

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83229099721?pwd=2YvA3NXbWWSKZos7yZllylcKdql2Bo.1>

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 (virtual)
Terry Ungarian	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills

REGRETS:

Linda Halabisky	Ward Seven	Keg River/Carcajou
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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

01.0 Call to Order

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Ungarian called the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

A. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Agenda

125/24/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Agenda and adopt it with the following deletion: 06.6.1-B and additions:

05.A1. ASB Agricultural Service Board Policy
05.A2. ASB Agricultural Pests Policy
05.A3. ASB Clubroot of Canola Policy
05.A4. ASB Fusarium graminearum Policy
05.A5. ASB Weed Control Policy
05.A6. ASB Soil Conservation Policy
05.A7. ASB Seed Viability Policy
05.A8. ASB Vegetation Management Program Policy
05.A9. ASB Rental Equipment
05.A10. ASB Farm Family Award
05.A11. ASB VSI Policy
05.A12. ASB Animal Health Policy
05.B1. Deletion of ASB Coyote Predation Policy
05.B2. Deletion of ASB Shelterbelt Program Policy
05.B3. Deletion of ASB Problem Wildlife Policy
06.1.1 - E. Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference 2026
06.1.6 – A Grader Purchase Decision
06.6.3 - A North Peace Applied Research Association – Request for Silent Auction Item
06.6.3 – B Farm Family Report
08.10 d) Info Package – March 20th At a Glance
CARRIED

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

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

**126/24/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.
CARRIED**

04.0 Delegations

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

A1. ASB Agricultural Service Board Policy

**127/24/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to adopt the updated Agriculture Service Board Policy.
CARRIED**

A2. ASB Agricultural Pests Policy

128/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to adopt the updated ASB Agriculture Pests Policy.**
CARRIED

A3. ASB Clubroot of Canola Policy

129/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to adopt the updated ASB Clubroot of Canola Policy.**
CARRIED

A4. ASB Fusarium graminearum Policy

130/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to adopt the updated ASB Fusarium graminearum Policy.**
CARRIED

A5. ASB Weed Control Policy

131/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to adopt the updated ASB Weed Control Policy.**
CARRIED

A6. ASB Soil Conservation Policy

132/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to adopt the updated ASB Soil Conservation Policy.**
CARRIED

A7. ASB Seed Viability Policy

133/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to adopt the updated ASB Seed Viability Policy.**
CARRIED

A8. ASB Vegetation Management Program Policy

134/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to adopt the updated ASB Vegetation Management Policy.**
CARRIED

A9. ASB Rental Equipment

135/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to adopt the updated ASB Rental Equipment Policy.**
CARRIED

A10. ASB Farm Family Award

136/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to adopt the updated ASB Farm Family Award Policy.**
CARRIED

A11. ASB VSI Policy

137/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to adopt the updated ASB VSI Policy.**
CARRIED

A12. ASB Animal Health Policy

138/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to adopt the updated ASB Animal Health Policy.**
CARRIED

B1. Deletion of ASB Coyote Predation Policy

B2. Deletion of ASB Shelterbelt Program Policy

B3. Deletion of Problem Wildlife Policy

139/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to delete the following ASB Policies: Coyote Predation Policy, Shelterbelt Program Policy and Problem Wildlife Policy.**
CARRIED

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

06.1 **Government Services**

06.1.1 **Council/Legislative**

A. Northern Lakes College Convocation 2026 Invitation

140/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Northern Lakes College Convocation 2026 Invitation and send Deputy Reeve Schug to represent**

the County as a VIP audience member at the convocation on Friday, June 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Multi Recreation Centre, Slave Lake.
CARRIED

B. 2026 Women in the North Promotional Items request

141/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Women in the North Promotional Items Request and donate 150 County seed packets to the event on April 22, 2026, in Grimshaw.**
CARRIED

C. 2026 Graduation Invitation – Manning Aurora Composite School

142/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Graduation Invitation from the Manning Aurora Composite School and send Reeve Ungarian to represent the County at the 2026 Manning Graduation on Friday, June 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Jack Mcavoy Arena, Manning.**
CARRIED

D. Request for financial support – Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 62

143/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Royal Canadian Legion request and donate \$250.00 from council grants to the Peace River Branch No. 62 for their 12 x 12 commemorative mural in celebration of 100 years of service to veterans and the community of Peace River.**
CARRIED

E. Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference 2026

Councillor These abstained from voting

144/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Conference information and register Reeve Ungarian for the Canadian Nuclear Association Conference on April 28 – 30, Rogers Centre, Ottawa.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

145/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation
A. Property Assessment Comparison

146/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Property Assessment Comparison Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

*Recessed the Meeting at 9:51 a.m.
Reconvened the Meeting at 10:04 a.m.*

06.1.5 Finance
A. December 2025 Bank Reconciliation

147/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the December 2025 Bank Reconciliation and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

B. Director of Finance Update

148/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Update and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
A. Grader Purchase Decision

149/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to acknowledge receipt of the Grader Report and proceed with the purchase of a CAT grader from Finning.**
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
- 06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works
 - 06.3.1 Public Works
 - 06.3.2 Roads
 - 06.3.3 Airport
 - 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches
- 06.4 Utilities/Public Works
 - 06.4.1 Water
 - 06.4.2 Sewage
 - 06.4.3 Solid Waste
- 06.6 Environmental Development
 - 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
 - A. 2026 Northern Connections Expo

150/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Northern Expo Report and approve the scheduling of councillors for the event as follows:**

Baytex Energy Centre, Peace River

Friday, May 1st	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (min of 2)
4 pm to 6 pm	Councillors: Brenda Yasinski & Kayln Schug
6 pm to 9 pm	Councillors: Gary These & Kayln Schug

Saturday, May 2nd	
10 am to 12 pm	Councillors: Brent Reese & Brenda Yasinski
12 pm to 2 pm	Councillors: Kayln Schug & Gloria Dechant
2 pm to 4 pm	Councillors: Gary These & Gloria Dechant

CARRIED

- 06.6.3 Agriculture Services
 - A. North Peace Applied Research Association – Request for Silent Auction Item

151/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the North Peace Applied Research Associations request and purchase 1 table at the Farmer’s Appreciation Night and decline donation of a silent auction item.**
CARRIED

B. Farm Family Award Report

152/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to purchase 2 tables for the farm family to attend the NPARA Farmers Appreciation event.**
CARRIED

- 06.6.5 Natural Resources
- 06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
- 06.6.9 Tourism
- 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
 - A. Subdivision Report 25NL19 – Farmstead Separation

153/24/03/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of Subdivision Application 25NL19 to subdivide a 35.8 hectare (88.5 acre) parcel from NE7-84-22-W5M for a residential parcel and approve subject to the following nine (9) conditions:**

1. That the applicant/owner dedicate a 5.0 m road right-of-way by caveat along the north boundary of the proposed parcel and the balance of the quarter section adjacent to the road allowance for Township Road 842, and along the east boundary of the quarter section adjacent the undeveloped road allowance, for future road widening pursuant to Section 662 of the Municipal Government Act.
 2. That the applicant/owner enter into and comply to a development agreement with the County of Northern Lights to include, but not be limited to, the removal of one of the two existing approaches to the most easterly parcel, and the upgrading of existing approaches, if required.
 3. That the applicant submit an approach application to the County prior to removal of the existing approach access to the most easterly parcel, and further, that the applicant/owner ensure that the road right-of-way is reverted back to its original state in accordance with County standards, to the satisfaction of the County.
 4. That the applicant/owner obtain all necessary environmental approvals required for development. Alterations to or obstruction of existing drainage courses, wetlands, or other bodies of water will not be permitted without prior approval from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.
 5. That the applicant/owner carry forward and/or provide new agreements, caveats, easements and/or rights-of-way in accordance with municipal requirements, and agency and/or utility company requirements.
 6. That the applicant/owner adhere to the 2021 Alberta Private Sewage System Standard of Practice and all required setbacks.
 7. That the applicant/owner ensure that all existing buildings located within the front yard setback are either removed and/or relocated to conform with setback requirements outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw, prior to subdivision endorsement.
 8. That the applicant/owner pay all outstanding property taxes on the land proposed to be subdivided or have arrangements made which are satisfactory to the County of Northern Lights; and
 9. That the applicant/owner contact an Alberta Land Surveyor for the preparation of a Plan of Subdivision suitable for registration at the Alberta Land Titles Office to obtain title(s) under this decision.
- CARRIED**

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

08.0 Info Items

A. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Info Package

**154/24/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Info Package and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.*

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

10.0 In Camera Items

A. Personnel under ATIA s. 20

**155/24/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to have the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss personnel under ATIA s. 20 at 11:26 a.m.
CARRIED**

Dan Archer, Reporter; Josh Hunter, Director of Finance; Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant; exited the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

**156/24/03/26 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to have the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 11:51 a.m.
CARRIED**

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Meeting at 11:51 a.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling