



MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA

PRESENT:

Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Kayln Schug	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
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 Gummesen	Executive Assistant/ Recorder
Dan Archer	Mile Zero Banner Post Reporter
Pearl Luken	Planning and Development Clerk

REGRETS:

Brenda Yasinski	Ward Three	Dixonville/Chinook Valley
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01.0 Call to Order
01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Ungarian called Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

376/11/08/26 MOVED BY Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Council Meeting Agenda and adopt it with the following additions:
N. Peace Regional Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework
O. Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (PRSDAB) Appointment
P. Unsightly properties in the Hamlet of North Star
Q. Condolences – Passing of the Wife of Former Manning Mayor Greg Rycroft
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

03.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Regular or Special Meeting(s)
A. Tuesday, July 14, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

377/11/08/26 MOVED BY Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of Tuesday, July 14, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them with the following changes:
1. Correct time of meeting from 1:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
2. Correct location from "Held in County Chambers" to "Held in Keg River"
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Thursday, July 23, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes

378/11/08/26 MOVED BY Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of Thursday, July 23, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them presented
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

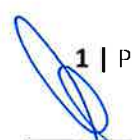
Michael Walker (Associated Engineering (Sask.) LTD) joined the meeting via zoom at 9:00 a.m.
Sean Nicoll (Associated Engineering (GP) LTD) joined the meeting via zoom at 9:00 a.m.

A. Grant Writing Presentation with Michael Walker (Associated Engineering (Sask.) Ltd)

Michael Walker (Associated Engineering (Sask.) LTD) left the meeting via zoom at 9:44 a.m.
Sean Nicoll (Associated Engineering (GP) LTD) left the meeting via zoom at 9:44 a.m.

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business
06.1 Government Services
06.1.1 Council/Legislative

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A. Alberta Municipalities Strength in Members – ABMUNIS Convention & Trade Show

379/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Municipalities Strength in Members – ABmunis Convention & Trade Show invitation and confirm registration of councilor Deputy Reeve Schug has been completed to take advantage of the early-bird pricing
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. RhPAP Conference Swag Bag Request

380/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the RhPAP (Rural Health Professions Action Plan) Conference Swag Bag Request and direct administration to order 200 First Aid kits for donations to the conference
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. 2027 Calendars

381/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the 2027 Calendars, approved list of events and direct administration to cancel Council Meeting on December 28, 2027, due to office closure
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Shared Outlook Calendars and Monthly Calendars (verbal)

382/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Shared Outlook Calendars and Monthly Calendars (verbal) request, accept it for information and implement the sharing of Outlook calendars for councillors, These, Yasinski, Dechant, Halabisky, Reese and Reeve Ungarian with Executive Assistant
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. RMA Zone Resolutions

383/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the RMA Zone four Resolutions, and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. 2026 Student Bursary Recipients

384/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the 2026 Student Bursary Recipients report and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Student Bursary Program (verbal)

385/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the Student Bursary Program (verbal) request and direct Administration to prepare a policy outlining the criteria and process, and bring the draft policy to the next Ordinance Committee meeting for Council to review
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Reeve Ungarian Recessed the Meeting at 10:25 a.m.
Reeve Ungarian Reconvened the Meeting at 10: 37 a.m.*

H. Call to Action: Strengthening Public Safety in Alberta

386/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Call to Action: Strengthening Public Safety in Alberta request and direct administration to prepare a formal response on behalf of Council
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Dixonville Charter School Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Celebration Invitation

387/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the invitation to the Dixonville Charter School Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Celebration, direct Administration to register the following Council members to attend the event: Yasinski, Dechant, These, and Reeve Ungarian ; and confirmed that Reeve Ungarian will participate in the speaking portion of the event
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, from the 49th Battalion: Honour Roll

388/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, from the 49th Battalion: Honour Roll report and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. PREA Committee

389/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Report on the PREA Committee and suspend participation in the PREA Committee
DEFEATED

04.0 Delegations
04.1 Public Hearing
B. Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 26-61-511

390/11/08/26 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to commence the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 26-61-511 at 11:03 a.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Terry Ungarian declared the Public Hearing for Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 26-61-511 open at 11:03 a.m.

Chair Ungarian welcomed all participants

Chair Ungarian requested that the nature of the proposed bylaw be read into the record. Pearl Luken, Planning and Development Clerk, read the following into the record:

In accordance with County Policy, Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 26-61-511 received First Reading on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, Council meeting.

The purpose of today's Public Hearing is to provide an opportunity for members of the public to make comments and submissions regarding the proposed matter under consideration

Chair Ungarian requested confirmation that all required public notification procedures, including newspaper advertisements, public announcements, and applicable notification timeframes, had been completed in accordance with legislative requirements

Bylaw 26-61-511 was posted in the Mile Zero Banner Post on July 15, 2026, and July 22, 2026, on the County's website and County Facebook page

Chair Ungarian called for the PRESENTATION

Pearl Luken (Planning and Development Clerk) read the Proposed Land Use Bylaw No. 26-61-511

BYLAW NO. 26-61-511

COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

BEING A BYLAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS LAND USE BYLAW NO. 12-61-290

WHEREAS the Council of the County of Northern Lights, Province of Alberta, has adopted a Land Use Bylaw; and

WHEREAS the Council has the authority under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 as amended to amend the Land Use Bylaw; and

WHEREAS the Council of the County of Northern Lights deems it desirable to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 12-61-290; now

THEREFORE the Council of the County of Northern Lights, duly assembled, hereby enacts the following:

(1) THAT Schedule 2 ("Land Use Bylaw Maps"), be amended to include the following:

That the land use classification for a portion of Northwest (NW) of section Thirty-Six (36), Township Eighty-Four (84), Range Twenty-Two (22), West of the Fifth Meridian (W5M) be amended from a split zoned parcel in which the North is Zoned Agricultural Restricted (AR) and the South is zoned General Industrial (M1) to the entire parcel being zoned Agriculture Restricted (AR) District as illustrated in Schedule "A" attached hereto

(2) THAT this bylaw shall come into effect upon the date of the final passage thereof.

READ for a First time this 14th day of July 2026.

Chair Ungarian called for any WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in support of the proposed bylaw

To date, no written submissions in support were received

Chair Ungarian called for any WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS opposed to the proposed bylaw

To date, no objections have been received or expressed

Chair Ungarian called for any VERBAL SUBMISSIONS in support of the proposed bylaw

No verbal submissions of support for the amendment were expressed

Chair Ungarian called for any VERBAL SUBMISSIONS opposed to the proposed bylaw

No verbal submission opposed to the amendment was expressed

Chair Ungarian calls for any RECOMMENDATION

Pearl Luken (Planning and Development Clerk) responded:

It is recommended that Council approve Proposed Land Use Bylaw No. 26-61-511 to rezone the parcel in its entirety to the Agricultural Restricted (AR) District

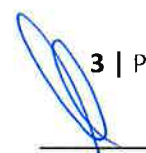
Chair Ungarian asked if there were any questions from Council

Councillor Halabisky asked whether the entire property would be zoned as Agricultural Restricted (AR). Pearl Luken confirmed that it would

Chair Ungarian adjourned the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 26-61-511 at 11:08 p.m.

*Reeve Ungarian Recessed the Meeting at 11:08 a.m.
Reeve Ungarian Reconvened the Meeting at 11:09 a.m.*

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05.0 Policies/ Bylaws
A. Proposed Bylaw Amendment No. 26-61-511

- 391/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor These to give SECOND READING to Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 26-61-511
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 392/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Reese to give THIRD AND FINAL READING to Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 26-61-511
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06.6 Environmental Development
06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
A. Administrative Planning and Development Update

- 393/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the Administrative Planning and Development Update and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Peace River Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 62 Invitation

- 394/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Peace River Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 62 Invitation and direct Administration to register councillor These for the event
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Meeting request with PrairiesCan's Minister, Eleanor Olszewski

- 395/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Meeting request with PrairiesCan's Minister, Eleanor Olszewski, and Direct Administration to respond to the email confirming that Gerhard Stickling (CAO), Reeve Ungarian and Councillor These are available to attend event
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

N. Peace Regional Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

- 396/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Peace Regional Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework report and direct administration to send letter of support for the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant application
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

O. Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (PRSDAB) Appointment

- 397/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (PRSDAB) Appointment request, and appoint the following individuals as temporary Members of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for the sole purpose of hearing Appeal Files No. 26PRSDAB001-A to 26PRSDAB001-E, effective August 11, 2026, with the appointments terminating upon the Board issuing its written decision in those appeals

MEMBER	MUNICIPALITY (representing)
John Croken	MD 136
Lynne Coulter	Town of Fairview

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 398/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (PRSDAB) Appointment request, and approve the appointment of the following individual as a Member of the Peace Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a three-year term, effective August 11, 2026:

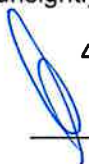
MEMBER	MUNICIPALITY (representing)
Mercedes Doiron	Town of Fairview

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P. Unsightly properties in the Hamlet of North Star

- 399/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Unsightly Properties in the Hamlet of North Star report and direct Administration to notify the property owner of the unsightly concerns in accordance

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with Section 546 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), and add discussion of the Unsightly Properties Bylaw to a future Ordinance meeting
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Q. Condolences – Passing of the Wife of Former Town of Manning Mayor Greg Rycroft

400/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Condolences – Passing of the Wife of Former Town of Manning Mayor Greg Rycroft and direct Administration to order flowers in the amount of \$50.00
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

401/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the CAO Report, and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Reeve Ungarian Recessed the Meeting at 11:51 p.m.
Reeve Ungarian Reconvened the Meeting at 1:00 p.m.*

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance
A. Director of Finance Update

402/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Update Report and accept it for information and direct administrative to continue with the Rural Renewal Stream Community program
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. YTD Budget Variance Report

403/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor These to acknowledge receipt of the YTD Budget Variance Report and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. July 2026 Payment Registers

404/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Payment Registers Report and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

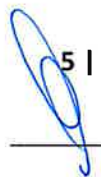
A. Director of Public Works Report

405/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Request for Decision: Sims Subdivision Internal Road - Update

406/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Request for Decision: Sims Subdivision Internal Road - Update report for information and direct administration to cease maintenance on the SIMS Subdivision Internal Road part of SE-22-84-22-W5m and send correspondence to residents and the developer regarding council's decision
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 06.3.2 Roads
- 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
 - 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
 - 06.6.3 Agriculture Services
 - A. Appointment of Summer Weed/Pest Inspectors**

407/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Dechant to appoint Ava Petkus as the Weed and Pest Inspector for the County of Northern Lights, pursuant to Section 9 of the Agricultural Pests Act and Section 5 of the Weed Control Act, for the summer of 2026
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

408/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor These to accept the Ward Reports for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08.0 Info Items

A. Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Info Package

409/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Reese to accept Tuesday, August 11 , 2026 Info Package for information
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

09.0 Open Mic

410/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Schug to direct Administration to follow up with Michael Walker of Associated Engineering Ltd. regarding a more in-depth presentation on the grant-writing application on August 18, 2026

10.0 In Camera Items

411/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councillor Halabisky to move the meeting to in camera at 2:10 p.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, to discuss the following matters:

1. Rural Crime Watch Sign Procurement — pursuant to Section 19 of the Access to Information Act (ATIA); and
2. Bill 28 – Intergovernmental Negotiations — pursuant to Section 26 of the Access to Information Act (ATIA).

With Councillors, Schug, These, Dechant, Reeve Ungarian, Halabisky, Reese, Gerhard Stickling (CAO), Josh Hunter (DOF), Charles Schwab (DPW) and Pearl Luken (Planning and Development Clerk)

*The public, Jessica Gummesen (EA) and Dan Archer exited the meeting at 2:10 p.m.
Pearl Luken (Planning and Development Clerk) exited the meeting at 2:39 p.m.
Charles Schwab (DPW) exited the meeting at 2:44 p.m.*

412/11/08/26 **MOVED BY** Councilor Reese to have the council meeting come out of in camera at 2:54 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

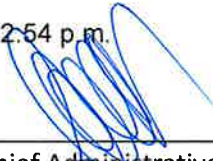
Jessica Gummesen (EA), Charles Schwab (DPW) returned to the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned Tuesday, August 11 , 2026, meeting at 2:54 p.m.

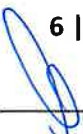


Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling

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