



County of Northern Lights

February 2026 Ward Two Report

- February 1, 2026** **Pond Hockey Meeting in Grimshaw** **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- It was decided that the group would go ahead with the pond hockey tournament in a modified format for this year. Thanks to the Town of Grimshaw for allowing us ice time in both the multiplex facility and the use of the outdoor rink. We provided updates on our current action items and will have a final meeting on February 22nd.
- February 2, 2026** **Dixonville Fire Hall Meeting** **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**
- It was nice to see a few people attend. I appreciated the opportunity to chat with our Webberville crew to share the update on the termination with the Town of Peace River and the transition to a mutual aid agreement only. While there is a lot left to be worked out, I am hopeful and I think our crew is too.
- February 4, 2026** **Alberta Counsel Webinar** **12:00 pm – 1:00pm**
- It was a good “10,000 foot view” of what happens when “Ambition Outruns Capacity” in relation to economic development. While there is a lot to the conversation, it was informative. I encourage those who missed it to watch it here: <https://youtu.be/gXQ9q1mN7H8> - it does share good information and insight.
- February 4, 2026** **North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting - Peace River** **4:00 pm – 6:30 pm**
- Updates regarding the flood at Harvest Lodge and now the flooding is happening again at Garden Court. A very frustrating series of events. I have been sharing updates with council regularly regarding the current event, so I won't repeat them here.
- February 4, 2026** **Annual Peace River School Division Meeting – Grimshaw** **7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
- It was great to see a full house again, I always appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with PRSD to help support them the best we can. Lots of funding concerns and concerns relating to closure of rural small schools. Another notable concern was mental health funding, as chair of the Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force, I have reached out to PRSD to get together and chat about how we can help advocate or support them better. It was also great to hear that the Red Earth School is now out for tender and hopeful for completion in 2027. It was also upsetting to hear the formula implications for schools like GPS who are over capacity and looking at portables but only showing on the GoA books at 85% -- I hear the concerns first hand from the school at the parent council meetings – work needs to be done there for sure.
- February 9, 2026** **GRHARC and Grimshaw Hospital Site Manager** **10:00 am – 11:00 am**
- Chair Messner and I had a chance to meeting with the Grimshaw site manager and share some of our concerns and get confirmation that they will start participating in our meetings so we have better information to work on. It was a brief mostly introductory and information share meeting.
- February 9, 2026** **GRHARC and RhPAP Strategic Planning** **5:00 pm – 8:45 pm**
- I cannot stress the value of this session with RhPAP enough. It was so beneficial to our recruitment and retention committee. We had 15 participants including the new doctor in waiting for Grimshaw. Currently the Grimshaw clinic only has one doctor and therefor this planning session was timely as we work to focus and maximize our efforts in recruiting and keeping health care providers for the area.
- February 10, 2026** **Council Meeting & Town of Manning ICF** **9:00 am – 5:30 pm**
- Items discussed as per the agenda.

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February 12, 2026	RhPAP Webinar: Toolkit	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
It is a very robust toolkit that they have created to help assist recruitment and retention committees. There is a lot of valuable information in the toolkit for both established committees and ones just starting out. I encourage you all who are on healthcare committees to check it out on their website!		
February 12, 2026	PREC Meeting in Peace River	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
It was great to see the newest members attend from the Town of Manning and Village of Nampa. We discussed the upcoming visit from Jake Pastore and we are all eagerly excited to tap into his knowledge and get his help as we undertake some important communication plans going forward. Looking forward to meeting with Jake and having some discussions as councils one on one with him too.		
February 13, 2026	RMA Zone Meeting - Guy	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Big shout out for a good turn out and to the hosting council of MD of Smokey River. It was disappointing to not have MLA presence but happy that Dan was able to attend virtually and take some questions as Municipal Affairs minister. I appreciate and am honored to get to serve as the District Four Chair for the next 2 years. Great updates from Alberta Transportation and Derek Young. It was nice to have RMA in attendance and share some updates on advocacy and priority happenings.		
February 17-19, 2026	Growing the North Conference – Grande Prairie	
Feb 17 th – Travelled to Grande Prairie		
Feb 18 th – Great keynote speakers. Attended the breakout session focused on “Creating the Next Big Boom” that was really looking at AI and Data Centers. Lots of discussion on defining roles in an AI Economy, and exploring questions we should be asking ourselves as municipalities.		
Feb 19 th – Another day of great keynote speakers. Attended the breakout session focused on “Meaningful Partnerships for Northern Growth” that was focused on the role that Friendship Centers and Indigenous Relations play in growing and economic development especially in our northern communities.		
February 22, 2026	Pond Hockey Meeting	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
We had our final meeting before the event things are coming together in the modified format. Terry will be attending the opening ceremony, and I will be there for the closing ceremony. 18 teams registered so far and all the details were finalized, looking forward to seeing the new format and how it is accepted.		
February 23, 2026	PREC Meeting with Jake Pastore	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Items discussed as per the agenda.		
February 24, 2026	Council Meeting & Jake Pastore w/ Town of Manning	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Items discussed as per the agenda.		
February 25, 2026	Peace Regional RCMP Advisory Committee	5:00 pm – 7:20 pm
Key highlights include: RCMP visits are planned and they will be attending our council on March 10 th , confirming attendance for the Provincial Crime Conference in Calgary that I am attending, the committee purchased a new lap top to help record and track the data from the speed reader board that we own as a committee. RCMP shared that there have been large spikes in mental health calls and MVC from the weather and time of year. Reminder to not leave your keys in the vehicle when letting it warm up. Rural Crime Watch meeting will be held in Manning on March 2 nd at the Legion.		
February 26, 2026	Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force Committee	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
A verbal update will be shared in closed session at our next meeting.		
February 27, 2026	Alberta Counsel Webinar: 2026 Budget Summary	12:00 pm – 1:10 pm
A very robust presentation this round but the overview is always of value – Budget 2026 is an impactful one.		

February 27, 2026

Alberta Municipalities: 2026 Budget Webinar

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Signed up for the webinar after reading the press releases they have been posting since the budget was presented. It was incredible insight and I hope RMA pushes back just as hard on the details surrounding downloads on local government. It was great to hear what the urban munis are facing in the budget. They are really focusing in on FCSS support and have developed a toolkit for their members.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

March 2nd – Rural Crime Watch Meeting – Manning Legion – 7:00 pm

March 4th – North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting @ 4:00 pm (Peace River)

March 8th – Pond Hockey Closing Ceremony – Grimshaw @ 4:45 pm

March 9th – Grimshaw Regional Healthcare and Attraction and Retention Committee @ 6:30 pm

March 11th – PRAMP Meeting @ 1:00 pm

March 16th – 18th – RMA Spring Convention

March 20 and 21st – Alberta Rural Crime Watch AGM and Symposium in Nisku

March 25th – North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting and Audit Presentation – 4:00 pm (Peace River)



Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug – Ward Two



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD # 3 February 2026

DATE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Feb. 2 Dixonville Fire Services Meeting, Dixonville 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Councillors and CAO Stickling met at the Dixonville Fire Hall with the hopes of recruiting fire fighters for the Dixonville Department. Unfortunately, there was only a few attending and no new recruits signed up.

Feb. 10 Council Meeting as per agenda, virtual 9:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Feb 13 RMA Zone Meeting, Guy 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

There were presentations by ATEC and Mercer Peace River. Phil Kolodychuk and John Przybylski gave an update on the Fairview College situation. MLA Dan Williams gave his update on MA and had time for a few questions. Regional Director of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Derek Young, gave an in-depth report on what's coming up in provincial projects. It was great to get a list of all the projects for northern Alberta. All five resolutions passed.

Feb. 17 PRAIC, virtual 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 am

OH&S Resources for Indigenous Communities rep Tracey Polly gave an informative presentation on services available. Wendy presented finances and updates on the Terms of Reference. The Friends of PRAIC will be meeting March 3rd to get that charitable society off the ground. This will be created to look after the fundraising for PRAIC. Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop is set for April 29th. The PR Pow Wow will be May 30 & 31st this year.

Feb 18 Mercer PAC, virtual 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

I hopped on this virtual meeting as I have never attended before. Mercer reps reported no changes to operations, same as last meeting. Zavisha sawmill is up and running, sooner than expected. GOA rep Al Bensen reported the amalgamation of environment into forestry department, and the sub regional planning process plans are to be completed (all plans) in the next 18 months. NAIT Centre for Applied Research, presented Partners in Boreal Education in classrooms.

Feb 23 LLRWMS, virtual 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Berwyn member Patrick O'Brien was approved to attend the Alberta Care Conference on behalf of the commission. Terry gave the YTD budget and financials. The members agreed to attend a Board of Directors Orientation Training by Brownlee. We agreed to continue with the water monitoring program this year.

Feb 24 Council Meeting as per agenda, Manning 8:00 pm – 4:30 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

March 3	Friends of PRAIC	9:00 am
March 6	PREDAC	9:30 am
March 10	Council meeting	9:00 am
March 16-18	RMA Spring Convention	
March 23	Ordinance meeting	9:00 am
March 24	Council Meeting	9:00 am
March 26	LLRWMS	7:00 pm

Brenda Yasinski, County of Northern Lights, Ward 3 Councillor



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #4, FEBRUARY 2026

Feb 10: Regular council meeting.

Feb 23: FCSS Annual Meeting. Linda Schmidt was re-elected as chair. Robert Macleod remains rep for the town of Manning. The board welcomes new member Esther Johnsson who will serve along with Sarah Nauss, Sunni Walker, Vicky Smith, Vikki Presakarchuk and Yuko Davidson.

FCSS Regular Meeting: Megan has organized a Community Development Framework and Interagency Network for the Manning region. The goal is to coordinate with local organizations, agencies, municipalities and community partners to share ideas, collaborate and provide supports to community members and businesses. The first meeting is set for Wednesday March 25 at the Manning Fire Hall.

Feb 24: Regular Council Meeting.

Councilor Brent Reese



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WARD #5

FEBRUARY 2026

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE

TIME

- Feb. 2, 2026 *Attended Dixonville Fire Department Recruitment & Open House* 4:30 pm-7:00 pm
Attended second recruitment open house at the Dixonville Fire Hall; 5 residents were in attendance, along with 7 current members of the Weberville Fire Department. There were no applications received to join the Fire Department. CAO Gerhard Stickling gave the sad news that the County would close the Dixonville Fire Hall. Coverage will continue as it has for a few years with Weberville & Town of Manning Fire Departments responding to fires in Dixonville and area.
- Feb. 4, 2026 *Attended virtual PRSD Joint Municipalities Meeting* 7:00 pm-8:51 pm
Peace River School Division (PRSD) recently hosted a joint engagement session with municipal partners to strengthen collaboration between the school division and local municipalities. The discussion focused on the importance of aligning education priorities with community needs and ensuring municipal voices are reflected in advocacy efforts and long-term planning. The session emphasized that student success is closely tied to community conditions, reinforcing the need for coordinated advocacy on issues such as rural sustainability, services, and funding pressures affecting education and communities alike. PRSD highlighted the value of maintaining strong municipal relationships to support shared priorities and future initiatives.
- Feb. 10, 2026 *Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda* 9:00 pm-3:42 pm
- Feb. 10, 2026 *Attended Manning Municipal Library Meeting* 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
(minutes in Council information package)
- Feb. 11, 2026, *Attended Manning & District Food Bank Meeting* 4:30 pm-5:43 pm
Discussed social media- Brittany working on FB and Webpage
Helen presented the financial statement
Budget finalized at budget meeting and presented to board members
Casino -will be up for working at the Great Northern Casino (dates Oct/Nov/Dec/ 2026 TBA)
- Feb. 12, 2026 *Attended ASB Multi-Municipality Orientation Session* 9:00 am-11:58 am
Presenters- Kerrienne Koehler-Munro and Khalil Ahmed, Crop Assurance Specialist
-Introduction to the ASB Program: mandate, structure, legislative basis (Agricultural Service Board Act). She talked about the roles & responsibilities, what board members are expected to do, how boards interact with municipal councils and the Ministry, reporting and advisory duties.
They touched on Policy & Program Overviews which included key provincial agriculture programs relevant to ASBs (e.g., pest management, soil conservation, animal health frameworks). Official orientation manuals and regional conferences typically cover these.
- Feb. 13, 2026 *Attended RMA District 4 Meeting- Guy Community Centre* 10:00 am -3:00 pm
Presentations from: Orlando Rodrigues- Transportation & Economic Corridors (zoom)
Cal Dakin- Managing Director Mercer, Peace River
Phil Kolodychuk & John Przybylski- Fairview College
Honorable Dan Williams Minister of Municipal Affairs (zoom)
Derk Yong, Regional Director, Transportation & Economic Corridors
6 Resolutions were passed
Congratulations to Councillor Kayln Shug, Ward 2 -Elected as Zone 4 Chairperson!

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Feb. 24, 2026 *Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda*

9:00 am-3:15 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

START TIME

Mar. 10, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 am
Mar. 11, 2026	Manning & Area Food Bank AGM	4:30 pm
Mar. 16-18, 2026	RMA Conference in Edmonton	9:00 am
Mar. 23, 2026	CNL Ordinance Meeting	9:00 am
Mar. 24, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 pm
Mar. 24, 2026	Joint Council Meeting with Town of Manning	5:30 pm

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COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #6, February 2026

February 2nd: CRAA executive meeting 0930/1030

Virtual meeting with executive and administration. Appoint 3 new members to the executive. We will meet with all members that will be attending Growing the North in Grande Prairie.

February 2nd: Meeting at Dixonville firehall 1700/2100

Follow-up meeting that was postponed in December to see if there has been any interest from the area to become volunteer firefighters in order to keep the firehall open. Weberville firefighters attended along with fire chief but there was not enough resident involvement to likely keep the department active.

February 4th: PRSD joint municipality meeting 1730/2200

Attend Peace River School Division annual meeting with regional municipalities. Updates from the board and superintendent on what's been happening throughout the division. Declining enrolment, increased absenteeism, bus driver shortage, provincial funding challenges.

February 5th: Virtual meeting with JETI & PrairiesCan 1000/1130

Invitation from Regional Economic Development and Prairies Economic Development for a virtual chat. CAO from Birch Hills County was also invited. We each gave an update on the proposed nuclear projects in the NW. I only spoke as chair of PREC and what we have going on. Birch Hills is still actively working with a proponent interested in developing a SMR in their region.

February 7th: Davis Awards 1600/2200

Travel to Peace River to attend the Davis Awards (small business awards). Bring greetings and congratulations on behalf of council. Nicely organized event with great participation from the business community.

February 10th: Council meeting 0830/1630

Regular council meeting followed by ICF task force meeting with Town of Manning.

February 12th: ASB orientation 0600/1200

Travel to Rycroft for ASB orientation. Basically a review of the ASB Act and what municipalities responsibilities are. Very poor A/V so struggled to follow the presenters.

February 12th: PREC 1300/1730

PREC meeting at Peace River. New members from Town of Manning and Village of Nampa attended their first meeting. Jake Pastore will do some consulting work with PREC to help with communication plan and securing funding to assist the committee. PREC will have members attending the SMR Summit in Calgary in early March.

February 13th: RMA Zone meeting 07800/1700

Travel to Guy for RMA Zone meeting. Presentations from:

- Orlando Rodriquez with ATEC
- Cal Dakin with Mercer Peace River Pulp
- MD of Fairview regarding closing of NWP Fairview Campus
- Minister of Municipal Affairs Dan Williams
- Derek Young regional director ATEC
- RMA District 4 director Karen Rosovold

Resolution session, all passed including CNL regarding electoral boundary changes. Kayln was given zone chair position by acclamation. Bob Willing will remain vice-chair. Next meeting will be in Big Lakes County.

February 17th: Growing the North 1200/2000

Travel to GP for Growing the North Conference. Check in to hotel then go to the conference center and take in the welcoming reception and local market.

February 18th: Growing the North 0730/1700

Usual lineup of great speakers and presenters; Leonard Brody (futurist), Chris Sankey, Len Morissette (Water Worlds Series), Mark Parsons (ATB economist), Doug Stephens (future of competitive advantage). Meeting that Kayln and I were to be part of with Minister Schowe was cancelled due to cancelled flights. Go for supper with MD of Peace, Mackenzie County and Clear Hills County.

February 19th: Growing the North 0730/2000

More good presenters, Mid-Day Squares (developed chocolate bars), James Leppan (northern corridor from Edmonton to NWT). Breakout session; Friendship Centers. Final keynote speaker was Mike Downie, brother of late Gord Downie of Tragically Hip. Great networking opportunities during the conference. Travel home.

February 23rd: PREC 1030/1700

Travel to Peace River and meet with communication consultant that traveled from Ontario to meet with PREC to outline what he foresees for the regional municipalities. He is very pleased that regional municipalities have formed a committee as this shows support to regulatory agencies. He has extensive experience working with a small municipality in NW Ontario.

February 23rd Manning Sports Center Assc 1830/2100

Review financials and approve. Some ongoing items; bleacher heaters are now working better but vent piping will need to be replaced, still some scoreboard issues but more likely users not familiar with it, elevator still out of commission and will be looked at on the weekend, grad class will use arena for ceremonies. Town did a breakdown of users, 148 County, 119 Town, 25 others.

February 24th

Regular council meeting

0830/1700

Regular council meeting. Invited Town of Manning council and CAO for a closed presentation.

February 26th

Meeting at NSC

0900/1430

CAO and I traveled to Northern Sunrise County office to meet with PREC consultant to have him give a debriefing on his visit to our region. He met with municipal councils, economic development departments, chamber of commences, community residents, MLA's office, visited proposed sites. He will be sending a report to PREC once it is compiled.

Terry Ungarian



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

March 2nd: CRAA executive

March 6th: Opening ceremonies for Pond Hockey

March 10th: Council meeting

March 16th-18th: RMA Spring conference

March 23rd: Ordinance meeting

March 24th: Council meeting followed by joint meeting with ToM

March 25th: Interprovincial meeting in Dawson Creek