

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82903818268?pwd=Tbg29BXAWdDT0l38gEol3zQYs1Arko.1>

PRESENT:

Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
KayIn Schug	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal (virtual)
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
-----------------	------------	--------------------

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, April 14, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

157/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Agenda and adopt it with the following additions:
06.1.1-F Membership Funding Request – Peace Regional Energy Alliance
06.1.1-G Star Centre Window Replacement
CARRIED

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

A. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

158/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.
CARRIED

04.0 Delegations

A. Philip Hicks, Government Frameworks at 9:08a.m. (virtual)

Delegation A joined Council virtually at 9:08 a.m. and reviewed the ATIA and POPA Act, compliance and software systems to enhance the County's capabilities in being compliant.

Delegation exited at 9:28 a.m.

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

A. Snowplowing of Public/Private Roadways Policy

159/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to rescind the current Snowplowing of Public Private Roadways Policy.
CARRIED

B. On Call Policy

160/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to adopt the updated "On Call" Policy as presented.
CARRIED

*Recessed the Meeting at 9:50 a.m.
Reconvened the Meeting at 10:01 a.m.*

04.0 Delegations

B. Josee Aitken, Manager & Extension Coordinator, North Peace Applied Research Association (NPARA) at 10:01 a.m.

Josee and Amber presented NPARA's annual report to Council.

Delegation exited at 10:29 a.m.

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. Normand Boucher Community Arboretum Celebration Invitation

161/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Normand Boucher Community Arboretum Celebration Invitation and send Deputy Reeve Schug to represent the County at the event on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Arboretum in Peace River on behalf of Council.**
CARRIED

B. EDA Elected Officials Economic Development Training Registration

162/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the EDA Elected Officials Economic Development Training Report and register all of council to attend the event on Friday, May 22, 2026.**
CARRIED

C. Elected Officials Education Program Upcoming Courses

163/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Elected Officials Education Program Report and register Councillor Dechant to attend the Strengthen Regional Collaboration Course.**
CARRIED

D. Fair Electricity Distribution Alliance Report

164/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Fair Electricity Alliance Report and authorize administration to send an email to the Mayor of the City of Grande Prairie indicating intent to join the Fair Electricity Distribution Alliance (FEDA) and the County Logo, and upon receipt of FEDA communications and media materials, add them to the County website as appropriate with Councils statement of intent.**
CARRIED

E. Letter to Council regarding More Education on Nuclear

Councillor These abstained from the vote

165/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Letter to Council and have administration refer the letter to the Peace Regional Energy Alliance so that as a Region, we bring a balanced approach to education and awareness.**
CARRIED

F. Membership Funding request – Peace Regional Energy Alliance

Councillor These abstained from the vote

166/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Membership Funding Request and support a one-time membership contribution of \$1000. to the Peace Regional Energy Alliance.**
CARRIED

G. Star Centre Window Replacement

167/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Star Centre Window Replacement Report and authorize the reallocation of \$13,056.00 including a 20% contingency for the window replacement at the Star Centre.**
CARRIED

Recessed the meeting at 10:59 a.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

06.1.2 Administration

A. CAO Report

168/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

04.0 Delegations

C. Blaire Gaalaas, Managing Director, Circular Materials at 11:15 a.m. (virtual)

Blaire presented a comprehensive introduction regarding Circular Materials and recycling issues.

Delegation C exited the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance
A. January 2026 Payment Registers

169/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the January 2026 Payment Registers and accept them for information.
CARRIED**

B. February 2026 Payment Registers

170/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the February 2026 Payment Registers and accept them for information.
CARRIED**

C. January 2026 Bank Reconciliation

171/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the January 2026 Bank Reconciliation and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

D. February 2026 Bank Reconciliation

172/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the February 2026 Bank Reconciliation and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

173/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to have the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss contract items from Government Frameworks under ATIA s. 19 at 11:47 a.m.
CARRIED**

Dan Archer, Reporter, exited the Council Meeting at 11:47 a.m.

174/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 12:10 p.m.
CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 12:11 p.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.*

E. Operating and Capital Budget

175/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget and adopt it with the discussed changes.
CARRIED**

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies

06.1.7 Buildings/Properties

06.1.8 Personnel/Human Resources

06.2 Protective Services

06.2.1 Policing
A. RCMP Community Priorities Plan – Manning Detachment

176/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the RCMP Community Priorities Plan for the Manning Detachment and approve it as presented.
CARRIED**

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

177/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.**

CARRIED

B. National Public Works Week Report

178/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the National Public Works Week Report and declare May 17 to 23, 2026, as Public Works Week in the County of Northern Lights.**
CARRIED

06.3.2 Roads
A. Road Ban Signage

179/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Road Ban Signage Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

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

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports
A. March 2026 Councillor Ward Reports

180/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the March 2026 Councillor Ward Reports and accept them for information.**
CARRIED

08.0 Info Items
A. Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Info Package

181/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Info Package and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.6 Environmental Development
06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
A. Planning & Development Administration Update

182/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Planning & Development Administration Update and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
06.6.3 Agriculture Services
06.6.5 Natural Resources
06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
06.6.9 Tourism

*Recessed the meeting at 2:20 p.m.
Reconvened the meeting at 2:32 p.m.*

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

10.0 In Camera Items
*A. La Prairie Works Inc. under ATIA s. 19
B. Dust Control Contract under ATIA s. 19
C. Northern Sunrise County Airport Funding Agreement under ATIA s. 28
D. Forestry Airport Agreement under ATIA s. 19
E. Legal under ATIA s. 32*

183/14/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss the following items at 2:32 p.m.:**
A. La Prairie Works Inc. under ATIA s. 19
B. Dust Control Contract under ATIA s. 19
C. Northern Sunrise County Airport Funding Agreement under ATIA s. 28

D. Forestry Airport Agreement under ATIA s. 19
E. Legal under ATIA s. 32
CARRIED

*The public, Dan Archer, Reporter; and Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, exited meeting at 2:32 p.m.
Councilor Kayln Schug declared pecuniary interest on A. La Prairie Works Inc. and exited the in-camera
portion of the meeting at 2:54 p.m.*

- 184/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to have the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 3:09 p.m.
CARRIED
- 185/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to authorize the extension of the agreement with Tiger Calcium Services Inc. for 2026.
CARRIED
- 186/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to approve the Manning Airport Agreement with Northern Sunrise County from January 01, 2026, to December 31, 3030.
CARRIED
- 187/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to authorize an agreement with the Ministry of Forestry and Parks from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2030.
CARRIED
- 188/14/04/26 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to have the County respond to La Prairie Works Inc request.
CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Meeting at 3:16 p.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling