMA 2026 Mayor's/Reeve's Liaison Committee Agenda*

112/10/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the RMA 2026 Mayor's/Reeve's Liaison Committee meeting agenda and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

*G. Councillor Leave of Absence Request*

113/10/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to approve a leave of absence for Councillor Linda Halabisky until April 30, 2026.**  
**CARRIED**

**04.0 Delegations**

*B. Vivian Gayton, Library Manager and Carolyn Gerk, Board Chair, Grimshaw Municipal Library – New Plan of Service Update at 10:30 a.m.*

*Delegation B exited the meeting at 10:49 a.m.*

06.1.2 Administration  
*A. CAO Report*

114/10/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the verbal CAO Report and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

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*

**115/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.  
CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 11:02 a.m.  
Reconvened the meeting at 11:13 a.m.*

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*

**116/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Planning & Development Administrative Update and accept it for information.  
CARRIED**

06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development

06.6.3 Agriculture Services

*A. Decision requested for Hosting the 2028 Provincial ASB Conference*

**117/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the 2028 Provincial ASB Conference hosting request and send the recorded motion to the Peace Region AAAP to support centralization of the 2028 ASB Conference location.  
CARRIED**

*B. Farm Family Award*

**118/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to authorize up to \$1000 for the purchase of a gate sign for the Farm Family Award recipient.  
CARRIED**

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.6 Housing / Seniors

06.6.9 Tourism

**07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**

*A. Councillor Ward Reports*

**119/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Councillor Ward Reports and accept them for information.  
CARRIED**

**08.0 Info Items**

*A. Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Info Package*

**120/10/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Info Package, including additions, and accept it for information.  
CARRIED**

**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)

**121/10/03/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss North Peace House Foundation Update under ATIA s. 21 and 19 at 11:54 a.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works, Dan Archer, Reporter and Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, exited the meeting at 11:54 a.m.*

**122/10/03/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 12:13 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m.*

*Reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.*

*Councilor Yasinski exited the council meeting at 12:45 p.m.*

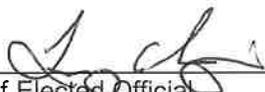
**123/10/03/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to have the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss the Manning Annual Airport Funding Agreement with Northern Sunrise County under ATIA s.19 at 12:58 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

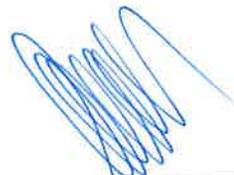
*Northern Sunrise County Council and CAO joined an in-camera virtual session at 1:00 p.m.*

**124/10/03/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to have the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 1:12 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

**11.0 Adjournment**

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Council Meeting at 1:12 p.m.

  
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Chief Elected Official  
Terry Ungarian

  
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Chief Administrative Officer  
Gerhard Stickling