

**MINUTES  
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.  
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84833503333?pwd=TrP7KyvvcAl1iwSWXFUQ0hJsaSeFNH.1>

**PRESENT:**

Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
KayIn 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

**REGRETS:**

Terry Ungarian	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills
Linda Halabisky	Ward Seven	Keg River/Carcajou

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gerhard Stickling – Chief Administrative Officer  
Josh Hunter – Director of Finance  
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

Deputy Reeve KayIn Schug called the Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave a Land Acknowledgement.

**02.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

**189/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Council Agenda and adopt it with the following additions:**  
**06.1.1-F) Save the Date – RMA District 4 Zone Meeting**  
**06.1.2-A) CAO Report**  
**06.1.5-B) Revisions of page six (6) and nine (9) of the 2025 Audited Financial Statements**  
**06.1.5-C) Director of Finance Update**  
**06.3.2-C) Haul Rates**  
**08.10-f) Alberta Council – At A Glance**  
**08.60-f) Energy Alberta – The Power Source Newsletter April 2026**  
**10.B Personnel under ATIA s. 20**  
**CARRIED**

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

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

**190/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Meeting minutes and adopt them as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

**04.0 Delegations**

*A. Trustee - Michael Connell; Superintendent - Victoria Cornick - Holy Family Catholic Regional Division Presentation at 9:00 a.m.*

*Delegation A exited the meeting at 9:23 a.m.*

**05.0 Policies/ Bylaws**

*B. Road Maintenance Policy*

**191/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Road Maintenance Policy and adopt it as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

*A. Council Donations and Grants Policy*

**192/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Council Donations and Grants Policy and adopt it with the changes and updates.**  
**CARRIED**

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193/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have administration request a meeting with the North and South Recreation Boards with Council.**  
**CARRIED**

*C. Proposed Bylaw 26-14-506 known as the "2026 Property Tax Bylaw"*

194/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to give FIRST READING to Bylaw 26-14-506; known as the "2026 Property Tax Bylaw".**  
**CARRIED**

195/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to give SECOND READING to Bylaw 26-14-506; known as the "2026 Property Tax Bylaw".**  
**CARRIED**

196/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to PROCEED TO THIRD AND FINAL READING of Bylaw 26-14-506; known as the "2026 Property Tax Bylaw".**  
**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

197/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to give THIRD AND FINAL READING to Bylaw 26-14-506; known as the "2026 Property Tax Bylaw".**  
**CARRIED**

*Recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m.  
Reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.*

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

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

*A. Break-out Session Proposals – RMA 2026 Fall Convention*

198/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Break-out Session Proposals Report and authorize administration to send the suggestion of "Ethics" (misappropriation), AI Data education and information and Housing Management Bodies for break-out sessions to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta for their Fall Convention.**  
**CARRIED**

*B. Council's Summer Schedule*

199/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Council's Summer Schedule Report and cancel the Tuesday, July 28 and Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Council Meetings for summer break and advertise the change in the newspaper and County social media.**  
**CARRIED**

*C. Local Home Hardware Grand Opening Invitation*

200/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Grande Opening Invitation and send all Councillors that are available to attend the Home Hardware Grande Opening Event on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the downtown Manning location.**  
**CARRIED**

*D. Manning Handi-van Committee*

201/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Manning Handi-van Committee Report and reinstate the Handi-van Committee on the County's Boards and Committees List and appoint Councillor Dechant as the County's representative and Councillor Reese as the Alternate.**  
**CARRIED**

*E. Ordinance Standing Committee Meeting*

202/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Ordinance Standing Committee Meeting notice and accept May 26<sup>th</sup> after council for the next Ordinance Meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

*F. Save the Date – RMA District 4 Zone Meeting*

203/28/04/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the RMA District 4 Zone Meeting Date Reminder and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

06.1.2 Administration

  
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A. CAO Report

**204/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report and accept the Battle River Pioneer Invitation for after the council meeting on May 12, 2026.**  
**CARRIED**

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance

A. March 2026 Bank Reconciliation

**205/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the March 2026 Bank reconciliation and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

B. 2025 Audited Financial Statements

**206/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented subject to the adjustments with the allocation in the next motion.**  
**CARRIED**

**207/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to authorize the reallocation of the unrestricted surplus as follows:**

- a. 1,728,277 to the Airport Capital Reserve
- b. 1,071,677.56 to the Bridge Replacement Reserve
- c. 1,067,597.60 to the Fire Protection Reserve, and
- d. 2,367,262.83 to the Water Upgrading Reserve.

**CARRIED**

C. Director of Finance Update

**208/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Report and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

**209/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to authorize the transfer of unpaid wastewater charges from account #2232 to the property taxes owing on roll # 74177 pursuant to section 553 of the Municipal Government Act.**  
**CARRIED**

**210/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to authorize the transfer of unpaid water utility charges in the amount of \$491.77 to the property taxes owing on roll #313437 pursuant to section 553 of the Municipal Government Act.**  
**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

06.2.3 Fire protection

06.2.4 Emergency Measures & Disaster Services

A. Voyant Alert Discussion

**211/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Voyant Alert Report and authorize the purchase of a one-year membership with Voyant Alert to test this communication technology and review in one year to determine success and continuation.**  
**CARRIED**

06.2.5 Ambulance/First Aid

06.2.6 By-law Enforcement

06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works

06.3.1 Public Works

  
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A. Director of Public Works Report (verbal)

- Spring run-off and moderate erosion concerns
- On Call Extension
- National Day of Mourning
- Water North Coalition Meeting
- Airport
- Dixonville Sewer System
- Dust Control Deadline and Delay

**212/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

06.3.2 Roads  
A. Bridge Engineering Award

**213/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Bridge Engineering Award Report and award a 3-year contract (2026, 2027 & 2028) to MPA Engineering.**  
**CARRIED**

B. Road Ban Sign Report

**214/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Road Ban Sign Report and stay with the status quo and keep the road ban signs where they are.**  
**CARRIED**

C. Haul Rates

**215/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Haul Rates Report and set the 2026 County of Northern Lights Gravel Haul Rates as follows:**

- \$0.20 tonne km
- \$1.60 loading factor
- \$120.00 per day diesel fuel charge (when over \$1.80 per liter rate based on County UFA confirmed rates); and a
- 5% contingency.

**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

06.6 Environmental Development

06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]

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

**07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**

**08.0 Info Items**

A. April 28, 2026, Info Package

**ADDITIONS:** 08.10-f) Alberta Council – At A Glance  
08.60-f) Energy Alberta – The Power Source Newsletter April 2026

**216/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the April 28, 2026, Info Package and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

**09.0 Open Mic**

  
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Recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.  
Reconvened the meeting at 12.01 p.m.

**10.0 In Camera Items**

- A. Potential Land Purchase under ATIA s. 19, 28 and 30
- B. Personnel under ATIA s. 20

**217/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to have the Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Council Meeting go in camera to discuss Potential Land Purchase under ATIA s. 19, 28, and 30 and Personnel under ATIA s. 20 at 12:01 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*The public, Dan Archer, Reporter and Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant, exited the meeting at 12 noon.  
Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works and Josh Hunter, Director of Finance, exited the meeting at 12:30 p.m.  
Gerhard Stickling, Chief Administrative Officer, exited the meeting at 12:32 p.m.*

**218/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to have the Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Council Meeting come out of camera at 1:18 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

**219/28/04/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to authorize administration to explore and gather information on land purchase.**  
**CARRIED**

**11.0 Adjournment**

Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug adjourned the Tuesday, April 28, 2026, County of Northern Lights Council Meeting at 1:19 p.m.

  
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Deputy Chief Elected Official  
Kayln Schug

  
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Chief Administrative Officer  
Gerhard Stickling