

**MINUTES  
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN KEG RIVER  
ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.  
KEG RIVER COMMUNITY HALL, KEG RIVER, ALBERTA**

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**PRESENT:**

|                 |            |                           |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Gary These      | Ward One   | Weberville/Stewart        |
| Kayln 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      |
| Linda Halabisky | Ward Seven | Keg River/Carcajou        |

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gerhard Stickling – Chief Administrative Officer  
Josh Hunter – Director of Finance  
Charles Schwab – Director of Public Works  
Jessica – Executive Assistant/ Recorder  
Dan Archer – Mile Zero Banner Post Reporter  
Pearl Luken – Planning and Development Clerk  
Gail Long – ISL Engineering (virtual)

**01.0 Call to Order**

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Ungarian called Tuesday, July 14, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**02.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

333/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, July 14, 2026, Council Meeting Agenda and adopt it with the following additions:**  
F. ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy  
P. B.C Hydro  
**CARRIED**

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

*A. Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes*

334/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, June 23, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented**  
**CARRIED**

**04.0 Delegations**

**05.0 Policies/ Bylaws**

*A. Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment No. 26-61-511*

335/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to give FIRST READING to Bylaw No. 26-61-511, Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment; set the Public Hearing for August 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.; and direct Administration to advertise the Public Hearing in the Mile Zero Banner Post on July 15 and July 22, 2026**  
**CARRIED**

336/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yaskinski to acknowledge receipt of Bylaw No. 26-61-511 and direct administration to discharge the development agreement caveat on Plan 932 1717 Block 1 Lot 1, as the subdivision 08NL07 was not registered, and as a result the agreement no longer applies**  
**CARRIED**

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

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

*A. Canadian Railway Advocacy Alliance (CRRRA) Membership*

337/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Reeve Ungarian to acknowledge receipt of the Canadian Railway Advocacy Alliance (CRRRA) Membership Request and authorize payment of \$2,000.00 for membership fee**

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**CARRIED**

*B. Rail Safety Week 2026 Proclamation Request*

- 338/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Rail Safety Week 2026 Proclamation Request and proclaimed September 21 to 27, 2026 Rail Safety Week in the County of Northern Lights**  
**CARRIED**

*C. Zone Meeting Awards / In Memoriam*

- 339/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the RMA Zone Meeting Awards/ In Memoriam Request and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*D. Swag bags for the Health Conference in October 2026*

- 340/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the Rural Health Professional Action Plan: RHPAP (October 2026 Conference) swag bag request and have administration review the costs and options for swag bags and bring to the next council meeting on August 11, 2026**  
**CARRIED**

*E. Alberta SPCA Dog Project*

- 341/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Alberta SPCA Dog Project Request and accept it for information.**  
**CARRIED**

*F. NPARA Farm Tour and Sponsorship*

- 342/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the NPARA Farm tour Invite and Sponsorship Request and have councilors Gary These, Brenda Yasinski, Gloria Dechant and Terry Ungarian attend the event and decline the request for sponsorship**  
**CARRIED**

*G. Fairview Ribbon-cutting and Tour*

- 343/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Northern Lakes Collage – Fairview Campus Ribbon-cutting and Tour Invite and have councilors Brenda Yasinski, Gary These and Terry Ungarian attend the event**  
**CARRIED**

*H. Notikewin Junction – Dust Issue (verbal)*

- 344/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Notikewin Junction Dust Issue Request and to have administration respond to the concerns raised and review the area for consideration in the 2027 budget**  
**CARRIED**

*I. RMA Executive Visit*

- 345/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the RMA Executive Visit Request and have administration contact the delegation, propose August 11, 2026, as the meeting date, and confirm whether a morning or afternoon visit is preferred**  
**CARRIED**

*J. Peace Regional Energy Alliance position paper*

- 346/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge the Peace Regional Energy Alliance Position paper and have administration share the agenda package from the September 2024 PREA meeting with council**  
**CARRIED**

*K. Important Changes to Code of Practice & Upcoming Engagement Process*

- 347/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yaskinski to acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Environment and Protected Area regarding Important Changes to the Code of Practice for Pits and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*L. Council Calendar*

348/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Council Calendar and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*M. Nuclear Event*

349/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the Western Canadian Nuclear Law Masterclass and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*N. Battle River Pioneer Museum Heritage Day*

350/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Battle River Pioneer Museum Heritage Day Event Request and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*Recessed Meeting at 2:21 p.m.  
Reconvened the Meeting at 2:39 p.m.*

*O. Rural Crime Stopper Signs (Verbal)*

351/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Rural Crime Stoppers Sign Report and appoint councilor Schug to be the contact person for the Crime Stopper signs**  
**CARRIED**

*P. B.C Hydro (Verbal)*

352/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the B.C Hydro Report (verbal) and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

06.1.2 Administration  
*A. CAO Report*

353/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report, accept it for information, and schedule a Strategic Plan Update Meeting for July 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance  
*A. YTD Budget Variance Report*

354/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the YTD Budget Variance Report and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*B. Director of Finance Update*

355/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Update and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*C. May 2026 Payment Registers*

356/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yaskinski to acknowledge receipt of the May 2026 Payment Registers Report and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**

*D. June 2026 Payment Registers*

357/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the June 2026 Payment Registers Report 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
  - 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
    - A. *Director of Public Works Report*
- 358/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**
  - B. *Request for Decision – 26.32.CRAK*
- 359/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to award tender for the 26.32.CRAK request to AAA Striping & Seal Coating Services for \$44,097.90**  
**CARRIED**
  - C. *Request for Decision – Sims Subdivision Internal Road*
- 360/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Sims Subdivision Internal Road Report and have administration contact the developer and send a letter to the affected residents outlining the status of the road**  
**CARRIED**
  - D. *Request for Decision – Long Term Dirt Supply*
- 361/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the Long-Term Dirt Supply Report and have administration investigate potential long-term dirt supply areas**  
**CARRIED**
  - 06.3.2 Roads
  - 06.3.3 Airport
  - 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches
- 06.4 Utilities/Public Works
  - 06.4.1 Water
    - A. *Request for Decision – Replacement of Dixonville Fire Hydrant*
- 362/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Replacement of the Dixonville Fire Hydrant Quote and approved to replace the fire Hydrant using the Fire Protection Capital Reserve**  
**CARRIED**
  - 06.4.2 Sewage
  - 06.4.3 Solid Waste
- 06.6 Environmental Development
  - 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
    - A. *Administrative Planning and Development Update*
- 363/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Administrative Planning and Development Update and accept it for information**  
**CARRIED**
  - B. *Battle River Pioneer Museum Support Request*
- 364/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Battle River Pioneer Museum Support Request and have administration send a letter inviting the Battle River Pioneer Museum to attend the next council meeting as a delegation**  
**CARRIED**

- 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
- 06.6.3 Agriculture Services
- 06.6.5 Natural Resources
- 06.6.6 Housing / Seniors
- 06.6.9 Tourism

## 07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

365/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Schug to accept the Ward Reports for information**  
**CARRIED**

## 08.0 Info Items

*A. Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Info Package*

366/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yasinski to accept Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Info Package for information**  
**CARRIED**

## 09.0 Open Mic

*Decisions on Delegations*

*Recessed Meeting at 4:30 p.m.  
Dan Archer exited the meeting at 4:55 p.m.  
Reconvened the Meeting at 5:00 p.m.*

367/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to have Tuesday, July 14, 2026, council meeting go in camera with council, CAO, DOF, DPW and Planning & Development Clerk at 5:23 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*The public, Jessica Gummesen (EA) exited the meeting at 5:23 p.m.  
Gerhard Stickling (CAO), Charles Schwab (DPW) exited the meeting at 6:14 p.m.  
Gerhard Stickling (CAO), Charles Schwab (DPW) returned to the meeting at 6:27 p.m.  
Pearl Luken (Planning and Development Clerk) exited the meeting at 6:27 p.m.  
Charles Schwab (DPW) exited the meeting at 6:42 p.m.  
Josh Hunter (DOF) exited the meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

368/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Schug to have Tuesday, July 14, 2026, council meeting come out of in camera at 7:53 p.m.**  
**CARRIED**

*Charles Schwab (DPW), Jessica Gummesen (EA), Pearl Luken (Planning and Development Clerk), Josh Hunter (DOF) returned to the meeting at 7:53 p.m.  
Councilors Halabisky, These, Reese, exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m.*

369/14/07/26 **MOVE BY Councilor Schug, following in camera discussion, to have administration advise the resident that no enforcement action will be taken until August 31, 2027. During this period, administration will review the development application and determine how it may be brought into compliance with the Land Use Bylaw. Have administration report back to council with information regarding applicable setbacks, zoning requirements, and potential road closure and/or road lease options**  
**CARRIED**

370/14/07/26 **MOVED BY Councilor Yasinski to approve the addition of one (1) full-time Equipment Operator position**  
**CARRIED**

371/14/07/26 **MOVE BY Councilor Schug to approve the creation of a Regional Fire Chief position. The position shall report directly to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and have the executive compensation policy amended to include the executive salary grid with an annual salary range of \$105,000 to \$130,000**  
**CARRIED**

## 10.0 In Camera Items

*A. ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy*

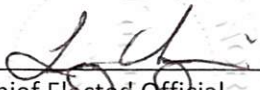
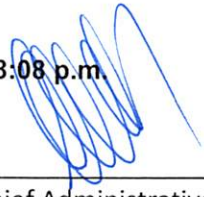
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- B. ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- C. ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- D. ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- E. ATIA Section 20 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) ATIA Section 24 (Workplace investigations)
- F. ATIA Section 20 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
- G. ATIA Section 19 – Disclosure harmful to business interest of a third party

**11.0 Adjournment**

Reeve Ungarian adjourned Tuesday, July 14, 2026, meeting at 8:08 p.m.

  
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Chief Elected Official  
Terry Ungarian  
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Chief Administrative Officer  
Gerhard Stickling