

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

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PRESENT:

Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Kayln Schug	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal (virtually)
Brenda Yasinski	Ward Three	Dixonville/Chinook Valley
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
Charles Schwab – Director of Public Works
Josh Hunter – Director of Finance
Teresa Tupper – Executive Assistant/ Recorder
Dan Archer – Mile Zero Banner Post Reporter
Natalie Tremblay - Community Planner, ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (virtually)
Debbie Bonnett - Planning and Development Officer, ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (virtually)

01.0 Call to Order

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Terry Ungarian called the Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

305/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, August 27th, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda Package and adopt it with the following additions:

**06.3.1-B Request for Decision – Bridge File 77696
06.6.2-A Support for Nuclear Power Plant
10.D Code of Conduct under FOIP section 17
10.E Road Classification FOIP section 27
CARRIED**

03.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Regular or Special Meeting(s)

A. Tuesday, July 9, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

**306/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, July 09, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.
CARRIED**

B. Tuesday, August 06, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes

**307/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, August 06, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.
CARRIED**

04.0 Delegations

A. AGKNOW Initiative, Funding Request, Linda Hunt at 9:03 a.m.

Council introduced themselves and Linda Hunt gave a presentation on mental health issues within the agriculture community.

Delegation A exited meeting virtually at 9:28 a.m.

B. County of Northern Lights Regional Fire Chief, Tim Harris at 9:30 a.m. Fire Department update & Northern HEAT Conference Invitation.

Tim Harris and Weberville Fire Captain Robin Differenze presented a powerpoint update on County related fire issues and invited Council or a Council representative to the HEAT Conference September 11 to 14, 2024 in Peace River.

*Delegation B exited at 10:07 a.m.
Recessed meeting at 10:07 a.m.
Reconvened meeting at 12:36 p.m.*

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

A. Proposed Bylaw No. 24-14-494, Oil Well Drilling Tax Bylaw

- 308/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to give FIRST READING to Bylaw No. 24-14-494; a bylaw regarding Oil Well Drilling Tax in the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED
- 309/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to give SECOND READING to Bylaw No. 24-14-494; a bylaw regarding Oil Well Drilling Tax in the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED
- 310/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor These to PROCEED TO THIRD AND FINAL READING of Bylaw No. 24-14-494.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 311/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to give THIRD AND FINAL READING to Bylaw No. 24-14-494, a bylaw regarding Oil Well Drilling Tax in the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. Council Time Change – September 10, 2024

- 312/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Council Time Change Report and change the start time of the Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Council Meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accommodate and evening Joint Council Meeting with the Town of Manning.
CARRIED

B. Rail Safety Proclamation 2024 Request

- 313/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Rail Safety Proclamation Request and declare September 23-29, 2024 as Rail Safety Week in the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED

C. Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association – sign installation request

- 314/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association Request and reply to the Association that the County of Northern Lights will accept the information signs, and the Public Works Department will install them at the three (3) locations identified in the letter.
CARRIED

D. Regional Energy Committee (REC) – Terms of Reference

- 315/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Regional Energy Committee's Terms of Reference and council would like the committee to look at adding 'all forms of power to the region' and not just nuclear power.
CARRIED

E. Regional Energy Committee (REC) – membership fee request

- 316/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Regional Energy Committee's request and provide \$2000 for a membership fee to the Regional Energy Committee for 2024.
CARRIED

F. Invitation to Alberta Forest Products Association AGM & Conference

- 317/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Invitation to the Alberta Forest Products Associations AGM & Conference and send Reeve Ungarian to attend the event in October.
CARRIED

G. NPARA Tour Motion

- 318/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the NPARA Tour Invitation and provide honorarium to Councillor's Yasinski, Dechant, These and Ungarian for attending the event on July 31, 2024 on behalf of the County.
CARRIED

H. Invitation to Manning Forest Products 30th Anniversary

- 319/27/08/24 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Invitation to Manning Forest Products 30th Anniversary and provide honorarium to Reeve Ungarian and

Councillor Dechant, who attended the celebration on behalf of the County and presented a gift in recognition of their 30th Anniversary.
CARRIED

I. Meeting with Minister McIvor, Minister of Municipal Affairs

320/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Shug to acknowledge the meeting invitation with Ric McIvor, Minister of Municipal Affairs and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

J. Motion for Promotional Items for Medical Skills Day for Regional Students

321/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Promotional Items for Medical Skills Day and purchase 100 items for the events with funds coming from council's miscellaneous grants budget.**
CARRIED

K. Alberta Municipalities' Convention, Red Deer 24-27 September 2024

322/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Municipalities' Convention Report and reinstate the Alberta Municipalities membership and send the Reeve and Deputy Reeve to attend the conference in Red Deer on September 24 – 27, 2024.**
CARRIED

L. RMA Convention Registration & EOEP Course Registration

323/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the RMA Convention and EOEP Course Registration information and register Reeve Ungarian and Councilor These for the Effective Meetings EOEP course and Councillors Dechant and Yasinski for Council's Role in Services Delivery on Monday, November 4, 2024 at the Shaw Convention Centre in Edmonton.**
CARRIED

324/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to register all of Council for the 2024 Fall RMA Convention from November 3 to 7, 2024 at the Shaw Convention Centre, Edmonton.**
CARRIED

M. Manning Seed Cleaning Plant Request

325/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to acknowledge the Manning Seed Cleaning Plant Report and proceed with a bylaw to give an interest free, five-year term loan of \$65,000 to the Seed Cleaning Plant and provide \$10,000 from council grants.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

326/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge the CAO Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

B. 2024 Quarterly Claims Insurance Report

327/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the 2024 Quarterly Claims Insurance Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance

A. Year-to-Date Budget Report

328/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Year-to-Date Budget Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

B. Director of Finance Report

329/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Finance Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

- 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
- 330/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.**
CARRIED
 - B. Request for Decision – Bridge File 77696
- 331/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Request for Decision on Bridge File 77696; and schedule repairs for the bridge in mid-winter and include estimated costs in the 2025 budget.**
CARRIED
 - 06.3.2 Roads
 - A. Undeveloped Road Allowance Lease
- 332/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Undeveloped Road Allowance Lease between NW 17-86-21-W5M & SW 17-86-21-W5M and NE 18-86-21-W5M & SE 18-86-21-W5M and approve application.**
CARRIED
 - B. Request for Decision – Chinchaga Road Management Ltd.
- 333/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Request for Decision – Chinchaga Road Management Ltd.; and extend the agreement to manage, operate and maintain the Chinchaga Forestry Road with Chinchaga Road Management for another three (3) years (October 2024 to October 2027).**
CARRIED
 - 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
 - 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning/Subdivisions]
 - 06.6.2 Community Services / Economic Development
 - A. Support for Nuclear Power Plant
- 334/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Report and accept the report for information.**
DEFEATED
 - Councillor Reese requested that motion # 335/27/08/24 have a recorded vote.
 - Councillor These excused himself from the following motion due to possible conflict of interest.
- 335/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Reeve Ungarian that the County of Northern Lights support that a nuclear power plant be hosted within our municipality or our region.**

CARRIED

Councillor Schug	yes
Councillor Yasinski	yes
Councillor Dechant	yes
Reeve Ungarian	yes
Councillor Halabisky	yes
Councillor Reese	no

06.6.3 Agriculture Services
A. McAlpha Inc. Funding and Delegation Request

336/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the McAlpha Inc. funding and delegation request and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

Decisions on Delegations

Delegation A - AGKNOW

337/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to provide a letter of support and grant \$2000 (one-time funding) from council grants to AGKNOW Bridge Funding, Agriculture Research and Extension Council of Alberta and to lobby for consistent funding from the province for the program.**
CARRIED

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.6 Housing / Seniors

06.6.9 Tourism

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports
A. July Ward Reports

338/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Councilor's July Ward Reports and accept them for information.**
CARRIED

08.0 Info Items
A. Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Info Package

339/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Council Info Package and accept it for information.**
CARRIED

09.0 Open Mic

Dan Archer, Reporter was present and asked a couple of questions

Recessed meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Dan Archer, Reporter and Teresa Tupper, Executive Assistant exited meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

10.0 In Camera Items
A. Legal under FOIP section 27
B. Ratepayer Meeting under FOIP section 29
C. Personnel – Staffing under FOIP section 17 & 29
D. Code of Conduct under FOIP section 17
E. Rode Reclassification under FOIP section 27

340/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to have the Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Council Meeting go in camera to discuss Legal under FOIP section 27, Ratepayer Meeting under FOIP section 29 and Personnel under FOIP section 17 & 29 and Code of Conduct under FOIP section 17 at 2:58 p.m.**
CARRIED

341/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Council Meeting come out of camera at 3:50 p.m.**
CARRIED

342/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski for administration to proceed with an additional position for assisting with health and safety, facility maintenance and project coordination.**
CARRIED

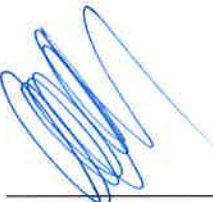
343/27/08/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug that the expenses from the rate payers meeting be paid from council grants.**
CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, August 27, 2024 regular scheduled council meeting at 3:54 p.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling