



County of Northern Lights

August 2026 Ward Two Report

Councillor Kayln Schug

August 3, 2026 **Battle River Pioneer Museum** **10:45 am – 1:30 pm**

It was the perfect day for the museum, and I am so grateful that the weather turned around so they could host after having to postpone. I had the privilege of volunteering my time to help wrap hot dogs and beef on buns with Councillor Dechant. It was great to see so many families and residents come out and enjoy the new steam engine and all of the other wonderful activities. I look forward to next year!

August 4, 2026 **Future of Policing Conversation** **7:00 pm – 8:45 pm**

I met with RCMP Advisory Committee members from the Town of Grimshaw and the MD of Peace; unfortunately, the representative from the Village of Berwyn was unable to attend at the last minute. Police coverage and presence are ongoing struggles in smaller communities, so the intent of the meeting was to discuss and research supplements or other options to address these concerns. We were all tasked with researching various ideas and bringing them back for consideration. An update will be provided to the council following the next meeting, once some directions are established.

August 10, 2026 **Guardian Initiative Meeting – PCA/RCMP/Advisory** **2:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

As mentioned in last month's report, the Peace Regional RCMP Advisory Committee has formed a subcommittee to explore hosting a parent education night this fall. Emily Smith with Primary Care Alberta, Peace River Detachment Commander Lacey Blair with the RCMP, and I met on MS Teams to discuss the program PCA is offering and explore ways we can collaborate and expand the event rather than create something new. It was suggested that the RCMP Advisory Committee, in collaboration with PCA, consider holding a safety series for parents and caregivers, based on their feedback and what they would like more information on. We decided that the best way to start collecting the information needed to build the series would be to have a booth at the upcoming Parent Conference Night in October. I have applied for a booth on behalf of the group and will be developing a questionnaire to collect the data needed to build our program.

August 11, 2026 **Council Meeting** **9:00 am – 2:55 pm**

Items were discussed as per the agenda and can be viewed on the county's YouTube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/@countyofnl>.

Ordinance Meeting – Policies discussed included: Beaver Control Policy, Road Use Bylaw, Council Advocacy Policy, Council Communication Policy, Nepotism Policy, Ratepayer Meeting Policy, Bereavement and Illness Policy, Off Duty Misconduct Policy, COVID-19 Policy, and a discussion began on the Social Media Policy. Council provided comments along with the management team. Amendments will be made as discussed, and the policies will be brought back to the regular council agenda for ratification.

August 14, 2026 **RMA District 4 Zone Meeting – High Prairie** **9:45 am – 3:30 pm**

It was exciting to chair my first Zone meeting. I appreciate the patience and grace that I was given as I navigated my first meeting. There is certainly a newfound respect for all the chairs who served the zone ahead of me – the time commitment and scheduling across 14 municipalities are challenging and require a lot of dedication, but it is incredibly rewarding to be trusted in the role. I look forward to presenting some proposed changes that incorporate lessons learned at our next zone meeting.

We heard 4 resolutions that included: Weather Stations, Modernization of Municipal Investments, Non-Payment of Municipal Fire Suppression and Emergency Response, and Casino Opportunities for Charitable Organizations – all passed the zone level and will now be taken to the RMA Conference in November. We also heard presentations from Dan Williams with Municipal Affairs, Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance, Consulting Engineers of Alberta, Alberta Transportation, the Electricity Disparity Update from the County of Grande Prairie, and Data Center Information from the Mihta Askiy Data Center project proposed in Northern Sunrise County.

I appreciate the membership passing a motion to approve a set hosting schedule, as that will allow the host communities time to plan and organize for the biannual meetings. It was also nice to recognize and acknowledge the long service awards for those in our zone. Planning now begins for the next meeting, scheduled for February 12, 2027, in the MD of Fairview.

August 18, 2026 Strategic Planning Review/Ordinance/Associated Engineering Q&A 9:00 am – 4:45 pm

Council met to finish going over our Strategic Planning yearly review. It always proves to be a good exercise to go over and ensure that what we are doing aligns with our strategic plan. I look forward to achieving measurable outcomes for key priorities. The administration will bring the amended plan back to the council once all comments are incorporated.

Following lunch, we also completed the Ordinance Meeting agenda items we did not have time to address at the August Meeting. Policies discussed were: Procedural Bylaw (25-11-502) and Social Media Policy. It was also discussed that the Schedule of Fees Bylaw and the Coaching and Enforcement Policy be tabled and brought back to the next meeting. Amendments will be made as discussed, and the policies will be brought back to the regular council agenda for ratification.

Lastly, we heard from Michael Walker with Associated Engineering, who presented the entirety of his August 11th presentation to council. Due to the time constraints at our regular council meeting, the presentation was rushed, and council wanted to hear the entire presentation on this very important proposal. Our municipality would really benefit from capitalizing on grants and funding streams we may not yet know about and the knowledge they have of how to maximize success on applications.

August 20, 2026 Engagement on the Draft Caribou Plans Webinar 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

I attended an online meeting with fellow municipal representatives to learn more about the draft Caribou Mountains and Red Earth Sub-Regional Plans, which were released for public engagement on July 24, 2026. It was incredibly frustrating to hear the concerns raised by fellow colleagues in Mackenzie County, Big Lakes County, and the MD of Opportunity. As we know, much of our tourism and daily lives rely on the ability to use and enjoy crown land. Everything from tourism to grazing land to jobs is impacted by these plans. As the NWSAR Chair noted, this means plans need to be based on factual data, and the current draft of the plan makes it clear that the data contains serious errors. I appreciate the concerns raised and am glad to hear the GoA is documenting them. I encourage everyone to take a look at the websites below – get informed and have your say. The end of the public comment period is October 26, 2026.

Plans can be viewed at: <https://www.alberta.ca/caribou-mountains-sub-regional-plan-engagement> or <https://www.alberta.ca/red-earth-sub-regional-plan-engagement>

August 27, 2026 Data Center Town Hall- Virtually GoA Engagement 6:00 pm – 7:10 pm

The Alberta Government (GoA) is hosting Data Center Townhalls across the province. Minister Nate Glubish of Technology and Innovation, along with his team, hosted the online event, alongside Premier Danielle Smith and Minister of Municipal Affairs Dan Williams. The moderator was MLA Justin Wright. The telephone town hall had over 12,500 participants, which shows how important the topic is. It was interesting to hear that the only complaints/comments received from Northern Alberta were from Grande Prairie, while many of the questions came from Calgary and Southern Alberta.

The town hall also included two polling questions that participants could answer. Question #1 was: Do you support setbacks for a data center in your municipality? Question #2 was: What is your biggest concern about data center development? The options for response were a) Protecting the affordability of electricity, b) Protecting the reliability of the grid, c) Protecting water resources, d) Protecting nearby communities, e) Other.

Highlights of some of the questions raised included: what consideration has been taken to ensure that, as the technology changes, we don't end up with 'orphan technology centers' as we did with oil and gas? How will the GoA ensure taxpayers are not paying for the data centers, given that they are facing cash flow issues and considering circular financing? There were many questions about water usage (particularly regarding non-closed-loop designs) and tax breaks. One questioner asked about on-grid vs off-grid plants, and why the GoA isn't requiring data center proponents to stay totally off-grid, so costs go down. In all, 17 questions were asked to the panel, and not a lot of new clarity was given – they were the same messages the GoA has been sharing all along: they took 2 years to do the research to change how the framework was designed, that data centers are made for our cold weather and our 'ocean of natural gas supply'.

I took more detailed notes, which I am happy to share with the council should they request them.

August 31, 2026

Opioid Awareness and Art Show Event –Peace River

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

I was invited as Chair of the Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force to attend this annual Opioid Awareness Event, which coincides with International Overdose Awareness Day. The invitation was also sent to all the RCMP Advisory Committee members as well, so I wore two hats for the event. I was able to partake in Naloxone training and have some great conversations with the service providers in the area (PCA, EMS, Canadian Mental Health, Restorative Justice, Recovery Alberta). They had a very powerful art show of work that addicts in recovery have drawn of how they view themselves and how they think others see them. I set up an appointment with Canadian Mental Health to go tour their recovery housing project they have been working on in Peace River. It was a very busy event; by the time I left, they had recorded over 45 visitors.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

September 1st – Peace River ICF Meeting @ 2:00 pm
September 2nd – North Peace Housing Meeting @ Harvest Lodge in Fairview @ 4 pm
September 4th – Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force Committee Meeting @ 4:00 pm
September 8th – Council Meeting @ 9 am and Pond Hockey AGM @ 7 pm in Grimshaw
September 10th – Peace Regional Energy Alliance Meeting @ 2 pm & Suicide Event in Peace River 5 pm – 8pm
September 13th – Welcome Back BBQ at Harvest Lodge in Fairview @ 11:00 am
September 14th – Grimshaw Regional Healthcare and Attraction Committee (GRHARC) @ 6:30 pm
September 15th – Recovery Alberta Mental Health Series Webinar Part 2 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
September 16th – Peace Regional RCMP Advisory Committee Meeting @ 5:00 pm
September 17th – Peace River Area Monitoring Program (PRAMP) AGM @ 9 am
September 22nd – Council Meeting @ 9 am and then travel to Edmonton for AB Munis Conference
September 23rd to 25th – Alberta Municipalities Conference in Edmonton
September 29th - Recovery Alberta Mental Health Series Webinar 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm



Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug – Ward Two



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DATE	MEETINGS/CONFERENCES
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August 17	LLRWMSC, Main Site
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7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Circular Materials Update

Members received an update on the Circular Materials recycling program, which remains scheduled to begin October 1. Several items still need to be completed before launch, including site inspections, bin deliveries, and distributing instructional materials to municipalities for residents.

CAO Report

- Year-to-date financials were reviewed.
- Litter control at the main site has been completed.
- A break-in occurred at the North Star Transfer Station on July 27 and was reported.
- CNL contract mowers will mow the regional site.
- Cement and asphalt crushing is expected to be completed this month.

Upcoming Activities

- Fall residential cleanup will run from September 28 to October 3, with extended hours at Grimshaw, Weberville, and Warrensville.
- Members will take part in a transfer station tour during the September meeting, as three new members have joined the board.

August 18	Strategic Planning Session, Council Chambers
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9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Council finished up reviewing the strategic plan starting with focus areas #3, 4 and 5. Items reviewed there was the asset management plan and the fire services consolidation underway. STIP funding for local roads, bridges, and the airport as priorities. The need for an expansion plan for residential water and the possibility of adding assets to the GIS system was discussed.

August 18	Ordinance Committee Meeting, Council Chambers
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1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Council reviewed several bylaws including Council Procedures Sec. 11(d) Delegations, the Social Media Policy required revisions, and the schedule of fees will be reviewed at the next ordinance meeting.

August 18	Grant Writing, Council Chambers
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3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Council was presented with a Grant Writing session by Micheal Walker of Associate Engineering. We were presented with alternate project funding/grants and given tips on writing successful grant applications.

August 20	MPTA Executive Meeting, Virtual
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6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

ED Tammy Brauer presented year-to-date and budget financial reports, and members reviewed items for the upcoming board meeting. She also provided an update on summer projects, including the Full Circle Project. MPT is partnering with Seekers Media and MapForce on the project, which is funded by a Travel Alberta grant and helps members improve their Google presence, increase phone calls and in-person visits, and generate more sales. So far, 15 members have participated, with 90% fully optimizing their Google Business Profiles. From June 15 to August 15, their profiles received 74,107 unique views and requests for directions increased by 156%. Some operators are



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already reporting sales increases linked directly to the project. The committee also discussed the fee structure. Membership fees will increase in 2027 by 3% for municipalities, bringing the County fee to \$324.07, and by \$5 for businesses, increasing the annual fee from \$295 to \$300. The increases are intended to offset inflation gradually rather than requiring a larger adjustment after several years.

August 29 Dixonville Rural Academy Grand Opening, Dixonville

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Grand Opening was very successful. MLA Dan Williams attended and brought greetings both as MLA and on behalf of Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides. After introductions of the superintendent, teaching staff, and support staff, the school opening was made official with a ribbon cutting. Burgers, hotdogs, and cake were served to 100 guests. The strong attendance showed wonderful support from the community.

August 31 MPTA Board Meeting, Peace River

6:30 pm – 7:40 pm

The board received the same presentations previously shared with the executive. Sponsorship packages for the Northern AB Tourism Summit, taking place in Peace River from April 12 to 14, will be sent out soon. Board members are encouraged to seek sponsorships for the event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

Sept. 8	Council Meeting	9:00 am
Sept. 15	PRAIC	9:30 am
Sept. 16	South Rec Board	7:00 pm
Sept. 21	LLRWMS	7:00 pm
Sept. 22	Council Meeting	9:00 am

Brenda Yasinski, County of Northern Lights, Ward 3 Councillor



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WARD #4 August 2026
Councillor Brent Reese

August 11,2026 Regular council meeting & Ordinance meeting 9:00am – 3:00pm

August 18,2026 Strategic Planning 9:00am – 12:00pm

August 26,2026 Mercer Announcement 11:30am – 5:30pm

The federal government has provided 20 million dollars to Mercer along with another 17 million from the province to get them through the difficult times for pulp production due to tariffs and market uncertainty. This should also assist their transition to more profitable softwood based production. As Mercer is our largest taxpayer, this is a pretty significant deal for us.

August 28,2026 Dixonville School Opening 1:00pm – 2:30pm

A good turnout for this event. It's great to see the hard work pay off for volunteers and board members who have been working on this project for the last year. Congratulations to all of them

Upcoming Events

September 8, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting @9:00am

September 11,2026 – Interprovincial Meeting @11:00am

September 22,2026 – Regular Council Meeting @9:00am

Brent Reese



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WARD #5

AUGUST 2026

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE		TIME
Aug. 3, 2026	<i>Volunteered working Food Booth Battle River Museum</i> I attended the Manning Battle River Pioneer Museum's annual Heritage Day Celebration and volunteered in the food booth. It was a wonderful community event that brought together residents, families and visitors together to celebrate our local history and pioneer heritage. The day included a pancake breakfast, threshing demonstration, antique tractor displays and parade, along with various demonstrations showcasing early agricultural and pioneer practices. The museum's collection and activities provide an important opportunity to preserve and share the history of our area with younger generations and visitors to the region. I was pleased to volunteer in the food booth and be part of the many volunteers who worked together to make the day a success. It was great to see the community come together, and I appreciate the dedication of the museum volunteers who continue to preserve and promote our local heritage.	11:00 am-2:00 pm
Aug. 4, 2026	<i>Review of 2026 Student Bursary Program Applications</i> The Bursary Committee reviewed ten outstanding bursary applications for the County's two \$2,500 bursaries. The selection process was both rewarding and challenging as each applicant demonstrated strong academic goals, community commitment, and financial need. After careful consideration of the established bursary criteria, the committee selected two deserving recipients. Congratulates the successful applicants and I commend all ten students for their achievements and wish them every success in their post-secondary education. The bursary program continues to be an important investment in the future of our youth and our region.	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Aug. 11, 2026	<i>Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda</i> <i>Attended Ordinance Standing Meeting as per agenda</i> Council reviewed a number of County policies and operational matters at the Ordinance Standing Committee meeting. <i>Beaver Policy:</i> The policy will be updated to the County's new policy format. <i>Road Use Bylaw:</i> Council discussed potential changes to road-use requirements, including commercial and large equipment haulers, road maintenance charges, road bonds, temporary approaches, gravel pit dust control, and Road Use Agreements. Further work is required to define commercial haulers and determine appropriate fees and responsibilities. <i>Council Advocacy Policy:</i> The policy will be updated, including removal of the advocacy tables and revisions to the policy renewal process. <i>Council Communications Policy:</i> Updates will ensure the policy appropriately references the Access to Information Act. <i>Ratepayer Meeting Policy:</i> Council reviewed proposed improvements to ensure legislative alignment, clarify roles and responsibilities, establish meeting procedures and public participation guidelines, and provide a clear process for follow-up on ratepayer questions.	9:00 am-2:54 pm 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Bereavement and Illness Policy: The policy will be updated to reflect the provisions of the Collective Agreement and clarify the definition of immediate family.

Off-Duty Misconduct Policy: The policy title will be revised to remove the reference to social media, as the County has a separate Social Media Policy.

COVID-19 Policy: Council agreed that the outdated COVID-19 Policy should be rescinded, with a formal motion to be brought forward at a future Council meeting. The County now has a Pandemic Policy through its Occupational Health and Safety Program.

Social Media Policy: Council reviewed proposed updates to clarify employee responsibilities regarding personal and professional social media use, County branding, confidentiality, copyright, and reporting inappropriate content.

Aug. 14, 2026 *Attended RMA District Zone 4 Meeting hosted by Big Lakes County* 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 4 meeting held August 14, 2026, at the Pioneer Thresherman's Hall in High Prairie. The meeting brought together representatives from 14 rural municipalities to discuss regional issues, RMA advocacy, resolutions and municipal priorities.

Key items discussed included:

District Resolutions: Four resolutions were considered and carried, addressing improved agricultural weather stations, modernization of municipal investment options, recovery of municipal emergency response costs from utility companies, and improved access to charitable casino opportunities for rural organizations.

District Membership: A motion was carried to establish an annual membership fee of \$100 per municipality for one year, with the fee to be reviewed following that period.

Hosting Rotation: RMA District 4 adopted a 2027–2033 master hosting rotation schedule for its meetings. The motion carried, including an exchange of the 2027 hosting dates between the MD of Fairview and Clear Hills County.

Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance: Members received an overview of watershed management, including water planning, drought resiliency, wetlands, source water protection and areas where watershed management intersects with municipal planning.

RMA Advocacy: Updates were provided on Bill 28, infrastructure financing, unpaid municipal property taxes, municipal insurance and procurement programs. RMA continues to advocate for rural municipal interests and clearer provincial direction on several of these matters.

Minister of Municipal Affairs: Minister Dan Williams provided updates on municipal legislation, council accountability, infrastructure funding and the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF). Infrastructure needs, municipal debt and funding pressures were identified as significant concerns for municipalities.

Transportation: Derek Young from Alberta Transportation provided updates on bridge rehabilitation, highway projects and maintenance. Of particular regional interest were the Peace River Arch Bridge, Wapiti Bridge, Dunvegan Bridge, Highway 733/739, Highway 33 and Highway 749 projects.

Electricity Costs: The significant disparity in ATCO utility costs in the region was discussed. Proposed legislation may provide a \$50 reduction on residential utility bills beginning in 2027, although broader economic equalization remains an issue.

A presentation was also provided on the Mihta Askiy Data Centre Project.

Next District 4 meeting: February 12, 2027, hosted by MD of Fairview.

Aug. 18, 2026 *Attended Strategic Plan Review Meeting (continued from July 23 meeting)* 9:00 am-1:00 pm

This meeting provided an opportunity for Council to review the Strategic Plan, identify areas requiring updated or measurable goals, and establish follow-up work in financial planning, infrastructure, public engagement and economic development. The following were discussed:

Community Well-Being: Discussed improving resident engagement through website, social media and Voyant Alert, with quarterly analytics to be provided to Council.

Council also reviewed community funding and opportunities to support events throughout the County. The affordable housing action was removed due to the current lack of identified demand.

Financial Sustainability: Reviewed long-term financial planning, waterline projects, reserves and investment strategies. Council discussed developing a tax strategy and requested a long-term waterline plan. Administration will also review fees and charges and determine the break-even cost of water services.

Sustainable Infrastructure: Council discussed long-term asset management, road classification, GIS improvements, bridge priorities, emergency-services radio concerns, water-system expansion and grant opportunities.

Economic Development: Significant discussion focused on developing measurable economic development goals, identifying areas for residential and industrial growth, supporting existing businesses, attracting new businesses and residents, and determining whether the County should invest in hiring an Economic Development Officer. A business survey is to be developed for Council review in September.

Good Governance & Service Excellence: Council confirmed that many governance, service and collaboration initiatives are already underway. Discussion included developing a one-page service inventory, improving communication with residents, continuing ICF/PREA/Airport discussions, and providing a Council scorecard and newsletter.

Aug. 18, 2026 *Ordinance Standing Committee Meeting (continued from Aug. 11 meeting)* 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Council Procedures Bylaw 25-11-502: Council discussed changes regarding delegations, Open Mic, and media inquiries. Delegations will remain limited to 10 minutes, with introductions and questions outside that time. Open Mic will remain separate from media and will be limited to two minutes per speaker. A separate “Media Inquiries” item will be added to the Council agenda.

Social Media Policy: Revisions to the policy are still required and will be brought back to Council for consideration.

Schedule of Fees: Proposed fees for subdivisions, development permits, and fines will be reviewed at the next meeting. Council will also consider recommendations and strategies for public notification.

Aug. 18, 2026 *Grant Writing Presentation (Virtual)* 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Council received a very informative presentation from Michael Walker of Associated Engineering Ltd. on grant writing and alternative funding opportunities. The presentation highlighted the importance of being proactive and having projects identified and “grant-ready” before funding opportunities are announced. We also discussed potential funding sources for future infrastructure, water, fire services, and other municipal projects. Associated Engineering recommended developing a four- to five-year funding plan to help identify upcoming needs and match them with available grant programs.

Aug. 29, 2026 *Attended Dixonville Charter School Grand Opening* 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

The afternoon began with opening remarks from Board Chairperson, Brenda Yasinski, greeting and congratulations from MLA Dan Williams, Ward 4 Councillor Brenda Yasinski, Superintendent Joey Bouchard and Principal Joshua Litela Ansah.

Following speeches there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours of the new academy, and an opportunity to meet staff, teachers and members of the community. The opening of Dixonville Rural Academy is an exciting milestone for the community and provides an important opportunity for local families and students.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:	START TIME
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Sept. 8, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 am
Sept. 8, 2026	Manning Municipal Library Meeting	6:00 pm
Sept. 15, 2026	Manning & Area Food Bank Meeting	4:30 pm
Sept. 22, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 am

G. Dechant



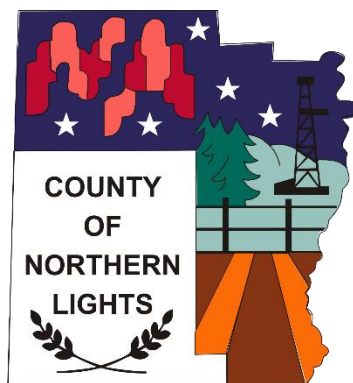
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We acknowledge the Indigenous people and ancestors whose land we are on



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Aug 5th Regional Airport Meeting 1500/2000

Travel to Northern Sunrise County and meet with regional municipalities to get updates on the Peace River Airport. The current owners of the airport have indicated they are not seeking any municipal support so there will be no further need to meet on this matter.

Aug 10th CRAA executive meeting (virtual) 0830/0930

Membership update; still working on getting renewals. Municipalities in BC are forming a similar organization as CRAA to promote and focus on improving rail service to secure industry investment. Advocacy continues to Federal and Provincial governments, we need their support to advance CRAA advocacy. All members meeting scheduled for September 28th.

Aug 11th Regular council meeting 0830/1600

Regular council meeting as per agenda.

Aug 14th RMA Zone meeting 0630/1730

Travel to Big Lakes County for RMA zone meeting.

- 4 resolutions presented and all passed
- Update from Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance; building resiliency strategy to multi-year droughts.
- Updates from RMA board member and president; Bill 28 changes will reflect a shift to standardizing municipal process; Some Bill 28 changes will have major impacts on urbans and little relevance to rurals and

vice-versa; dissolution vote will now have Ministerial overrule provisions.

- MLA Williams gave a quick update from the Government of Alberta.
- Consulting Engineers of Alberta gave a presentation.
- ATEC Regional Manager Derek Young gave a presentation on all the projects that are either underway or will be in done in the near future
- Presentation from Mihta Askiy data center that is being proposed. It will consist of a natural gas generation plant (650 MW) and a data center located northeast of Peace River on former Shell Carmen Creek site. Project is now in the regulatory process (IACC, AESO, AUC, Alberta Enviroment, Municipality). Predicting 200 jobs once operational.

Aug 17th Manning Sports Center Association 1830/2100

Review financials and approved. Ice installation is well underway in arena, should be complete by weekend, plant started up well (there was one brine line leak that staff repaired). Go over action items that have been identified, plumbing repairs mostly complete, figure skating harness still not received, advertising signs going well, doors have been painted, heat recovery still being assessed. Will try survery neighboring communities to try establish what average ice rental fees are.

Aug 18th Strategic Plan Review/Ordance meeting 0830/1700

Finish reviewing Strategic Plan, some changes will be made and brought back to council to approve then be made public.

Quick virtual presentation from Associated Engineering on the grant writing service they can provide. Adminstration will follow up to see if there is somewhere they could provide assistance.

Ordinance meeting; go through a few policies and with adminstration's guidance and we updated some and a couple others will need more editing and will be brought back at next ordinance meeting.

Aug 25th Mercer Peace River Pulp 1130/1730

Travel to Mercer Peace River Pulp Mill for news release. I was asked to participate in the cermony along with Minister Olszewski, Ministers Loewen &

Williams, Peace River Mayor and Mercer CEO. Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) and Government of Alberta both announced major funding support to assist Mercer in modernizing the mill and diversifying with carbon capture project. Was a lot of smiling faces and optimism in the room. CAO and I along with Peace River CAO met with Minister Olszewski afterwards as she was interested in what are some economic issues that are happening in the region and that PrairiesCan is available to assist.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Olszewski".

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- Sept 1st Regional ICF task force meeting
- Sept 2nd NWSAR virtual meeting with Minister Hunter
- Sept 4th PREDA meeting
- Sept 8th Regular council meeting
- Sept 9th CRAA meeting with Minister Sawyer
- Sept 10th PREA meeting
- Sept 11th Interprovincial meeting
- Sept 14th MAARC meeting
- Sept 22nd Regular council meeting
- Sept 23rd – 25th Alberta Forest Products Conference
- Sept 28th CRAA all members meeting



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WARD #7, AUGUST 2026

AUG 4 BURSARY COMMITTEE MEETING 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Met at the County Office and we had 14 who applied and 10 were accepted as 4 were not from the county. The decisions to pick who was more deserving was very hard ,but in the end, we felt all were in an agreement with our choice.

I think we need to get a policy for this as a little vague on how the decision is made. Hoping to have a draft policy to review at the next Ordinance meeting on Sept 22, 2026.

AUG 11 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:35 am – 5:30 pm

Left Peace River around 7:35 am. and back to Peace River around 5:30 pm. The meeting was informative and we went through the agenda. As I was in Peace River due to family matters, I stayed there instead of driving home to Keg River as we had a meeting in High Prairie on the 14.

AUG 14 RMA Zone 4 North Meeting

Met council at the Esso and drove to High Prairie. We went through the Agenda, I think doing the resolutions first is a good idea. Kalyn did a great job keeping the meeting running smoothly.

It was a little disappointing that only our MLA Mr. Dan Williams came to the meeting, but he gave us information regarding what is happening and took many questions.

Updated on roads/bridges from the rep and we were informed that Peace River Bridge would be a little longer than anticipated. I have lots of notes so if there are any questions, please contact me.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 2nd	VIRTUAL NWSAR
Sept 8th	Regular Council Mtg
Sept 18th	Celebrating 40 Peace Library System
Sept 19th	Regular Peace Library System Meeting
Sept 22nd	Regular Council Meeting and Ordinance Meeting

Linda Halabisky

Linda Halabisky – County of Northern Lights Ward 7