



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #1, FEBRUARY, 2026

DATE CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, COMMITTEE, BOARD MEETING, EVENT NAME TIME

June 2/26	Outreach Awards Lunch	11:00 to 2:00
Forty or fifty people attended the BBQ at the school to recognize the student achievement over the year		
June 9/26	Regular Council Meeting	7:30 to 1;00
June 15/26	Ratepayer meeting in Dixonville	5:30 to 10:00
Fourteen people attended the meeting on a rainy night. Snow plowing driveways grazing lease taxation and fire fighting level of service were brought up		
June 17/26	Ratepayer meeting at Manning	5:15 to 10:45
38 people attended this meeting. Nuclear, dust control for 922, snow plowing issues, economic development, and domestic water development were the subjects on discussion.		
June 15/26	Fathers' day BBQ at Webberville Hall	
Over a dozen antique cars and trucks on display at the hall along with the lunch		
June 22 /26	NPARA board meeting at the far m	9:30 to 3:10
We met the summer hires. The purchase of a new combine did not happen as machine was moved to the States. We will look for another. Seeding was almost finished and new drill worked well		
June 23 /26	Regular council meeting	7:30 to 12:00
June 23 26	Joint meeting with Manning council	2:00 to %:00

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

DATE – EVENT - START & FINISH TIME



County of Northern Lights

June 2026 Ward Two Report

Councillor Kayln Schug

June 2, 2026

RhPAP Summit Meeting - Sexsmith

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

It was a great turnout, with over 30 attendees at the first annual summit meeting. It was composed of representatives from Attraction and Retention Committees, educators, RhPAP, NAMP, and the Alberta Ministry of Medical Affairs. I had the honour of serving on a panel to discuss the bursary program we offer through GRHARC and how it has directly helped us recruit healthcare professionals across all specialties in our area. We had many great presentations and breakout groups to discuss successes and lessons learned. I left with so many great connections and ideas; I can't wait to implement them with our A&R committee in Grimshaw.

Rural Crime Watch AGM - Nampa

6:30 pm – 8:15 pm

Unfortunately, the attendance was very poor. We proceeded with the elections, and Corinna Williams will remain the chair, and Dan Boisvert will be the Vice Chair. The directors for the next year will be Kayln Schug, Kyle Dziengielewski, Pauline Lavoie, Gwenda Fortin, Sharon Lee, and David LeBlanc. The secretary and treasurer position was acclaimed by Barb Smith. Perhaps the most exciting thing was that we officially changed the name from Northern Sunrise Rural Crime Watch to Mighty Peace Crime Prevention Association (MPCPA) to better encompass not only what we do, but also the membership. Updates were shared regarding the installation of 40 new Rural Crime Watch Signs, approval to register our Not-for-profit status for the 2027 year, and a reminder about the value of the Rural Crime Watch Website, Provincial Crime Watch App, and RCMP App. Due to low attendance, an email will be sent with suggested dates and locations for the next meeting, and I will share it when available. The information has been updated on the County website to reflect the new name, as well as links to both apps for those who wish to use them.

June 3, 2026

RMA – Rural Mental Health Webinar

9:00 am – 10:30 am

I appreciate RMA having Mary Dawn Eggleton from RMHN (Rural Mental Health Network) give a presentation on who they are and what they do. We have previously had a Community Animator in Peace River, which allows municipalities to tap into both Federal and Provincial grant streams to address homelessness, mental health, and addiction in our community. The animator we had has moved away, and I will bring the suggestion to our next Task Force meeting to select another, so we do not lose access to those funds.

More info for those interested in who RMHN is: <https://www.ruralmentalhealth.ca/>

North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting

4:00 pm – 8:20 pm

This month, we met at Homesteader Lodge in Hines Creek. The monthly synopsis covers most of the key information, but here are a few specifics I would like to highlight. We had a robust conversation about Bill 28 – it is great news from the foundation's perspective, but it has the potential to create friction from the municipal lens. We also made a motion to send a letter to Minister Neudorf congratulating him on his new appointment to the ministry and inviting him to tour our facilities, as it has been many, many years since a minister has come up. We are also looking forward to meeting with the GoA to discuss how to address misinformation about NPHF's reputation. We are the face of the buildings, but many still do not understand that, as a foundation, there are differences in ownership, that it's currently a partnership with the GoA and NPHF, and that we cannot take the blame for many of the choices being made. We also discussed policies for handling external complaints and the importance of supporting motions and decisions when they are passed. The GoA has also issued a tender to address the broken elevator at Heritage Towers, as the parts are obsolete and a replacement is required. The next meeting will be held in Peace River at Heritage Towers on July 8th.

- June 8, 2026 Grimshaw Regional Attraction and Retention Committee (GRHARC) 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**
The group met to review and share each subcommittee's draft plan with the full group. The themes for each subcommittee focused on: recruitment and retention, communication and marketing, and financial. It is refreshing to see the group moving forward in a targeted, strategic direction rather than trying to do everything in silos. The members who attended the NAMP Event in Grande Prairie shared an update, and I shared an update about the RhPAP Summit meeting I attended on June 2nd. GRHARC also approved paying for our 2 members at large to attend the RhPAP conference in Peace River in October. Reminder that we have a MAL from the County of Northern Lights and Grimshaw. The working groups will continue their projects over the summer, and the next GRHARC meeting is scheduled for September 14th.
- June 9, 2026 Council Meeting in Chambers 9:00 am – 11:20 am**
Items were discussed as per the agenda and can be viewed on the county's YouTube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/@countyofnl>.
- Alberta Pond Hockey AGM Meeting 7:00 pm – 7:20 pm**
Unfortunately, with only 4 people attending the meeting, it had to be postponed until September 8th at 7:00 pm. It was determined that we will advertise the vacant roles the board needs to operate, and if we cannot, we will consider discontinuing the event and the board. I do have a list of the roles needed, and an informational campaign is coming up to help recruit for the group for anyone interested.
- June 11, 2026 Teresa Retirement BBQ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**
It was a wonderful BBQ lunch and cake to celebrate the hard work and dedication Teresa has given to the county over the years. She will be truly missed by both the council and the fellow administrators.
- June 12, 2026 Tri-Council BBQ at Figure Eight Lake 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**
Due to the difficult weather in November and December, we moved the annual Christmas supper to June, which was much nicer. We had a wonderful BBQ and a great opportunity to get to know Northern Sunrise's new councillors.
- June 15, 2026 RMA Webinar – Housing 101 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**
It was a very informative webinar hosted by RMA and presented by ASCHA (Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association), which gave elected officials a high-level overview of what a Housing Management Body (HMB) does. ASCHA also shared their focus and priorities, and how they work to support, educate, and advocate for HMBs across the province. The session really focused on understanding how systems connect, exploring funding and structures, how each housing spectrum is funded differently, and the changes coming for lodges (particularly in Bill 28). I do have copies of both the slide deck and the recording for any councillors who wish to see them. Just let me know, and I can share that.
- Ratepayer Meeting 1,2,3 Dixonville Meeting 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
It was great to have about 14 residents come out to chat with the council. Local government works best when residents are engaged and communicate with us, so it was nice to see a few participants. Some of the questions and concerns raised included: debt and borrowing amounts for the South Regional Waterline (SWRL), questions on the financial statement as it related to how much we have in reserves, concerns about mowing frequency, grader frequency and washboard conditions particularly on TWP RD 840, a very robust conversation on the cancellation of the private plowing of driveways and why we didn't consider plow trucks or loaders instead of just a grader, grazing lease taxes, accessor complaints, funding concerns about things like CCAP Grants and pink shirt day, and consideration to install rural crime watch signs.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The group held the final meeting before summer break and prior to reconvening again on September 16th. Highlights included: the parent education event planning committee will meet on July 7th at 5:00 pm, the Community Liaison Officer Position (CLO) is currently vacant once again as the member moved back into front-line policing, discussed the name change of the rural crime watch group, discussed the ongoing efforts of security groups for both Obsidian and Baytex in combating copper theft from the Peace Oil Sands area, the Peace River detachment is losing 3 senior members to transfers and is replacing them with new members from depo. Calls are up due to the nicer weather, and PR had a member deployed for the FIFA Cup security and will be gone for 2 weeks.

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

It was great to see even more residents turn out for the meeting, with approximately 38 in attendance. Concerns included: brushing on TWP 930, nuclear, the discontinuation of county-sponsored calcium for dust control on TWP RD 922, TWP RD 910, lack of gravel, snow plowing concerns over the winter, and the economic development officer position, East Manning water connections, and access to the Notikewon park due to washout.

5:00 pm – 7:45 pm

The group met to discuss and delegate research tasks for the strategic planning session scheduled for September 3rd at 4:00 pm. The group discussed the Town of Peace River camping bylaw, as there have been some concerns raised, and the representative for the town will bring answers to those concerns back to the committee. We also discussed the role of Community Animators to ensure we receive all available grants. I will reach out to those listed to see whether they are still active and will create a recommendation based on their responses. Northern Sunrise participated in a Poverty Simulation event at the FCM Conference in Edmonton, so we are exploring options to conduct a similar event locally to address gaps in social services in our communities. The group will now break for the summer, work on the delegated tasks and meet again in September.

6:15 pm – 8:45 pm

It was such a beautiful ceremony! This year, the Outreach had 17 graduates in total, with 9 participating that evening. Both the County of Northern Lights and Northern Sunrise County received overwhelming praise from the Society, Peace River School Division, and staff for the level of support we provide to the program's overall success. The stories of each student's unique path to success are nothing short of inspiring. They had graduates this year ranging in age from 16 to 40. We are so fortunate to have this type of learning environment in our area. This year saw 6 graduates from the County of Northern Lights, specifically, as a fun fact!

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

It was so great to spend the day having conversations with the public about North Peace Housing, both what they offer, what we have been up to, and of course, hearing concerns to take back to the board as well. It was a busy event with all the children's activities in the park, the fresh-air market, and the jet-boat races. Some common concerns include not understanding the full spectrum of housing and accommodation types we offer, the Heritage Tower Elevator (which is now fully operational again as of June 24th), and not knowing how to apply.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Items were discussed as per the agenda and can be viewed on the county's YouTube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/@countyofnl>.

2:00 pm – 4:06 pm

It was a great conversation with Nina Sahasrabuddhe (RCMP Executive Director of Strategy and Business), RCMP Member Ted Zaddery (Acting Inspector of Alberta District), and Adrian Marsden (Western District Chief Superintendent for RCMP). I appreciate the clarification they brought to the group on the police

funding model, the 70/30 split and the reality of who is passing the cost onto municipalities, as well as clarifying that the province and Minister Ellis do, in fact, dictate the priorities for the RCMP in the province of Alberta. We also discussed the Town joining the CRAA (Community Rail Advocacy Alliance) membership, the Manning Community Development Coalition Strategic Plan, the consideration of an advisory committee for the Manning RCMP Detachment area, the fire services agreement between CNL and the Town, and some open discussion.

June 25, 2026

RMA Bill 28 Webinar

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Another very informative webinar was presented by RMA President Kara Westerlund and Wyatt Skovron. Given that this is now the second webinar on Bill 28, the bill's significance is underscored. While the first webinar focused on a high-level overview, this webinar focused on potential impacts to the municipalities. The two key focus points were financial and autonomy impacts. Important to note that Bill 28 represents the third omnibus bill in 3 years and shows the continued trend of standardizing municipal processes and narrowing local decision-making authority. RMA's Impact Analysis Document can be found at: https://rmaalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/06-05-26-Bill-28-Municipal-Impacts_0.4.pdf.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

July 7th – RCMP Advisory Committee – Sub Committee Meeting for Parent Education – 5:15 pm
July 8th – North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting (Heritage Towers) @ 4:00 pm
July 15th – Peace River ICF Meeting @ 10:00 am
July 18th – Manning Rodeo Parade @ 10:30 am



Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug – Ward Two



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June 9	Regular Council Meeting as per agenda	8:00 am – 12:30 pm
June 17	Ward 4-6 Rate Payer Meeting	5:15 pm – 10:15 pm
There was a very good turn out from the three wards. The proposed nuclear power plant was the most discussed item. One of the biggest misconceptions out there is that the county council can approve or stop a nuclear project. We cannot. Nuclear facilities are regulated by federal and provincial governments. The role of council is to listen to the residents, communicate concerns to regulators, stay informed and ensure our communities have access to accurate information. Council intends to remain engaged with regulators throughout the process and continue to have information available to residents on the county website. Concerns about the snow plowing last winter, current gravel road conditions and the water program was also brought to council's attention. These items will be discussed by council at future council meetings.		
June 22	MPTA Executive Meeting	6:00 pm – 7:10 pm
YTD financials were presented as well as the actuals for the budget to May 31st. The 2025 YE financial statements were reviewed and will be presented at the board meeting on the 29th. Executive director Tammy went through her report on projects, website updates and the tourism summit plans. The Travel Alberta grant is significantly less this year at \$110,000 with \$25,000 of that going to the Gold Cup Jet Boat races in Peace River, down from \$150,000 last year. There are four new events pages added to the website to showcase activities by some of the newest members. The Events section is the most comprehensive source of information for visitors. Photo & video shoots are planned for this summer at the Bluesky Music Festival and the Peace River Mud Bog Event to build a fresh library of visual products to support future marketing efforts.		
June 23	Regular Council Meeting – as per agenda	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
June 23	Town of Manning Joint Meeting	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
The Manning RCMP detachment was in attendance and gave a presentation on the detachment's current positions and funding model. There was a good discussion about developing a Community Advisory committee, this will benefit the flow of communications between the RCMP and the communities. The Manning/County Fire Services agreement was discussed and is being finalized.		
June 29	MPTA AGM followed by the MPTA Board Meeting	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Elections were held for three officer positions. Amber Bean stepped down as chair, and I was elected by acclamation to fill the role. Theresa Johnson stayed on as 2nd Vice president and thankfully, Amber bean stayed on as 4th Vice President. Amber did a great job leading the group. Dave Allen and Janet White stayed on as Directors at large for an additional two years. Third was filled by Paul Myers of Misery Mountain Ski Club. Amber gave her presidents report for 2025. Tammy Brauer presented the Year in Review Highlights including the reduction in Travel Alberta funding The 2025 Financial statements approval of the auditors, Schmaltz & Co. were passed. The AGM adjourned at 7:19 pm. After a short break we continued with the Board meeting. Chris Smith from Travel Alberta was in attendance and gave a brief presentation on the Alberta Tourism Information Portal (ATIS). This portal gives access to any tourism provider or public community group wanting to promote any event in their community and is		



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available on the Alberta Tourism Website. The Budget vs. actuals was presented and carried. There was no new business to discuss. We continued with a round table session noting the many events around the region. Some mentioned are the Donnelly Mud Bog event August 7-9, Town of Falher developing Pickle Balls and sand volleyballs courts, Grimshaw is developing a new park near the town office, The Green Goddess – Sarah Keates has many workshops & team building events available, Rendez Vous RV Park has a new BBQ shelter at their park, Rycroft is hosting many events this summer including a music festival, car show, golf tournaments in partnership with the Ag Society. Lac Cardinal RED is planning the Berwyn Fiesta with live music, beer gardens, and food trucks. Misery Mountain Disc Golf course is available, Lac Carinal Pioneer Museum is offering a kids day camp July 6-10, and pancake breakfasts will be held throughout the summer in conjunction with other local events. Northern Sunrise is also hosting a Mud Bog event and Youth Council boat trip. Hines Creek Race Days was a successful community featuring a car show, and a burn out event. George Lake will host the annual music festival on September long weekend. MD of Fairview has the Bluesky music festival coming up the Fairview Amateur Rodeo in July. MD of Peace - Cash and Cans Barrel Racing to take place in Berwyn. Clear Hills County events include hosting the Peace River Canoe Brigade for lunch on their way through the area, they will also be hosting a Firefighters Appreciation BBQ. I mentioned the 72 Hours to Show that was filmed in the county. Lots of things to do this summer in the region!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

July 14 Regular Council Meeting (Keg River) 1 pm

July 14 Ward 7 Rate Payer Meeting following Council Meeting

July 20 LLRWMS 7 pm

July 30 NPARA Farm Tour 6 pm

Brenda Yasinski, County of Northern Lights, Ward 3 Councillor



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June 9: Regular council meeting

8:00am – 12:30pm

June 12: Tri Council Barbeque

5:00pm – 7:00pm

This was an opportunity to meet some new councillors from neighboring municipalities and also catch a few perch that have invaded Figure 8 lake. Thanks to Gerhard for bringing bait.

June 15: Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Annual Meeting

9:00am – 4:00pm

There was discussion of existing and emerging water issues. There are lots of plans being made for water use in northern Alberta. Data centres, nuclear power etc. Despite record snowfall this past winter, it was surprising to learn that the Beaverlodge River has all but dried up. This was once a major spawning river for grayling.

Worldwide we're seeing record heat waves and river flows that were once predictable now becoming unreliable. In the US rivers like the Colorado, Mississippi and Rio Grande are at historic lows. All these rivers supply water to major cities and massive agricultural operations. Difficult decisions are being made on how to divide up a dwindling resource. The lesson being learned is that historic flows can't be relied on in the future. In elections for MPWA directors, Robert Macloed was elected to represent small urban municipalities.

June 15: Ratepayer Meeting Dixonville

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Heard some concerns about driveway snowplowing, road maintenance, finance etc. A decent turnout.

June 17: Ratepayer Meeting County Office

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Snowplowing concerns were voiced pretty clearly. Some people not happy with how the proposed nuclear facility issue is being handled. They feel the majority no vote of the plebiscite is being ignored and are not comfortable with the actions of the energy committee.

June 23: Regular Council Meeting

8:00am - 12:30pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

July 14 Regular Council meeting (Keg River) 1:00pm

July 14 Ward 7 Rate Payer Meeting following council meeting

COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE



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WARD #5

JUNE 2026

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE

TIME

- June 3, 2026 *Attended Manning & Area Community Enhancement Society Meeting* 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Updates Town Square Development:
- Gazebo- Waiting for contractor to give us a start date
 - Town Centre Clock Ordered
 - Landscape Committee was formed- (Bernie, Megan, Janine & Keith)
 - Manning Vision Credit Union will purchase landscape trees
 - CCAP County of Northern Lights Grant of \$10,000 was approved
- June 9, 2026 *Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda* 9:00 am-11:30 am
- June 9, 2026 *Attended Manning Municipal Library Board Meeting* 6:00 pm-6:55 pm
The Board received an update on the library's financial position. The 2025 Public Library Operating Grant of \$17,493 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, and the County of Northern Lights' 2026 contribution of \$29,754 was received in May. It was noted that the County's annual contribution is scheduled to increase to \$39,150 beginning in 2027.
- The Friends of the Library (FOL) completed a successful casino fundraiser in May and are awaiting distribution of proceeds. Until funds are received, the library will continue to cover approved purchases and be reimbursed by FOL.
- Staff highlighted several recent initiatives, including Seniors' Week promotions, a successful Mother's Day pottery event that raised \$425, and planning for summer programming. A local teacher has been hired to facilitate the Summer Reading Club, which will run Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout July and August.
- The Board approved summer operating hours effective June 26 through August 31, with the library open Monday to Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closed Fridays, weekends, and statutory holidays.
- 1 Updates were provided on the ongoing front façade renovation project, efforts to repair the building's air conditioning system, and policy revisions required to comply with new provincial privacy legislation.
- Library usage remains strong, with 853 visitors, 1,972 items checked out, and eight new patron accounts since the previous meeting.
- The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026.
- June 11, 2026 *Farewell Lunch for Teresa Tupper* 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm
Council and staff gathered at the County Office to send off Teresa Tupper on her retirement journey. We are grateful for her many years of dedicated service to the County. Her hard work and commitment is greatly appreciated, and she will be missed. Wishing her good health, happiness, and many wonderful adventures in this well-earned new chapter of her life.
- June 13, 2026 *Manning Lemonade Days Downtown Manning* 9:00 am-2:00 pm
What an incredible day! 🍋
There were 12 lemonade stands set up throughout the Town of Manning.
- The judges were as follows: Alden Johnson, representing Community Futures Peace Country; Keith Hutchison, Councillor, Town of Manning and myself representing the County of Northern Lights
- It was no easy task choosing our winners! The competition was incredibly close and we had some very difficult decisions. Several factors were taken into consideration, including: stand visibility and branding, tidiness, creativity, organization, presentation, customer service, lemonade flavor, and the strength of each team's business plan.

Congratulations to our award winners:

Best Stand – EZ Lemonade, sponsored by Big North Graphics.

Best Tasting Lemonade – Base Camp Lemonade, sponsored by Venture Parts Supply.

Best Entrepreneurial Team – Sweetly Squeezed, sponsored by A-Class Yardworks.

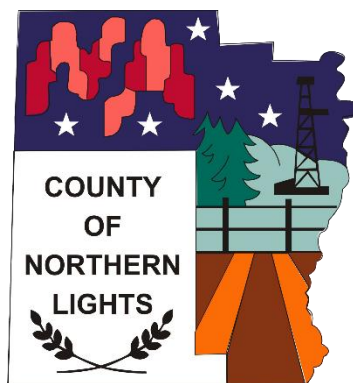
- June 15, 2026 *Attended Wards 1, 2 & 3 Ratepayer Meeting in Dixonville* 5:00 pm-9:00 pm
15 residents attended the meeting held in the Dixonville Hall
CAO Gerhard Stickley gave opening remarks, followed by presentations from our Director of Finance Josh Hunter, Public Works Director Charles Schwab and Planning & Development Clerk Pearl Luken. There were concerns on cancelling driveway snowplowing. One resident asked us to reconsider. Grading techniques of the road maintenance. One resident had a comment on taxes on grazing leases. One ratepayer asked if it was possible that the Dixonville Fire Department's level of service be down grading to a lower service then Weberville and The Town of Manning. Some debate followed.
- June 17, 2026 *Attended Wards 4, 5 & 6 Ratepayers Meeting in Council Chambers* 6:00 pm-9:30 pm
40 residents attended the meeting held at the Council Chambers
CAO Gerhard Stickley gave opening remarks, followed by presentations from our Director of Finance Josh Hunter, Public Works Director Charles Schwab and Planning & Development Clerk Pearl Luken.
Lots of nuclear discussion at the meeting and the residents were deferred to IAAC and CNSC to get answers to their questions. Concerns were raised as to the response time of opening roads with the vast amount of snow we had last winter. Ward 5 resident appealed to Council to look at opening another phase of rural water hookups as there are 20 residences signed up in that area. A resident from Ward 4 asked council to reconsider the decision to stop applying dust control on Township Road 922 as there is heavy truck traffic on that road and it is adjacent to The Hamlet of Notikewin. Concerns regarding to road to Notikewin Park will be referred to ATEC as it is a provincial park and does not belong to the county.
- June 23, 2026 *Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda* 9:00 am-11:55 pm
June 23, 2026 *Attended Joint Council Meeting with Town of Manning as per agenda* 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm
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UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC: START TIME

- July 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting followed by Ward 7 Ratepayer Meeting held 1:00 pm
at Keg River community Hall
- July 18, 2026 Battle River Rodeo Parade 9:45 am



Gloria Dechant, County of Northern Lights Ward 5 Councillor



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WARD #6 June 2026

June 9th Regular council meeting

Join council meeting virtually from cruise ship on the North Atlantic. Internet connection was not great but I was able to follow the meeting.

June 17th Ward 4, 5 & 6 ratepayer meeting 1800/2200

Approximately 40 people in attendance. Administration gave a very good presentation from finance, public works, development & planning and CAO update. Questions from floor ranged from how to report road concerns, snowplowing of roads, economic development, proposed nuclear power development, signage.

June 22nd Virtual mtg Minister Sigurdson 1200/1230

Chair, vice-chair and secretariat of PREA have a quick virtual meeting with Minister of Affordability and Utilities, RJ Sigurdson. With the changes in cabinet, we wanted to connect with the newly appointed Minister to introduce him to PREA. His mandate from the Premier is to have a roadmap for nuclear energy in Alberta completed by the end of this year. His team is actively working on a draft policy. His department will be included in the public release of the PREA position paper.

June 23rd Regular council meeting 0830/1230

Regular council meeting per agenda. Highlights from social media;

Community Initiatives, Engagement, and Advocacy

Reeve Terry Ungarian will be attending the Alberta Forest Products Association Annual Conference in Jasper this coming fall

Council motioned to have the administration determine the best method to improve public access to ward reports on the County website

Council will be providing a letter of support to Mercer Peace River related to a proposed carbon capture project. The PREA (Peace Regional Energy Alliance) positioning paper, originally scheduled for release on June 25 has been postponed due to a contractor's medical event.

County Council and staff will be attending the Battle River Rodeo Parade on July 18.

Councillor Gloria Dechant issued a statement and apology regarding comments made at the June 17 Joint Ratepayer Meeting.

Agricultural Services

Council will be completing the ASBPC (Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee) Strategic Planning survey, and will advertise the survey to other stakeholders via the County's social media and website.

Infrastructure

Public Works will be applying for HARP (Hazard Assistance and Resilience Program) funding through AEMA (Alberta Emergency Management Agency) to help offset the cost of repairing washouts that occurred during the spring thaw.

Upcoming Meetings

The next regular Council meeting will be on July 14, 2026, at 1 pm at the Keg River Community Hall, followed by a Joint Ratepayer meeting.



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June 23rd Joint meeting with Town of Manning 1400/1630

*Presentation from RCMP; explained the different funding models the RCMP has with the province of Alberta. There is interest to establish a public advisory committee with the Manning detachment.

*asked if Manning council would consider membership in Community Rail Advocacy Alliance

*discussed what direction councils will take with the new initiative and strategic plan that was developed through FCSS. Wait for terms of reference to be provided.

*new fire services agreement is still being finalized

June 24th CRAA executive meeting (virtual) 1000/1100

Administrative consultants that have led CRAA from the beginning are looking for direction on what next steps are. CRAA funding is limited but we want to keep the momentum going over the summer so we will continue with advocacy as planned. CRAA will reach out to potential members and try to bring more on board.

June 26th PREDA meeting and AGM 1000/1600

Travel to Grande Prairie to attend Peace Regional Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) meeting followed by AGM.

- Grande Prairie Airport manager gave a detailed presentation on the operation of the airport and the future of scheduled passenger service. After his presentation, we got on a bus and toured the airport including the runways. He also restated the perceived benefits of having regional airport management for all the municipal airports in the region.

- presentations from numerous organizations throughout the PREDA region, including: MMSA, CRAA, REDI, NWSAR, NAEL, NADC.

- PREDA administration gave a brief history of PREDA and Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau which is a spin-off organization from PREDA. Formed in 2000 and membership fees are based on a per capita formula. Town of Peace River and County of Grande Prairie have both indicated withdrawing membership, both are large membership contributors but PREDA will still be okay financially should they leave.

My takeaway is PREDA and NTAB are both there to support municipalities in whatever economic development concepts they have and will assist with research and making connections where needed. They also have a projects fund grant available to apply for to assist in proposed economic development.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Ungarian', with a stylized, cursive script.

Terry Ungarian

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

July 8th: PREA media training

July 13th pre-ICF meeting

July 13th PREA position paper release

July 14th Council meeting & Ward 7 ratepayers meeting

July 15th Town of Peace River ICF meeting



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WARD #7 June 2026

DATE

June 2nd TIME: 11:00 to 1:30

I attended on behalf of our council regarding the **Announcement of New School for Paddle Prairie** Metis Settlement-It was very well attended by all, Minister Williams and many from Metis spoke on how great it was that Paddle Prairie is getting a new school after many people who worked hard on advocating for it for many years, especially after Northland School Division closed Dr. Mary Jackson School over 15 years ago. They had lots of food and all the children from the school came also.

June 9 Time 7:35 to

Attended the Regular Council Meeting

June 12 I came from Edmonton as attended one of our grandson's graduation from UofA on the 10th and I Attended **the Tri-Council Christmas in June BBQ** at Figure 8-Sort of a Farewell for Teresa Tupper as this would be her last one with the Tri-Council (County of Northern Sunrise, MD of Peace Council and our Council). This an annual event where we share how things are going and what has happened in our community. Some even caught a few fish.

June 15 I left home 4:00 arrived at 6:00 for help setting up for **Rate Payer's Meeting** for Wards 1, 2 and 3 at Dixonville Hall. Nice turnout and lots of questions regarding stoppage of snow removal, nuclear and everyone who asked questions hopefully were ok with them. After the meeting I drove to Peace River as had a meeting the next morning at nine. Stayed with family

June 16, I attended from 9 till 12 noon **PRAIC Meeting** at the Peace River Municipal Library as the alternate for Brenda as she had a family emergency. This group do lots of volunteering to help people who are needing help with their personal issues. I felt how sincere they are in trying to raise funds to keep the hot lunches etc. going.

June 19 Attended the **Rate Payer Meeting** for Wards 4, 5 and 6 at the Council Chambers: Lots of questions and answers which some did not like or did like but I understand the people want more information on a regular basis and we will try our best to do this. Communication is the key. A good turnout. Next one is in my neck of the woods on **July 14 at the Keg River Hall** where we will have council meeting at 1:00 – I am hoping to do a BBQ for our lunch at 11:30 roughly.

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Just a note stayed overnight in Peace River as had a Peace Library System Executive Meeting the next day.

June 20th 10:15 to 1:00 **PLS EXECUTIVE MEETING.** Had lots of updates on policies to review, plus the financial statement and budget.

June 24, 7:40 to 11 **Regular Council Meeting** left early as I had a medical appointment the next day.

June 26 **MANNING GRADUATION DAY**

Our **Brent Reese** gave a great speech on behalf of our Council. I recorded part of it, sorry Brent. Jim and I attended this as our grandson Preston was one of graduates to graduate from the new school. It was a well organised grad and very well attended.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

July 14– Rate Payers Meeting and Council Meeting in Keg River at our Community Hall.

July 18 - Manning Rodeo Parade 9:45