



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #1, JULY 2026

July 14, 2026, Council and Rate Payers Meeting in Keg River 4:00pm – 8:15pm

We held our July meeting in conjunction with a rate payer meeting with about 12 people attending

July 23, 2026, Special Meeting and Strategic Planning 12:30pm – 6:00pm

Meeting as per agenda

Gary These

Gary These, County of Northern Lights Ward 1 Councillor



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Councillor Kayln Schug

- July 8, 2026** **North Peace Housing Meeting – Heritage Towers** **4:00 pm – 8:15 pm**
- This month, our regular meeting was held at the Heritage Towers in Peace. Perhaps the most important highlight was that the elevator is fully functional once again for the time being. Unfortunately, a replacement is still required, and NPHF is working with the provincial government on how that will roll out. The monthly synopsis attached to our monthly agenda packages contains most of the information to be shared. However, some key highlights from my perspective include: planning a “welcome back” event at the Harvest Lodge now that all the residents have been able to move back in since the flood; a governance review framework; a discussion on marketing and promotion to fill vacancies and on education for the public about what we can offer; the board approved a letter to ADM David Williams about feedback we are witnessing at NPHF on continuing care transitions; and feedback on a draft policy for how NPHF will handle assessment appeals on municipal requisitions going forward. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2nd at the Harvest Lodge in Fairview.
- July 13, 2026** **RCMP Advisory Committee – Sub Planning Meeting** **5:15 pm – 6:45 pm**
- The group met to discuss how we can plan and organize a parent and caregiver event this fall. The event aims to share critical information and resources with parents and caregivers who support our youth in our communities, covering topics such as internet safety, bullying, and mental health. A similar but limited pilot project was rolled out by AHS last year, so we decided to reach out to the AHS contact to see if we could repeat that program in other communities instead of building a whole new program. We agreed to pause planning until we hear back from AHS on that.
- July 14, 2026** **Council Meeting in Keg River** **1:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- Items were discussed as per the agenda and can be viewed on the county’s YouTube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/@countyofnl>.
- Ratepayer portion – I think council took away some lessons learned in organizing and advertising the meeting schedule to allow for maximum ratepayer attendance and feedback, but it was great to see people come out for lunch and pose questions for Linda to ask on their behalf.
- July 15, 2026** **ICF Meeting (MD of Peace, Town of Peace River, CNL)** **10:00 am – 11:40 am**
- Terry and I met with the Town of Peace River and the MD of Peace to begin discussions on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF), which were held in closed session, as permitted under Alberta’s Municipal Government Act. This is routine practice to protect confidential intermunicipal negotiations. Details will be provided to the public when appropriate and to council as required.
- July 16, 2026** **Crime Watch Event – Peace River** **5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**
- Mighty Peace Crime Prevention Association (MPCPA) helped co-host this information event with the inventor and owner of Safety Aid to showcase new technology to help fight crime. Safety Aid is the inventor and distributor of the guide light systems (for those interested, they can be purchased at the county office front desk). He demonstrated the new AI security cameras and the gate signs equipped with similar guide light technology. It was a great evening of learning. It was great to be able to show some resources to key industry representatives who were in attendance, as well as members of the public. We were fortunate to have representation from Obsidian, Baytex, North Peace Housing, and others.

July 18, 2026 Rodeo Parade – Manning 10:00 am – 11:30 am

It was so exciting to see the entire Town of Manning rally together to celebrate the Comets and their success; the theme was so much fun! Thanks to Brent and Linda for being brave enough to sing karaoke, and to Gloria and Brenda for handing out candy to all the excited kids. A big shout-out to the staff and councillors who helped decorate the float, and to Charles for driving us around on his day off!

July 23, 2026 Town of Peace River & Mental Health Task Force 1:00 pm - 2:45 pm

While out at the crime convention (ACCPA) in Calgary this past May, I connected with a consultant who helps address crime and social disorder by addressing the root causes of mental health. Since then, we have been working together on a plan to address the concerns highlighted in our communities and the gaps in our social services. I sat down with some town representatives to share my ideas and brainstorm ways we can leverage provincial grant opportunities to help address the homelessness concerns we are seeing. It was a great conversation, and I look forward to sharing some of those plans soon, when they are ready to be rolled out to the public.

July 23, 2026 CNL Special Council Meeting & Strategic Plan Review 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Items were discussed as per the Special Meeting Agenda; the meeting was held in closed session. The motions passed when council came out of closed session will be available to the public on the website through the approved meeting minutes.

3:00 pm - Council met to review and discuss any changes to the Strategic Plan, and a second meeting was scheduled to finish the process for August 18th.

July 28, 2026 Peace River Doctor Breakfast - PRMHTF 9:30 am – 11:00 am

I was invited by the chair of the Peace River Doctor Recruitment and Attraction Committee to attend a welcome breakfast as Chair of the Mental Health Task Force Committee. I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Obasaremi (an emergency doctor) and Dr. Olofinlade (a psychiatrist), who are both currently residing in London, UK, but are excited about the opportunity to potentially come and practice in Peace River. They are very excited to come and live in our region. We had a great conversation about our region and answered their questions. Following breakfast, Susan Smith (AHS Physician Resource Planner) and a local realtor took them on a tour of facilities and the town. I look forward to hearing an update on what they decide to do!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

August 2nd – Battle River Pioneer Museum – Lunch Help - @ 10:45 am

August 4th – Future of Policing Meeting – Grimshaw @ 7:00 pm

August 9th – Metis Nuclear Engagement Session – Peace River @ 4:00 pm

August 11th – Council Meeting @ 9 am

August 14th – RMA Zone Meeting – High Prairie @ 10 am

Holiday Note – I am away from Tuesday, August 25 until 28th – will periodically check email, but I am away.



Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug – Ward Two



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WARD # 4 ___ July, 2026

Brent Reese

July 14: Regular council meeting Keg River.

July 23: Special Council Meeting.

PREA Position Paper: I'm getting feedback from residents on the position paper and its not favourable. People take issue with the fact that paper mentions approval ratings in Ontario for nuclear power but totally ignores the results of the actual plebiscite that was held here last year.

Another issue is that the input for the paper was collected not from the public but from closed sessions with municipal councillors. How can this document claim to speak for the people of this region when they're not consulted? A development on the scale proposed requires social license which requires the trust and support of the community. This can't be manufactured or produced by a consultant.

This paper has not just disappointed some people but angered them as well. The message I've been getting is that this paper is an advertisement produced with public money for the benefit of one developer and does not represent the majority of the public.

Brent



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WARD #5 JULY 2026

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE

TIME

July 14, 2026 *Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda followed by Ward 7 Ratepayers Meeting* 1:00 pm-8:07 pm
Linda and company prepared a lovely lunch for Council, administration and ratepayers of burgers, hot dogs, salad and dessert. There were approximately 12 resident ratepayers who attended. They had concerns about some roads needing gravel/repairs. (note: Ward 7 - Keg River is scheduled for re Gravel Program this year). Some concerns about opening up of crown land. Administration will contact the residents to discuss this further.

July 18, 2026 *Rode on CNL Float at the Battle River Ag Society Parade* 10:00 am-11:00 am
Lots of floats and the atmosphere was electric with everyone saluting the Manning Comets Senior Hockey Team on their Championship Win of the 2026 Campbell Cup! The streets were lined up with excited parade watchers. Thanks to Brent & Linda for karaoke. I had lots of comments from spectators who appreciated the live music coming from our float. Thanks to Charles, our driver and to Brenda and Kayln who added beauty to the float! It was an awesome morning.



July 22, 2026 *Attended Manning & Community Enhancement Meeting* 10:30 am- 12:00 pm
This year NPARA has offered to lead the Yard Contest
Skate Park- revitalization still on going. Dugouts still need to be moved from old ball diamonds by the arena. The Gazebo in full construction and the Town Centre Clock has been ordered.
Manning Vision Credit Union has offered a mortuary donation of \$200 to go towards purchase of trees/scrubs in the community Hub. We have reapplied for the New Horizons Seniors Grant. Also, Janine will reapply for the Blue Cross Grant for walking/cycling trails.

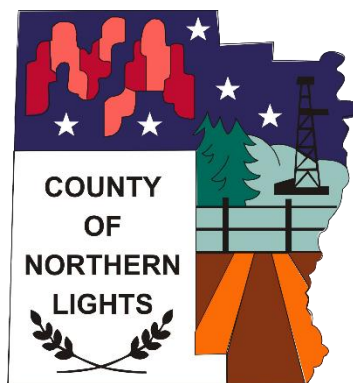
July 23, 2026 *Attended Special Council Meeting as per agenda* 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Annual review of the Strategic Plan 2024-2033 as per agenda 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

July 30, 2026 *Attended NPARA Farm & Field Tour & Dinner* 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
A full house enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Neighbors Catering. After dinner one of the Guest Speakers Joel Williams presented. He is an independent plant and soil health educator, consultant, and founder of Integrated Soils. He specializes in soil biology, plant nutrition, and agroecological farming systems, helping growers improve soil function, crop resilience, and nutrient efficiency. Joel holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science specializing in plant and soil dynamics and an MSc in Food Policy

Dr. Miles Dyck, a Professor of Soil Science in the Department of Renewable Resources at the University of Alberta and Dr. Aziz Ullah, a Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science within the Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences at the University of Alberta presented during the field tour.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Dechant", written in black ink.

Gloria Dechant, County of Northern Lights Ward 5 Councillor



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WARD #6

July 2026

July 10th

PREA media training

1300/1500

Virtual session with PREA communication consultant to go over the position paper media release as there may be potential questions from various media outlets. Basically emphasizing that PREA is not the developer of any projects nor the regulatory authority. PREA is aligned with higher levels of government on future energy development and support economic development in the region and sharing of information. Any proposed projects are only at the beginning of the process and any approvals will be many, many months away. Communication consultant will be handling most of the media requests on behalf of PREA.

July 13th

Regional mtg

1000/1200

Travel to MD of Peace office to meet with MD of Peace and Northern Sunrise County ICF (Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework) task force members. RE: upcoming regional ICF discussions. Closed meeting.

July 14th

Council mtg/ratepayer mtg

1000/2100

Travel to Keg River Hall, Linda served lunch, thank you for that. Regular council meeting and then a brief break for ratepayer meeting, only a few residents stayed for this but there were some questions plus some others left their questions with Linda regarding roads, etc. Resume council meeting then travel home.

July 15th

Regional ICF meeting

0800/1300

Travel to Peace River and meet with task force members from MD of Peace, Northern Sunrise County and Town of Peace River to hold initial regional ICF meeting. Agree to engage a facilitator and look at dates for next meeting.

July 21st Western Canadian Nuclear Masterclass 0800/1600

Attend the Western Canadian Nuclear Masterclass session in Calgary. Presentation on how the industry is regulated under constitutional authority. The Constitution had nothing written in regards to nuclear energy as it wasn't in existence at that time. Amendments were added to the constitution by parliament as the industry evolved and developed and was broadly supported by parliament. All provinces will have some role in permitting nuclear development; indigenous communities will have a consultation process and municipalities have a very small role that includes municipal infrastructure and land use planning. Other presentations included Government of Alberta and SaskPower, NWMO, financing nuclear projects (European model).

July 23rd Special council meeting 1230/1400

Special council meeting held with a brief agenda.

July 23rd Strategic Plan review 1400/1700

Review current strategic plan and discuss if the goals and objectives are still relevant and align with administration and budget. Long discussions that never allowed time to get through all items so will schedule another date to complete.

July 29th Manning Sports Center board mtg 1830/2100

Review financials, approved. Zamboni is back from maintenance company and is ready to go. Lighting upgrade is now complete, plumbing work is mostly completed, air handling upgrade is still a work in progress. Target date for having ice installed in arena is August 24th. Arena had more use over the summer months than in the past which is very good to hear.

July 30th NPARA field tour 1700/2030

Attend NPARRA annual field tour. Started off with introduction to staff then had an excellent roast beef supper. Presentation on soil health followed by tour of research plots.



Terry Ungarian

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

August 5th: Peace River Airport meeting

August 10th: CRAA executive meeting

August 11th: Council meeting

August 14th: RMA Zone meeting

August 17th: Manning Sports Center board meeting

August 18th: Strategic Plan review

August 25: Fairview College/Northern Lakes ceremony



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WARD #7, JULY, 2026

MEETING AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE

TIME

July 14, 2026 Regular council Meeting and Rate Payers Meeting

1:00PM – 8:07PM

Regular meeting held in Keg River and Rate Payers, had lunch first then the regular meeting and while there were 11 people there from my ward and the regular attendee and reporter, the people left as the meeting was held first, but they did give me questions to ask when we would have had the Rate Payers Information and the 3 that were there said we could just go into the questions that I had from the other rate payers and we advised that if they wanted the presentations to contact the office. Next time I will make sure we have the Rate Payers first then the regular meeting. Sorry for the confusion my fault, I need to be better at expressing what I want.

July 23 Special County Meeting and Strategic Plan Review

1:00pm to 5:30pm

Special Council meeting from 1 to 2:30 which was held In-Camera, came out and made motion, adjourn and then we had Strategic Plan Review until 5:30 We review the plan and made adjustments.

Anyone has any questions please feel free and contact me.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

August 4 – Bursary Meeting at 11 at County Office

Aug 11 – Regular Meeting

Aug 14 – RMA District Meeting

Linda Halabisky

Linda Halabisky, County of Northern Lights Ward 7 Councillor