PEACE REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 09, AT 9:30 AM
NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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PRESENT:

Terry Ungarian (Chair)	Reeve, County of Northern Lights
Kayln Schug	Deputy Reeve, County of Northern Lights *(virtual)*
Gerhard Stickling	CAO, County of Northern Lights
Teresa Tupper	Executive Assistant, County of Northern Lights *(Admin Support)*
Sandra Eastman	Deputy Reeve, MD of Peace
Claude Rodrigue	Reeve, Northern Sunrise County
Jason Javos	Deputy Reeve, Northern Sunrise County
Cindy Millar	CAO, Northern Sunrise County *(Outreach Coordinator)*
Colleen Sklapsky	Deputy Mayor, Town of Grimshaw
Olive Toews	CAO, Town of Grimshaw *(virtual)*
Robert McLeod	Mayor, Town of Manning
April Doll	CAO, Town of Manning
Shelly Shannon	Mayor, Town of Peace River
Jeff Forsythe	Councillor, Town of Peace River *(virtual)*
Barb Miller	CAO, Town of Peace River
Nicole Johnson	Reeve, Village of Berwyn
Perry Skrlik	Councillor, Village of Nampa
Dianne Roshuk	CAO, Village of Nampa

GUESTS:

Ali Hounsell	Communications & Public Affairs, Energy Alberta *(virtual)*
Amy Longhorne	Project Director, Energy Alberta *(virtual)*
Scott Henuset	President and CAO, Energy Alberta *(virtual)*
Kelly Bunn	Local Liaison, Energy Alberta *(virtual)*
Kamie Currie	Senior Business Officer, Community Initiatives (North), Alberta Region Prairies Economic Development Canada *(virtual)*
Jake Pastore	President, Summit PCG, Communication Specialists *(virtual)*

REGRETS:

Bob Willing (Vice-Chair)	Reeve, MD of Peace
Brian Allen	CAO, MD of Peace

1. Call to Order

Chair Ungarian called the Thursday, April 9, 2026, PREC Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

By consensus, the Thursday, April 9, 2026, PREC Meeting agenda was adopted with the following correction and addition:

5.5.1 Alberta Energy to Energy Alberta
5.5.7 Canadian Nuclear Conference

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes
   a) *Thursday, February 12, 2026, PREC Meeting Minutes*

By consensus, the Thursday, February 12, 2026, PREC Meeting Minutes were adopted as presented.

4. Updates from Old Business
   ***4.1 ACTION STEP**: On discussion and recommendation from the Communications and Planning Consultant, Jake Pastore; the committee virtually agreed to change the name of PREC to Peace Regional Energy Alliance (PREA)*
   ***OUTCOME**: It is advised that the committee make a motion to change the name of PREC to PREA.*

By consensus, Mayor McLeod moved to change the name of PREC to Peace Regional Energy Alliance.

***4.2 ACTION STEP:** Admin to forward the virtual link to PREA members for the CANHC AGM*
***OUTCOME:** Admin has been advised by Heather Anderson (CANHC Admin) that a link will be sent as soon as Heather has everything ready to go. Admin will send it out to members as soon as it comes through from Heather.*

5. New Business
   ***5.1** Energy Alberta Update (virtual at 9:35 am)*

Scott Henuset, Kelly Bunn and Amy Longhorne were a delegation before the PREA. Introductions were made as PREA gained 3 new municipalities as members.

Update:

- *Site location discussions still on-going, Indigenous consultation ongoing.*
- *Drilling Program conducted in March and is concluded*

- *Additional baseline data being collected for site location: water quality, wildlife observations, air quality monitoring.*
- *A lot of direct contact with affected landowners.*
- *Local Capacity Addition: Kelly Bunn, Liaison and an Indigenous Elder.*
- *Will reach the next milestone in the Impact Assessment Process by April 22. – planning stage ends and then begins the TISG*
- *Working on conceptual design information – what does the project look like, transportation needs, workforce, socio economic working groups*
- *Ongoing engagement – indigenous communities, pop-ups at local venues and sponsorships will continue*
- *Will be starting a newsletter providing updates on a regular basis*
- *Making the website more accessible*
- *Ongoing Activities: employment training procurement program, workforce strategy, future planning needs*
- *Early days meeting with Government Agencies, Educational Institutes, education requirements, (jobs, training)*
- *Government of Alberta should be releasing panel review soon, appreciate the positive support and feedback from communities*
- *As Liaison, Kelly can receive your comments and concerns*
- *Meetings with local PRAMP regarding air quality. Amy will have an air quality monitoring station set-up, meteorological as well as additional equipment for specific data. This will be part of the project for the long term.*

Energy Alberta delegates exited the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

***5.2** Jake Pastore, Summit PCG Update & Draft Position Paper (virtual at 9:50 am)*

Jake's Update:

- *conducted 3 media training sessions with PREA members*
- *Draft Position Paper Objectives: digest content, comment process for refinement, potential for stakeholder engagement piece, pre-circulation of draft before final document is ready.*
- *Asst. Deputy Minister of Utility and Affordability, Minister Williams and others will be given a heads-up of the potential content of the position paper.*
- *This is not intended for us to do alone, we will work with government, proponents, etc. It lays out the alliances position that we as a region are open to nuclear development. PP as a variety of fingers in the piece.*

***ACTION STEP:** Everyone review the draft Position Paper (PP) and provide comments to Jake between April 14 & 17. Copy back to group by April 22. Members to review and digest again. Call a special meeting to go through the paper and a draft communication strategy. After approval, take paper back to individual councils for information.*

***ACTION STEP:** arrange a date for a Special Meeting after April 22*

- *PP is to promote: Viable location and group to act and stimulate nuclear development in northern Alberta. This is the key message - a regional voice that says we are ready to move forward together.*
- *PP is a defining moment for PREA (Chair) a bold endorsement*
- *PP assists the Government in understanding that there is a willing host region.*
- *PP is a confidential document until it is ready to be released to the public.*

By consensus, PREA went into camera at 10:31 a.m. with Jake Pastore for Inter-Government discussion updates.

By consensus, PREA came out of the in-camera portion of the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

***5.3** Kamie Currie, Senior Business Officer, Community Initiatives (North), Alberta Region Prairies Economic Development Canada (virtual at 11:05 a.m.)*

- *Introductions made*
- *Kamie gave a presentation to the members describing PrairieCan's directives and priorities.*
- *4 Roles: Invest, Adviser, Convenes and Pathfinder*
- *Core Programs: BSP - repayable loan for small and med size business; RIE and CEDD help communities*
- *Time Limited Programs:*
- *CEDD: what makes a strong project? 1)Economic development line of sight, 2) alignment, 3) partners, leveraging, 4) impact*
- *Process can be long and intense.*
- *Project Success Stories of CEDD: 1) NWP – Centre for Entrepreneurial Excellence 2) Building a Skilled workforce in Grande Prairie – Work NW*

Kamie.currie@prairiecan.ca

Q&A

Q: Would PREA qualify or meet criteria for a funding stream?

A: Yes, Building a strong Canadian economy under CEDD Core Program

Kamie exited the meeting virtually at 11:30 a.m.

***ACTION STEP:** Administration schedule a meeting with Kamie and a sub-committee of PREA to discuss an application to the CEDD Core Program.*

By consensus, Mayor McLeod moves to appoint the following members to a Sub-committee to sit with Kamie and discuss funding streams and possible applications: Chair Ungarian, Mayor, Shelly Shannon, CAO's Gerhard Stickling, Barb Miller and Northern Sunrise County EDO, Lynn

Jake exited the meeting virtually at 11:35 a.m.

***5.4** Briefing Note: Summary of Sessions attended at the Small Modular Reactor Summit*

***5.5** Briefing Note: CANHC Staff Working Group*

***ACTION STEP:** Cindy to clarify the term – cross cutting issues*

***5.6** Financial Update*

Sandra Eastman, Deputy Reeve, MD of Peace moved to send a request letter to each member Council for seed money for PREA at an ask of $1,000 per member municipality.
CARRIED

***ACTION STEP**: Admin to send a letter to each regional council requesting seed money of $1,000 for membership to PREA.*

***5.7** Canadian Nuclear Conference*

- Fall CNA Conference is November 2 to 4, 2026 in Calgary

Deputy Mayor Colleen Sklapsky moved to have PREA fund $500 to each of the three 3 PREA member municipalities attending the Spring CNA Conference to offset their registration.
CARRIED

ACTION STEP: Admin carry-out the above financial motion to MD of Peace, Town of Peace River and County of Northern Lights.

6. Round Table
   Sandra – "they" are talking about us; we need to be present at these conferences. Attendees are all wanting to get things moving, but the "AH, HA" moment was the realization of the length of time the process takes and having patience. (development process for nuclear projects is several years long).

   Technology would be nice to have the same throughout the province and Canada as it would be better for the supply chain and trades.

   Cindy – show and tell of info & items from CNA. It would be great if we could order and have educational pieces to share with residents. (showed items she picked up at conference to membership).

   Shelly – to be able to talk to my own residents and I want to be confident in speaking with them. Going to these conferences really assists in gaining knowledge to share. The networking with other elected officials in nuclear hosting communities.

   Colleen – concerned community members. Accurate, consistent messaging and talking points.

   Terry – we would be remiss in our duties if we are not present at these conferences and meetings. Our residents rely on us being at the table and in places where we can speak with Provincial / Federal government representatives, elected officials of host communities, and agency representatives.
   Alberta is currently importing power on several occasions.

7. Next Steps
   a) *Host for next Meeting, County of Northern Lights, Council Chambers, Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.*

8. Adjournment

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Thursday, April 09, 2026, PREA meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Chair, Reeve, Terry Ungarian

May 27/26
Date Signed