PEACE REGIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026, AT 1:00 PM
TOWN OF PEACE RIVER COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

REGRETS:

1. Call to Order

Chair Ungarian called the Thursday, February 12, 2026, PREC Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of new members

ACTION STEP: Admin support to write up TOR as indicated by committee and write invitation letters to Village of Nampa, Village of Berwyn and Town of Manning.

- ➢ *The Town of Manning and Village of Nampa replied to the letter and accepted the invitation to be members of PREC. (updated members list attached)*
  - *For now, there is no membership fee for these two municipalities*

ABOVE ACTION STEP MARKED COMPLETED

3. Adoption of Agenda *(by consensus)*

By consensus, the Thursday, February 12, 2026, PREC Meeting agenda was adopted with the addition of 6. c) Northern Sunrise Position Paper.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes
   a) *Thursday, December 04, 2025, PREC Meeting Minutes*

By consensus, the Thursday, December 04, 2025, PREC Meeting Minutes were adopted as presented.

5. Updates from Old Business
   a) **Action Step/Motion: Moved by Stacey Messner, Mayor of the Town of Grimshaw, to invite Jake Pastore from Summit PCG, to conduct a community assessment and stakeholder mapping and outreach report for PREC.**

- ➢ *Status update from Cindy Millar, CAO & Outreach Coordinator for PREC*
- ➢ *Written update from Jake, review his itinerary and set location for Monday, February 23rd in-person meeting. Discuss a budget limit? Refer to financial sheet attached.*
  - Include Town of Manning in Jake's schedule & Village of Nampa (Cindy talk with CAO's)
  - Repeat meeting schedule at Quality Inn as per previous schedule (12noon)
  - As for budget, Chair Ungarian will speak with Prairie-can at the Growing the North Conference to see if there is any funding available for PREC.

ABOVE ACTION STEP MARKED COMPLETED

   b) **Action Step/Motion: Moved by Jason Javos, Deputy Reeve, Northern Sunrise County to approve 2 registrations for the SMR Canada Nuclear Summit from the PREC budget and to send the SMR Conference information back to individual councils.**

- ➢ *Update: names were submitted and drawn from a hat from a co-worker resulting in admin registering Deputy Reeve Sandra Eastman and Councillor Gary These for the SMR Canada Nuclear Summit. Their individual municipalities will take care of hotel accommodation, etc.*
  - Three staff and 2 Elected Officials will be attending from Northern Sunrise County and Reeve Ungarian (CNL). Committee members will report back after conference.

ABOVE ACTION STEP MARKED COMPLETED

   c) **Action Step/Motion: MOVED BY Stacey Messner, Mayor, Town of Grimshaw, send a letter to request a meeting with the Alberta Energy Advisory Panel.**

- ➢ *Update: The panel was in the Peace River area, the 3rd week of January holding public & stakeholder meetings.*
- several PREC members attended the panel meetings
- Good representation from communities, economic development boards/officers
- Minister Williams attended
- Discussed community benefit agreements, construction camps, work force, trade jobs (which are very similar to oil & gas industry).

Municipalities should be REGION READY, what can we learn from other areas like Fort McMurray who had massive growth in a short time period.

ABOVE ACTION STEP MARKED COMPLETED

ACTION STEP: Identify municipalities and reach out to them for discussion so that we can be Region Ready.

Note: Cindy has started connections with other municipalities to learn from them so that we have a better understanding of what our region needs to do.

6. New Business
   a) *Formal approval of updated Terms of Reference*

Remove 'founding' under CAO's section

Moved by Claude Rodrigue, Reeve of Northern Sunrise County to adopt the updated Terms of Reference. CARRIED

b)) CANHC's AGM – Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Terry and Bob attended the meeting in-person last year as it coincided with the CNA conference.

Peace River Mayor Shelley Shannon, CAO Barb Miller, Councilor Jeff Forsythe & their Economic Development Officer will be attending CNA on April 28-30, 2026, and might attend AGM when there.

ACTION STEP: forward the virtual link to members for the CANHC AGM.

b) Northern Sunrise County's Position Paper

- Strategic Planning decision from Northern Sunrise County Council was to draft a position statement. Hopefully there are future opportunities to work with PREC in education for the public.
- Northern Sunrise County has also contacted Jason Donev for education outreach.
- Chair encouraged member municipalities to draft similar positions.

ACTION STEP: to speak to Jake regarding drafting a position statement for PREC at the February 23, 2026, session with Summit PCG.

7. Round Table

- Chair Ungarian reminded the committee that the Revised IPD will state 'technology neutral', as Energy Alberta signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Westinghouse.
- Chair may have an opportunity to meet with Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration and possibly Minister Neudorf at Growing the North.
- Request was made that the new members get up to speed through orientation.

8. Next Steps
   a) Host for next Meeting, Northern Sunrise County, Thursday, April 9, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

9. Adjournment

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Thursday, February 10, 2026, PREC Meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Chair, Terry Ungarian

April 9/26
Date Signed