

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerhard Stickling – Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Hunter – Director of Finance
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, June 9, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and gave the County's land acknowledgement.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

281/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Council Agenda and adopt it with the following additions:
04.C Photo Op with Community Capital Assistance Program (CCAP) Grant Recipients at 10:00 a.m.
06.1.1-F Northern Sunrise County Canada D-eh invitation
06.2.1-A RCMP Community Advisory Committee Discussion
06.6.3-A Appointment of Summer Weed/Pest Inspectors
CARRIED

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

A. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

282/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, May 26, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.
CARRIED

04.0 Delegations

A. Chris Nel at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Deputy Reeve Schug had council introduce themselves. Mr. Nel brought forward several questions and concerns.

Delegation exits at 9:22 a.m.

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

*A. Proposed Schedule of Fees Bylaw No. 26-12-510
(identify postage handling on maps)*

283/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to give FIRST READING to Bylaw No. 26-12-510; the Schedule of Fees Bylaw for the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED

284/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to give SECOND READING to Bylaw No. 26-12-510; the Schedule of Fees Bylaw for the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED

285/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to PROCEED TO THIRD AND FINAL READING of Bylaw No. 26-12-510.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

286/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to give THIRD AND FINAL READING to Bylaw No. 26-12-510; the Schedule of Fees Bylaw for the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED

B. Proposed Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 26-12-509

- 287/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to give FIRST READING to Bylaw No. 26-12-509; the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw.**
CARRIED
- 288/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to give SECOND READING to Bylaw No. 26-12-509; the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw.**
CARRIED
- 289/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to PROCEED TO THIRD AND FINAL READING of Bylaw No. 26-12-509.**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 290/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to give THIRD AND FINAL READING to Bylaw No. 26-12-509; the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw.**
CARRIED

D. Proposed Access to Information & Protection of Privacy; "Privacy Management Program" Policy

- 291/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt and adopt the Access to Information & Protection of Privacy Policy.**
CARRIED

E. Occupational Health and Safety Program Policy

- 292/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Health and Safety Report and delete the following Council Policies:**
- **Driving Record Policy**
 - **Vehicle Usage Policy**
 - **Personnel Code of Conduct & Business Ethics Policy**
 - **General Health and Safety Policy**
- And adopt the updated Occupational Health and Safety Program Policy as presented.**
CARRIED

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. RhPAP Conference Registrations

- 293/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the RhPAP Conference Registration Report and register councillors Ungarian, Schug, These and Yasinski for the conference in Peace River on October 6 to 8, 2026.**
CARRIED

B. National Indigenous Peoples' Day Invitation

- 294/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the National Indigenous Peoples' Day Invitation and send Deputy Reeve Schug to bring greetings on behalf of the County of Northern Lights on June 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Battle River Historic Hospital in Manning.**
CARRIED

Councilor Ungarian joined meeting via zoom at 9:44 a.m.

C. Stronger Together Library Conference 2026

- 295/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Stronger Together Library Conference and register Councillors Dechant and Halabisky to attend the event on October 20 & 21, 2026, in Edmonton.**
CARRIED

D. Council's Monthly Calendar – June 2026

- 296/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of Council's monthly calendar and accept the calendar with the changes noted.**
CARRIED

E. Peace Region Economic Development Alliance 2026 AGM

- 297/09/06/26** **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance 2026 AGM and register Reeve Ungarian to attend**

the meeting on Friday, June 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grande Prairie Regional Airport Conference Room.
CARRIED

F. Northern Sunrise County Canada D-eh Invitation

298/09/06/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Northern Sunrise Canada D-eh invitation and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

299/09/06/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

C. Photo Op with Community Capital Assistance Program Grant Recipients at 10:00 a.m.

*Recessed meeting at 10:08 a.m.
Reconvened meeting at 10:22 a.m.*

300/09/06/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to increase the council audio budget up to \$50,000, the additional funding will come out of reserves.**
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance
A. Library Funding Report

301/09/06/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Library Funding Report and increase the per household rates of library funding to \$50 (support communities) and \$100 (located within the County's borders) effective January 1st, 2027.**
CARRIED

B. April 2026 Payment Registers

302/09/06/26 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the April 2026 Payment Registers and accept them for information.**
CARRIED

C. Director of Finance Update

303/09/06/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Update and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

D. May 2026 Bank Reconciliation

304/09/06/26 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the May 2026 Bank reconciliation and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies

06.1.7 Buildings/Properties

06.1.8 Personnel/Human Resources

06.2 Protective Services

06.2.1 Policing
A. RCMP Community Advisory Committee Discussion

305/26/06/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the RCMP Community Advisory Committee Discussion Report and defer the discussion to the Joint Council Meeting with the Town of Manning on June 23rd, 2026.**
CARRIED

06.2.3 Fire protection

06.2.4 Emergency Measures & Disaster Services

- 06.2.5 Ambulance/First Aid
- 06.2.6 By-law Enforcement
- 06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works
 - 06.3.1 Public Works
 - 06.3.2 Roads
 - A. Road Allowance Lease
- 306/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Road Allowance Lease Report and grant a road allowance lease for access on the road allowance between NE 26-90-24 and NW 23-90-24 and SE 26-90-24 & NE 23-90-24 to Glen Stone, Tyler Stone and David Dyck.
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
 - A. Appointment of Weed/Pest Inspectors
- 307/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor These to appoint Mark Flores and Makenna Mortson as the Weed and Pest Inspectors for the County of Northern Lights under Section 9 of the Agricultural Pest Act and Section 5 of the Weed Control Act for the summer of 2026.
CARRIED**

B. Public Hearing for Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 26-61-508 at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Kayln Schug declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 26-61-508 open at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Schug welcomed all participants,

**Chair Schug asked that the nature of the proposed bylaw be read into the record.
Pearl Luken, Planning & Development Clerk read the following into the record:**

In accordance with County Policy, Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 26-61-508 was given First Reading at the Tuesday, May 12, 2026, council meeting.

Today's Public Hearing is to allow Council to listen or read any public comments received.

Chair Schug requested confirmation that notification requirements (newspaper ads, announcements, time frames, etc.) had been met.

The Bylaw was posted in the Mile Zero Banner Post on May 20, 27 and June 3rd, 2026, and on the County's website.

Chair Schug dispensed with stating the Rules of Conduct that would be followed during the hearing.

Chair Schug called for the PRESENTATION

The Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 26-61-508 is to amend the classification of a portion of North West (NW) of section Thirty-One (31), Township Ninety-Three (93), Range Twenty-Two (22), West of the Fifth Meridian (W5M) from General Industrial (M1) to Agriculture General (A) District as illustrated in Schedule "A" attached to the Bylaw.

This amendment will correct the discrepancy within the County's Land Use Bylaw. It will allow for both properties to be compliant with our LUB and will allow DP-26-10 to move forward for approval.

Chair Schug called for any WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in support of the proposed amendment.
To date, no written submissions in support were received.

Chair Schug called for any WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS opposed to the proposed amendment.
To date, no objections have been received or expressed.

Chair Schug called for any VERBAL SUBMISSIONS in support of the proposed amendment.
No verbal submissions of support for the amendment were expressed. However, the Planning & Development Clerk received one phone with questions for clarification, no for or against was noted.

Chair Schug called for any VERBAL SUBMISSIONS opposed to the proposed amendment.
No verbal submission opposed to the amendment were expressed.

Chair Schug calls for a RECOMMENDATION.
Pearl responded:

It is recommended that the proposed Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 26-61-508 be APPROVED.

Chair Schug asked if there were any questions from Council.

Chair Schug adjourned the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 25-61-508 at 11:03 a.m.

C. Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 26-61-508 (After Public Hearing)

308/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to give SECOND READING to Bylaw No. 26-61-508; a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to reclassify land use for NW 31-93-22-W5. CARRIED

309/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to THIRD AND FINAL READING of Bylaw No. 26-61-508; a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to reclassify land use for NW 31-93-22-W5. CARRIED

- 06.6.5 Natural Resources
- 06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
- 06.6.9 Tourism

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports
A. Councilor Ward Reports

310/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the written and verbal Councillor Ward Reports and accept them for information. CARRIED

08.0 Info Items
A. Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Info Package

311/09/06/26 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the June 9, 2026, Info Package and accept it for information. CARRIED

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

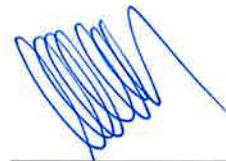
312/09/06/26 MOVED BY Deputy Reeve to have Administration write a written reply to Chris Nel regarding his questions and concerns. CARRIED

10.0 In Camera Items

11.0 Adjournment

Deputy Reeve Schug adjourned Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Council Meeting at 11:22 a.m.


Deputy Chief Elected Official
Kayln Schug


Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling