



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #1 JANUARY, 2026

DATE	COMMITTEE, BOARD, MEETING, CONFERENCE, ETC. NAME	TIME
Jan 8/26	Grimshaw Gravel Aquifer Meeting	9 to12

We discussed purchasing a Level Logger to use in water well and an invitation to Hinz Creek trade show

Jan 10/26	VSI Meeting by zoom	9:30 to10:00
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We discussed switching management from Rik to Penny

Jan 20,21,22/26	ASB conference in Edmonton	
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John Conrad gave a update on several subjects including Agknow,wild boars,plastic recycling and ARDAR

Rob Saik was a feature speaker. His talk was on future tends in ag. His main message a central information hub should be developed so information is easier to access.

Erol Anderson gave a update on the grain industry

Miles Wowk gave an update on the cattle industry trade perspectives and traceability.

Filipe Masetti Leite gave an inspiration speech on his trip on horse back from Alaska to Brazil

Jan 27/26	Regular council Meeting	
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January 11, 2026 **Alberta Pond Hockey Board Meeting** **6:00 pm – 7:45 pm**

Unfortunately, when the ice was measured on January 11th, it showed results that will not allow us to hold the event unless we can remove the snow and get the ice to thicken. Currently, the ice is 15", and we need at least 30". There is 2 ft of heavy snow, and we need to clear 15 acres, which means moving over 7,000 cubic meters of heavy snow. This would require equipment that is not safe to be on the ice at the current thickness. We will work on some solutions over the next two weeks (exploring the options of snow removal) and recheck conditions on January 25th and make the determination whether or not we can go ahead with the Pond Hockey portion. We will keep the Gala regardless.

January 13, 2026 **Council Meeting and Town of Manning Joint Meeting** **9:00 am – 6:50 pm**

Items discussed as per the agenda.

January 15, 2026 **Electoral Boundaries Commission Hearing (Virtual)** **9:00 am – 2:50pm**

I listened in to hear the conversation; I appreciate Terry speaking to our concerns and making those heard. As per my email to council, I noted most of my comments there. It was interesting to hear all the different perspectives and how the proposed boundary changes will affect different municipalities.

January 16, 2026 **Nuclear Waste Webinar** **10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

In my opinion, this is a great way to help educate the population on some of the major concerns and hesitations we are hearing related to nuclear power. This was a webinar full of experts who spoke in clear and simple ways so the average person can understand and make an informed decision. It also was great to focus on one topic at a time so there can be a fulsome conversation.

January 19, 2026 **GRHARC Scholarship Committee Meeting (Teams)** **6:30 pm – 7:45 pm**

It was great to get together and discussed the 13 scholarship applications that were submitted this year, it was notable that is the most the committee has seen and included fantastic essays that made the selection process so difficult. We decided to select a variety of specialties to ensure we captured a broad stroke of the healthcare field from psychology, nursing, EMS and physiotherapy. Watch for the names to be released right away!

January 21, 2026 **Economic Development Webinar** **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

This was an incredibly interesting webinar, and I think our council needs to consider taking part in the course to get ourselves informed. I have emailed Gerhard to do some digging on cost sharing to bring the presenter forward. We all struggled with this concept and this was an eye opening webinar. Stay tuned for a report from Gerhard on this.

January 21, 2026 **Peace Regional RCMP Advisory Committee** **5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Elections were held and David LeBlanc remains chair, myself as Vice Chair, and Tim Harris as the treasurer. Updates were provided on the RCMP relating to increase in vehicle thefts due to the cold weather and keys being left in vehicles. We discussed the upcoming Crime Watch AGM in Nisku that I am attending and the Alberta Crime Conference that is coming up in Calgary in May. There are a lot more MVC given the weather conditions and a lot involving animals as they are struggling in the snow too and taking the easiest route which is proven to be the highway. We are working on plans for the RISK event that was rebooked due to the teacher strike.



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DATE	MEETINGS/CONFERENCES
Jan. 13	Council Meeting as per agenda 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Town of Manning Joint Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Energy Alberta made a presentation to councils about the past open houses and gave a summary of what they heard and what the next steps will be. We discussed several common topics such as the town Library funding, the Fire Services agreement, the Municipal services agreement and review of Terms of Reference.
Jan. 20	ASB Conference 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Travel to Edmonton and attended the ASB Orientation session. This was a quick overview of the ASB and gave a brief summary of several components including, structure, membership, advisory committees, role of Ag Fieldman, Legislated Duties, the five acts ASB's follow, the grant program, field visits and the resolution process. Later there was an update by the Minister of Ag & Irrigation John Conrad and welcoming remarks by the ASBPC rep, ASB Kerriane Kohler-Munro and NE Liaison Hannah Mackenzie. After supper we enjoyed the Northeast Open Market by Local Vendors with some very beautiful hand-made crafts.
Jan. 21	ASB Conference 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We had the opportunity to listen to some great speakers on current topics. The first was Rob Saik on AI in Agriculture: Separating Hype from Reality. Errol Anderson, <i>Errol's Commodity Wire</i> (Substack & podcast) spoke on trade and the world of tariffs. An ASB Update by Region was presented. The resolution session went well and was finished in one session. Most passed, one was withdrawn – Market Program Review, and one defeated – Legal Entity Aligned with ASBs. One emergent – CFIA Tracking passed with one amendment.
Jan 22.	ASB Conference 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This day started off with a great life story of Keynote Filipe Massetti-Leite, Cultivating Resilience 27,000 km of Life Lessons from the Long Rider. Followed by Renewable Energy – Landowner considerations, Common Ground: Balancing Ag and municipal development., Motivations and deterrent to Rural Veterinary Practice. Overall, very informative sessions. I headed home at noon.
Jan. 26 th	LLRWMS 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Members went through and passed the proposed budget for 2026. No rate changes. Our requisition will be \$198,670.62 for this year. Down slightly from last year. We were able to make a substantial contribution to the equipment reserve. Terry briefed us on the issues with the heavy snowfall and cold weather conditions in December. Manning transfer station continues to get broken into. The Groundwater Monitoring report by Stantec was reviewed with no issues reported. We are going to try to meet virtually for our next meeting and see how that goes.
Jan. 27 th	Council meeting as per agenda 8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.



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Jan. 28th South Rec Board

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Current bank balance \$62,487.46. We ratified email motions – Webberville NYE \$1500, PR Curling Club Octoberfest \$1000, LIFE AG Society Fall Supper \$2500 (for the entertainment). The following requests were granted: PRAIC \$5000 for the Pow Wow, Grimshaw Curling Club Bonspiel \$500, NP Performing Arts Festival \$1500, Alberta Pond Hockey \$5000, and the Dixonville Curling Club \$1000 for three bonspiels.

Jan. 29th MPTA Executive Meeting

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We reviewed YTD financials and the proposed 2026 budget. Ties with the budget is the staff contracts, which we renewed with a small cola increase. With a few other minor tweaks, we passed the budget for this year. Tammy gave her executive director report noting new members, update from Travel Alberta, the Activity Guide Map. We may decide to only update every two years with the new format due to cost.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Jan 29th RhPAP Webinar: The Better Together Project.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A collaboration with Indigenous peoples to create improved healthcare services and find ways to fill the gaps.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

Feb 4 Alberta Council Webinar	11:00 am
Feb 13 District 4 Zone Meeting, Guy	9:00 am
Feb 17 PRAIC	9:30 am
Feb 21 Dixonville Charter School Society Public Meeting	2:00 pm

Brenda Yasinski, County of Northern Lights, Ward 3 Councillor

Jan 13: regular Council Meeting, joint Meeting.

Jan 21,22: Nuclear Panel Peace River.

Attended both sessions public and municipal. There seems to be a mixed message from the province on whether public money will be going into this project. The panel was adamant that private investors would supply the funding and the province would not take the path of Ontario and new Brunswick. These provinces have public utilities which are indebted billions of dollars due to nuclear power investment.

I asked minister Williams for clarification on this because the term backstop keeps coming up. He indicated that there was some appetite from his government for backstopping the project.

This would mean the public would assume the financial risk. Getting clarity on this issue is proving to be elusive as there continues to be conflicting messages.

Jan 27: Regular Council Meeting.

Jan 30: Asset Mapping FCSS.

Lots of discussion around how different organizations in Manning can improve communication. FCSS, MCALL, Food Bank, volunteer groups, Community Services etc. There was some discussion on hiring a coordinator/economic development officer but it didn't get much traction as the source of funding for this was unclear.

The best course of action seems to be to hold quarterly meetings of the different groups so that services are better coordinated to avoid duplication and confusion over how and what information is disseminated regarding services.

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WARD #5 JANUARY 2026

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE		TIME
Jan. 13, 2026	<i>Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda</i>	9:00 am-3:00 pm
	<i>Attended Joint Council Meeting with Town of Manning as per agenda</i>	4:00 pm-6:45 pm
Jan. 15 2026	<i>Attended Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Zoom Meeting</i>	9:00 am-11:38 am
	<p>The virtual session was split into northern and south/central Alberta meetings) gave Albertans a chance to hear about the proposed boundary changes and comment directly to the Commission.</p> <p>Participants discussed how the interim map would affect their communities, including concerns about how adjustments might impact representation—especially in rural and northern areas where seats were proposed to be consolidated or redrawn.</p> <p>Local officials and residents presented reports or viewpoints during the session about how the proposals would affect their region.</p> <p>The Commission will review the feedback from these January hearings before finalizing its report, due to the Legislative Assembly by March 28, 2026.</p>	
Jan. 16, 2026	<i>Attended Deeper Dive into Nuclear Safety & Waste Management Webinar</i>	10:30 am-12:02 pm
	<p>The session was a webinar focused on nuclear energy safety and nuclear waste management. It was held to inform participants about key aspects of how nuclear energy is managed, including safety protocols and long-term waste management strategies covering fundamental safety principles governing nuclear energy and waste, how nuclear materials are regulated to protect human health, workers, and the environment and the role of regulatory bodies such as the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in licensing, oversight, and compliance.</p> <p>Some of the long term Waste Management Strategies are:</p> <p>Canada's approach to safely managing used nuclear fuel over the long term especially through containment and isolation in deep geological repositories that rely on multiple engineered and natural barriers.</p> <p>How transportation, interim storage, and ultimate disposal are designed to meet stringent safety standards.</p> <p>Ongoing community engagement, environmental protection, and Indigenous partnerships in planning and regulatory processes.</p>	
Jan. 22, 2026	<i>RhPAP-Knowledge NOW- Connected Communities Webinar</i>	11:00 am-11:58 am
	<p>The webinar highlighted the connection between rural healthcare, municipal leadership, and community well-being. Presenters outlined the roles of RhPAP, RMA, and Alberta Municipalities in supporting rural communities to attract, retain, and sustain healthcare services. Emphasis was placed on the importance of municipal engagement and collaboration in addressing rural healthcare challenges, sharing local perspectives, and strengthening community capacity. The session was designed to help municipal leaders better understand how they can work with provincial partners to keep healthcare services close to home and support long-term community sustainability.</p>	
Jan. 27, 2026	<i>Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda</i>	9:00 am 4:24 pm
Jan. 29, 2026	<i>RhPAP-Knowledge NOW- The Better Together Project Webinar</i>	11:00 am-11:58 am
	<p>The <i>Better Together Project</i> webinar emphasized collaboration with Indigenous communities to create culturally respectful healthcare environments and services. The session underscored how Indigenous-led engagement, inclusive spaces, and partnerships across sectors can strengthen community well-being and support reconciliation efforts. The key takeaway for municipalities is the value of working alongside Indigenous partners to ensure services reflect local cultural and community needs.</p>	

Jan. 30, 2026 *FCSS Strategic Planning Session-Manning Regional Fire Hall* 9:00 am- 3:00 pm
 Attended Strategic Planning Session facilitated by Jason Bacon from Sunstone Strategic. This planning session was a follow up from an asset mapping session held in 2025. 18 people attended to share priorities, explore opportunities and shape a clear roadmap for the next 3-5 years for the residents/business owners of the Town of Manning and County of Northern Lights. Some ideas came out of the session and groups signed up to look will look into a few ideas: Define the role and perhaps consider hiring a person to facilitate stakeholder coordination and achieve community vision, think of where the funding would come from for this position, collect data from business such as customer shopping trends and meet again once Jason has completed the Strategic Planning Document from this session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:		START TIME
Feb. 2, 2026	Recruitment meeting Dixonville Fire Hall	6:00 pm
Feb. 4, 2026	Peace River School Division Annual Meeting	7:00 pm
Feb 10, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 am
Feb. 10, 2026	Manning Municipal Library Meeting	6:00 pm
Feb. 11, 2026	Manning & Area Food Bank Meeting	4:30 pm
Feb. 12, 2026	ASB Multi-Municipality Orientation	9:00 am
Feb. 13, 2026	RMA Zone Meeting Hosted by MD Smoky River	10:00 am
Feb. 24, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 am

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Ward 5: Breaking Point - North Star

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

Ward 6 report

January 2026

Terry Ungarian

Jan 13th: Regular council meeting.

Jan 13th: Joint council meeting with Town of Manning. Follow up with action items; presentation from Energy Alberta; discussion on recent heavy snowfall; Mayor asked if CNL was interested in amalgamating with the town; ICF task force set a meeting date.

Jan 15th: Virtual meeting with Electoral Boundaries Commission. I did a presentation and answered a few questions from the panel.

Jan 16th: GoA virtual presentation on nuclear waste. Panel was made up of MLA de Jonge, CNSC, NWMO. The MLA spoke of Alberta's rising electricity needs as the province continues to grow and as more industry emerges. Meeting future needs requires exploring all available options and nuclear is under consideration. CNSC went through the regulatory process and licensing of all nuclear usage. NWMO gave a presentation on long term storage of the nations used nuclear fuel.

Jan 19th: I was invited to a meeting with the manager of Mercer Peace River Pulp along with Mercer's CFO. They gave a presentation of a couple of future projects that are in the development phase. I invited them to give this same presentation to council which they gladly agreed to. They may also present at RMA zone meeting but that is TBD.

Jan 19th: Pickup Gary and Linda in Peace River and travel to Edmonton for ASB conference.

Jan 20th: ASB chairs meeting, facilitated discussion on building shared understanding of how ASB's across Alberta are interpreting and carrying out their legislated duties under the ASB Act. We were placed at tables with other chairs and fieldmen to come up with what we saw as answers to 4 questions they had on worksheets. Update from ADM John Conrad for all conference attendees.

- First year of the 5 year funding agreement is now complete
- Weed review that has been ongoing is now before the Minister for final approval
- Weeds on wellsites- slow process; 2 different agencies involved
- Farm mental health; \$2 million has been put into AgKnow since 2021, they are looking for other funding sources

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- Update on wild boar eradication program, exit program is available for those still in the business and wanting to get out
- Pushing for emergency use of strychnine for gopher control, hopefully this will get a foot in the door with the Federal regulators
- Quick updates on ag plastic recycling and on farm slaughter

Supper and welcoming remarks from NE district and ASBPC. Local vendors from NE Zone had a market with variety of products. Theme for conference is Cultivating Resilience.

Jan 21st: Presentation from Rob Saik; AI in agriculture, ability to adapt, change, recover and thrive (resilience). Rob has a vision of creating a central hub for agriculture information to be at one central point with the help of AI.

ASBPC gave an update, main topic was the revamping of the resolution process.

Errol Anderson economist was next. Making sense of the stained economics and world of tariffs. His presentation was not all happy news, tariffs are a no-win game and never a long term solution. The enormity of global debt is unsustainable, government and consumer over spending. Advice for 2026, don't run with the herd and stay away from social media.

Trevor Wallace with Alberta's climate and weather department gave an update. AGI currently has 197 weather stations scattered around the province that use international standards.

Resolution session: 10 resolutions presented, all but 1 passed. The session definitely went smoother than last year's and should even become better when the new rules are in place next year.

Jan 22nd: Started the day with keynote speaker Filipe Massetti-Leite. He rode horses from Alaska to the southern tip of Argentina over a few year period.

Darcy Allen with the Farmers Advocate Office gave presentation mostly on the regulatory requirements regarding renewable energy projects. They want municipal policies to more align with Provincial Land Use framework.

Presentation from Melissa Downing with the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association.

Presentation from Megan Bergman AVMA and Renate Weller Dean of Veterinary Medicine at U of C. Shortage of large animal vets requires some strategies for attraction and retention. U of C has undertaken some measures to make entrance to the vet program easier; lower GPA requirements and focus on applicants background. Modernize the curriculum. Student loan forgiveness program that was announced doesn't include veterinary students.

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Evening banquet and entertainment, Mentalist, Magician, Trickster.

Jan 23rd: Travel home from Edmonton.

Jan 27th: Regular council meeting.

Upcoming events:

Feb 2nd: CRAA executive meeting

Feb 2nd: Dixonville fire meeting

Feb 4th: PRSD joint municipal meeting at Grimshaw

Feb 5th: Virtual meeting invitation from PrairiesCan and Regional Economic Development

Feb 7th: Davis Awards in Peace River

Feb 10th: Council meeting followed by ICF task force meeting with ToM

Feb 12th: ASB orientation in Rycroft

Feb 12th: PREC meeting in Peace River

Feb 13th: RMA zone meeting in Guy

Feb 17th-19th: Growing the North in Grande Prairie

Feb 23rd: Manning Sports Center board meeting

Feb 24th: Council meeting

Last week in Feb PREC tentative meeting with consultant.

January 2026 WARD 7 REPORT

13-CNL REG MTG & JC MTG.

15-ELECTROAL BOUNDARIES VIRTUAL MTG.

update

19- TRAVEL TO PEACE RIVER and met Terry and Gary We left for EDMONTON. Stopped in Whitecourt for lunch arrived around 6.

20, 21, AND 22 – ASB CONFERENCE

Cultivating Resilience,” the conference focused on how Alberta’s agricultural communities can adapt, collaborate, and thrive in an increasingly complex and changing landscape.

Resolutions Passed

Emergency registration of 2% liquid strychnine to support effective control of Richardson’s ground squirrels, recognizing ongoing pest pressures and limited control tools.

Exemption of agricultural equipment from 1999 emissions limits, acknowledging the cost of DEF maintenance for farm equipment.

Investment in rural water distribution and connectivity, reinforcing the importance of reliable water systems and infrastructure for farms.

Modernization of Alberta’s Rat Control Program, ensuring provincial pest management programs remain effective, coordinated, and responsive.

A review of on-farm meat processing, aimed at improving local processing capacity, regulatory clarity, and food system resilience.

Urgent reforms to CFIA and PMRA processes, reflecting widespread concern with regulatory delays, transparency, and impacts on producers.

Filling a vacant biological control scientist position, recognizing the importance of science-based pest management and applied research.

Pausing the implementation of additional livestock traceability regulations, allowing time to assess impacts on producers and supply chains.

One proposed resolution related to establishing a legal entity aligned with ASBs was debated but defeated,

SPEAKERS – All focused-on Resilience, one travelled by horseback over 27,000 kms which was his dream to do, another from family tragedy, medical and whatever happened, keep on doing what you have to do.

23 TRAVELED FROM EDM TO PEACE RIVER FROM ASB CONFERENCE –stopped for breakfast at Whitecourt 12:30 and I then drove TO GRANDE PRAIRIE arrived around 4:30

24- PLS EXECUTIVE 10:30 to 3 (broke for lunch ½ hr.) Followed the Agenda, The minutes from previous meetings were reviewed and approved, discussion over how we should vote over a letter -did ballot voting, letter was approved. Louisa Robison went over different updates to Policies as per agenda, we discussed financial information, The executive meeting addressed several key policies and updates relevant to the organization, Lousia confirmed the attendance of all members and included a new agenda item regarding a policy for recording meetings, as requested by Tasha.

27-CNL REG MTG as per agenda items

29-RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACTION PLAN -VIRTUAL 11:10 TO 12 NOON

CALLED BETTER TOGETHER PROJECT

Basically, this was related to Wood Buffalo Region-that there is only one hospital to serve all the medical issues, mental health, seniors, etc. Lack of facility for looking after patients, consultations with the Indigenous people are being done, companies in the region, etc. Many of the issues also relate to ALL RURAL AREAS, surrounding major urban population.

FEBRUARY UP COMING MEETINGS

10-CNL Regular

12 – the ASB ORIENTATION Session

13 – Zone 4 Meeting

21-PLS BOARD Mtg.

24-CNL REG MTG

Linda Halabisky,

Councillor Ward 7